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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 15th , 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42nd Street (8/9 Aves.)
26th Floor

MINUTES

District Issues

NYPD (10th, 13th, Midtown South Precinct, Midtown North Precinct, Traffic)

- **All Precincts**
 - **Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days-**
Midtown North
 - **W.53th Street & 8th Ave, W.52th Street & 11th Ave, W.44th Street &10th Ave**
 - **Causes- Vehicle Accidents, Bicycle lane accidents on W.44th Street and 10th Ave**
 - Midtown South**
 - **W. 42nd Street & 8th Ave, W. 34th Street & 7-8th Avenue W.42nd Street 6-8th Ave**
 - **Driver intervention, improper land usage, following too closely**
- **Top three quality of life complaints-**
Midtown North
 - **Bicycle riding, homelessness, illegal vending**
 - **Homeless Hotspots- W.51st Street between 11th & 12th Ave**
- Midtown South:**
 - **Homelessness, noise**
 - **Top Three Major Crimes- 42nd Street and 8th, 34th Street & 7th-8 Ave, 42nd Street 6-8th Ave**
 - **Grand larceny, burglary, assault**
- **Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District- E bicycle- takes into account all violations. Dusk to Dark- education campaign.**
 - **In Penn Station & Grand Central educational materials were of dusk to dark campaign was handed out**

FDNY/EMS

- **Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days-**
 - **FDNY Data report from October 2016- October 2017**
 - **Structural fires increased10%, Nonstructural fires decreased 21%, total fires decreased 12%, suspicious fires 1 vs. 0 compared to last year (up**

100%), non-medical issues decreased 10%, medical emergencies increased 7% 988 vs 989, false alarms increased 10%,

- **Total incidents- 1055 incidents for Sep 2017, 1060 for Oct 2017. Fires down citywide**
- **Hudson Blvd West (Btwn W.35- W.36)- Will install a fire hydrant**
 - **Lack of hire hydrants between W.35-W.36 & 10-12th Ave**
- **EMS- Response Stats for Oct**
 - **In Manhattan on Sep 2017- 1.44% increase, 39000 line leverages jobs. 15834 citywide = 2.1% increase, increase is a result of certain months having 31 days instead of 30.**
 - **New equipment: Short Line Project- The newer vehicles have a charging port, which allows ambulances to charge**

DOT:

- **New: City Bench – 338 8th Avenue – Quality of Life Situation (DOT to discuss with NYPD and Homeless Outreach)**
 - **City Bench part of CB5- will be removed**
- **New: Illegal bus staging and idling**
 - **Contacted bus companies in regards to their illegal standing/idling. More of an enforcement action such as fines or summons will continue to operate, no control on where they operate unless PD shows up**
 - **West 34th Street and 9th Avenue - Best Bus using Chariots For Hire dedicated stop**
 - **West 33rd Street and 9th Avenue – B&H Photo Courtesy Shuttle – Loading on 9th Avenue in MTA Bus Stop or double parked.**
 - **Has approved stop to load on 9th Avenue, but other bus companies without a permit are using the stop**
 - **B&H Shuttle Bus double parking occurs since other buses use their stop**
- **New: Unkempt Bus Shelter – M42 Stop SE Corner of West 42 and 9th Avenue**
 - **People are pushed out of Port Authority, leading to homeless or other individuals to sit under the bus shelter.**
 - **Rising issue-increase of trash.**
 - **Bus riders no longer stand inside the bus shelter, usually stand 10ft away from it**
 - **Request more frequent cleaning,**
- **Update: Changes to West 39th St and 11th Ave Intersection**
 - **3 lane highway that heads to the tunnel traffic. No signage. there should be a left lane marking and signage. NYPD had to do gridlock enforcement**
 - **DOT- Geometric designer will look into it, and if there is a left turning lane the markings and signage will be added Early Spring**
- **Update: Inspections and wear and tear repair of Standing Water issues**
 - **Sidewalks will be fixed, and water will be pushed away**
 - **Corner of West 22nd Street and 10th Avenue**
 - **Midblock - 362 West 53 Street 8-9 Avenue**
 - **SE Corner of West 17th Street and 6th Ave – in front of Parking Lot**
 - **Large puddles, residents attempt to remove water using cups**
 - **Northside of West 43rd Street 8-9 Avenue**

