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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 21st, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (b. 8/9 Aves.)
26<sup>th</sup> Floor

MINUTES

1. AGENCY ISSUES

NYPD (10th, 13<sup>th</sup>, Midtown South Precinct, Midtown North Precinct, Traffic)

Midtown South:

- Top three quality of life complaints: Homelessness, Noise, Parking Conditions; Specifically between West 43rd-45th (8/9 Aves.): Top 311 complaints: loitering, drug use
Notable Note: Bicyclist Fatality
On Saturday June 17 at approximately 1:30 on a wet roadway from the rain, the bicyclist, a Male/ 80 years of age was traveling south bound on 7th Ave, when he was struck by the bus making a right hand turn from S/B 7th Ave on to W/B W. 29 Street. The bicyclist struck the bus at approximately mid -point on the passenger side and caused the bicyclist to lose control and be run over by the rear tires. As a result of the collision, bicyclist was removed to Bellevue Hospital where he died of his injuries.

13<sup>th</sup> Precinct

- New: Increase in Truck and School Bus idling on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street between 6/7 Ave: Had officers visiting West 15th,16th,17th Streets today; Trucks are allowed to do drop-offs but not allowed to idle, Winston School buses – District Manager is meeting with Winston tomorrow, will raise issue
Update: Il Bastardo – 191 7<sup>th</sup> Ave – Recent complaints and inspections: nothing recent but Il Bastardo surrendered their license to SLA
Top three collision prone locations/causes in CB4 for the last 30 days: 21st Street/6th Ave, 23rd Street/6th Ave, 26th Street/6th Ave
Top three quality of life complaints: Noise, Homelessness, Bicycles
Top Three Major Crimes: Burglaries, Grand Larcenies, Assaults
Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District: Continue to address issues, handing out materials

10<sup>th</sup> Precinct

- NEW: Bicycle Fatality on West 26<sup>th</sup> 7/8 Ave: Fatality under investigation – no comment

- New: Noise from 206 9th Avenue - Aroqa Bar: Met with bar owner, DEP did sound metering session, Aroqa knows they need to keep volume at a certain level
- New: Link NYC Kiosk near 301 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street – Reported open containers and narcotics: NCO to increase attention/enforcement
- Update: Report on NCO Activities: NCO involved in all investigations, formulating plans for certain situations – getting good feedback
- Top three collision prone locations/causes in CB4 for the last 30 days: 27<sup>th</sup> Street/10<sup>th</sup> Ave, 14<sup>th</sup> Street/11<sup>th</sup> Ave, 34<sup>th</sup> Street/12<sup>th</sup> Ave; times are during rush hour
- Top three quality of life complaints: Noise and traffic for Hudson Yards Project (10<sup>th</sup> Ave), Homelessness (23<sup>rd</sup> St./8<sup>th</sup> Ave & 36<sup>th</sup> St./9<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District: e-bike enforcement, 21 e-bikes off street, increase enforcement for collision prone locations

## FDNY/EMS

### FDNY:

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: May 2017-2016: Structural fires are down 19%, non-structural fires are up 75%, total fires up 6%, suspicious fires: 1 in May 2017 vs 3 in 2016, non-medical emergencies are down 10%, medical emergencies are up 16%, total emergencies are up 8%, false alarms are down 37%, total incidents are up 7%
- 6/12/17: fatal fire, burn related, 34yo female at 9 W. 31<sup>st</sup> street was cooking when her clothing caught fire. She suffered burns to torso, neck, face, no foul play was suspected
- Current FDNY initiatives: FDNY went to building after and handed out fire safety material for 3hrs

### EMS:

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: May 2017vs2016: 38,537 assignments all segments had an increase of 10.64%
- Adopt a Pet Day w/ North Shore Animal League, event was a success, 1 pet was adopted

### DOT:

- Inquiry: Damaged curb on West 17<sup>th</sup> and West 18<sup>th</sup> Street: DOT can take a look and repair curb damages. DOT asked for photos of issue
- New: Sidewalk Condition at Dig Inn – 856 8<sup>th</sup> Ave – open Cellar doors on Sidewalk: When keeping cellar doors open business is supposed to have orange cone out so pedestrians can see doors open. If doors are open all day and no work is done then it is a violation. DOT will speak to business owner. Complaints will be forwarded. Will check with inspectors, if necessary, will send violation
- New: Standing Water issues: ponding conditions in all seasons. DOT forwarded locations to roadway division. When paving season ends in Sept. they go out there to see what work can be done to remedy ponding conditions. Paving the street or wear and tear may be possible short term solutions
  - Corner of West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Midblock - 362 West 53 Street 8-9 Ave.
  - SE Corner of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – in front of Parking Lot: long curb cut due to parking lot, DOT will see what can be done

### OSE

- Illegal hotel inspection stats for CB4 for the last 30 days: 21 inspections within CB4: 1 Inspection resulted in confirmed transience; 4 unable to determine transiency; 11 inspections resulted in no access or access denied to apartment or building (10 of which need to be inspected again); 4 were follow-up violation postings or inspections or dismissals; Currently within CB4: 16 open complaints via BIS, 16 open OSE complaints (7 of which are related to open BIS complaints)

## DEP/DDC

- **DDC**
  - Water tunnel updates: Paving on 10th Avenue will begin 6/21 and should take about a week on the west side of 10th Ave (48/49). Sidewalk will remain until finished with ConEd issue across. 98% of project will be done at 10th Ave. Paving is from 47-50 Streets.
  - 9th Avenue Extension Project: everything has been on hold. Needed to submit new subcontractor for Lincoln center project. Trying to finish off Lincoln Center before Beginning work. 2 weeks: start w/ finishing off tree guards, test pits, start w/ sewer work on 57th and gas work on 53rd St.

## DSNY

- New: Enforcement Stats on Commercial/retail Establishment in the West 20s: complaints mostly in garment district

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

- DHS Update: Closure of Aladdin Shelter at 230 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street: Scheduled for closure away; Priority closures are: cluster sites, then Commercial Hotels, then other locations where clients have issues/complaints; As sites get closed, 90 shelters will open throughout all boroughs; DHS will schedule a tour on the week of the 3rd – 10th. Waiting to hear back from CM Corey Johnson's office to confirm, invited Jesse Bodine from CB4
- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: 70 '311' calls, 27 of them were during the day, 43 during evening. 35 were not found, 35 were found, 1 was individual known to team; In July Breaking Ground will have 24/7 area coverage; 13 hotspots; Outreach: scheduled to meet 6/22 with BRC, Weekly join-ups with Times Square Alliance, 13th Precinct & 10th Precinct re: 14th St. (6/7 Aves) and 15th St. Met with community at Muhlenberg Library on 6/1 and offered outreach services and information. A cleanup was scheduled for 5/18 and 5/31 with DHS, DSNY, NYPD and BG at Chelsea Park and W. 45th St./11th Ave.

## DOHMH

- NEW: Rats infestation of 132 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street - Inspection Report and Follow Up: DOHMH found violations, sent notice to owner. Will have compliance inspection in a couple of weeks;
- Update: Conditions team request: Food Cart vender at West 28<sup>th</sup> St. 9/10 Avenue: DOH inspected cart in April. No new 311 complaints, found violations for unsanitary conditions around cart.

## DPR

- Hell's Kitchen Park: Meeting on site w/ crews to discuss raised lumps due to tree roots– they will reduce amount of asphalt under safety surface, will be adding thin layer of asphalt so it's not high but it is a weather dependent process, hoping to move forward now with better weather; LED lighting: bolts need to be unbolted before switching lights. Bolts were rusted, needed to be cut off – caused delays. Finally working on last pole and is near completion.
- Lack of Site Maintenance at Hell's Kitchen Park Renovations:
  - Missing and Loose Pavers: When there are issues with pavers, DPR puts in report, patch and fix as best they can. Do not expect to put metal edging; They will take a look and see what needs to be done
  - Missing "No Dogs" sign: Community complaints about dogs - people are not good with managing dogs, gotten reports about sports team drinking on field; Will monitor dog people and if caught, camera will take photo for evidence; New signage initiative: Commissioner wants to reduce # of signs. Signs that were there may have been removed and behavior is in response to missing signs. Parks superintendent will replace signage.

- New: Clement Clarke Moore Park - DPR response to CB4 requests: **Came up with a list of recommendations at meeting, formal letter was sent and recommendations were not added.**
- **Matthews Palmer Playground under construction**

**2. Additional Agency reports, including updates on any policy or personnel changes.**

**Drew Lombardi with MBPO: last DSC due to leaving for Grad school**

**Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, July 19th, 10:00AM.**

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The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will last approximately an hour and a quarter. As always, it is important for everyone to attend so that productive multi-agency dialogues may occur. Please contact the Board Office regarding questions about the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.