- **Contains a long stretch, leading to water build up**

DOB

- Update: Status of the following Buildings in Special Districts
 - 559 West 22nd Street AKA 162 11th Ave
 - **Demo application to create a single story building. Application withdrawn for demo.**
 - 355-357 West 39th Street- **Jobs are on hold**
 - 335-337 West 55th Street
 - **355-357 W. 39th Street & 335- 337 W. 55th Street buildings are under discussion with CPC, they're both on hold as they wait on the interpretation.**
- Monthly Info Request: Number and locations of Weekend AHV approved in Community District 4 in the last 30 days
 - Update: Status of AHV for 441 9th Avenue
 - **AHV reinstated**
 - **No demo after hours**

DEP/DDC

- DEP
 - **Update: Emergency Sewer Project on West 53 Street 9/10 Ave**
 - **Attempting to finish project before holiday embargo**
 - **Emergency Sewer Project- working from 4 or 6P.M- midnight**
 - **Near a school, so must operate after school hours**
- DDC
 - Project Updates
 - **Installing gas lanes between W.51st & W.54th Street**
 - **Started working on gas lanes between W. 58 between 9th & 10th Ave**
 - **Combination sewer between W.55-W.57th & 9th Ave- W.57-56 completed, W.56-55 in process**

DSNY

- Update: West 47th Street 10-11 Avenues - Lack of Enforcement and street cleaning Update:
 - **Dealerships do not want to move their vehicles, now other residents oppose to moving their vehicles. Summonses are being issued.**
- Outreach and enforcement to commercial store owners regarding tagging commercial trash along 9th Avenue between W. 51-54 Streets.
 - **Commercial trash needs stickers for their garbage bags, and they need a designated location to place trash. Summons will be issued if trash isn't stickered.**
- Update: DSNY Enforcement of sidewalk refuse on 11th Ave West 48th-49th Street and parking lots.
 - **Summons being issued, streets aren't properly cleaned**
- Top Illegal dumping Locations
 - **W.49th & 9-10th Ave & W.34th 11-12th Ave**
- Enforcement Stats and Outreach

DHS & Homeless Outreach (DHS, Breaking Ground, Urban Pathways)

- Breaking Ground and Goddard Riverside: Homeless Outreach Report

- **Two clean ups occurred on W.20th Street & 9-10th Ave, and W.45 & 11th. Homeless individuals began to expand their belongings across the streets**
- **As a result of Outreach, 3 homeless individuals are in stabilization beds, 18 transitional housing, 4 city shelters, 33 still on the street**
- **In October, there were 93 responses to the 311 calls. 33 individuals were not at the location, 43 individuals refused services, 14 individuals engaged with the members**
- **Hotshots:**
 - **Bus Shelter SE Corner of West 42 and 9th Ave M42 Line**
 - **Homeless are being pushed out of Port Authority, and are not allowed to sit on the entrance steps**
 - **Intersection of West 39th Street and 9th Avenue**
 - **A decrease in activity**
 - **Intersection of West 23 and 8th Avenue**
- **Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Update**

DPR

- **Park Manager Report**
 - **The Gutenberg Playground on W.49th Street between 9-10th Ave will be temporarily unavailable. The School Construction Authority will be doing roof work on the high school adjacent to Gutenberg Playground. Based on the DOE guideline a shed must be built for protection. Half of the playground will be lost until April 2018, only 1 basketball court will be available.**

Con Edison

- **Current work locations within CD4**
 - **28th ST between 11-12th Ave, tree pits, but no tree**

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, December 20th, 10:00AM.