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**DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 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

**A G E N D A**

**1. AGENCY ISSUES**

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

**Midtown North Precinct**

- Update: Gridlock at the intersection of West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue during School Bus drop off and pick up.: **NYPD stated placing patrol car there still needs to be determined and will provide more information in the future.**
- Update: Private charter buses on West 47<sup>th</sup> Street 8/9 Ave: **NYPD reported that traffic sergeant periodically visit the street and move the buses and if they don't move they ticket them.**
- Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days: **57<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave (non-attentiveness, vehicular), 57<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, 58<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave**
- Top three quality of life complaints: **noise complaints from bars/residential, illegal parking, homelessness**
- Top Three Major Crimes: **Grand larcenies, Burglaries, Robberies**
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District : **Everyday traffic unit focusing on parking summons, bus stops, crosswalks, double parked cars; moving violations: cell phones while driving, disobeying traffic signs, red lights, improper turns, failure to yield to pedestrians. A different area is focused on every day.**

**Midtown South Precinct**

- Update: Dumpsters on West 36<sup>th</sup> Street: **Working out well, it looks much better, dumpsters are picked up 3x/week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday; no police vehicles are parked there so dumpsters can be picked up with no problem. Concern: sometimes trash ends up half on sidewalk, half on parking spot/blocks sidewalk: Sanitation will look into it**
- Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days: **42<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> , 42<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> , 31<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**
- Top three quality of life complaints: **Homelessness, loitering (particularly at Methadone Clinic at 35<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>); needle exchange at 37<sup>th</sup> 8-9 Aves., (They are addressing those areas and have**

seen improvements. There have not been much complaints between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> w/ the needle exchange people);

- Top Three Major Crimes: Grand Larcenies: unattended bags in back of chair at restaurants, Macy's, etc; up trek in burglaries lately, & assaults (usually starting from bar fights or just disputes, altercations)
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District: Spill back issues due to gridlock: 31<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> is because of tunnel, working on spill back issues: cars blocking the intersection

### 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct

- Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days: 25<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (most are taxi accidents)
- Top three quality of life complaints: homelessness, noise from bars/restaurants, double parking
- Top Three Major Crimes burglaries, grand larcenies, assaults
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District: Continue to hand out flyers, address summons, red lights, yield to pedestrians

### NYPD TRANSIT

- Working on getting swingates on 59<sup>th</sup> street/Columbus Circle, pushing safety aspect to MTA, concerned about homelessness in shopping center. Want a gate to block shopping center from transit area for safety.

### FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: Jan/Feb 2017 citywide ambulance responses in February were 126,708 compared to 147,117 in January. There have been significant reductions, about 15-20%, in Manhattan only: January had 35,784 ambulance calls, and February had 31,357 calls. There was a 12% reduction  
\*Structural fires in February 2016v2017 are down 17%, nonstructural fires had no change, total fires were 8.5% down, suspicious fires were down 50%, nonmedical emergencies were down 16%, medical emergencies were up 1%, medical emergencies were down 8%, false alarms were up 16%, and total incidence were down 7%.
- Current FDNY initiatives: Departments continue training initiatives, supervisors are being put through counterterrorism respond course, continuing efforts to have everyone maintain certifications, may be bringing out new procedures, will register everyone for new courses within a week.

### DOT:

- Update: Street\Sidewalk closures on West 43rd/44<sup>th</sup>/45<sup>th</sup> Street between 10/11 Ave.: DOT to provide list of permit stipulations in 2 weeks.
- Update: Changes to West 39<sup>th</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Intersection: Still being evaluated. Follow up in 2 weeks

- **DDC**

- Water tunnel updates: 9<sup>th</sup> Ave extension: Lincoln Center project W. 60<sup>th</sup> St. The project will connect to existing projects ME609 and ME599. Project extends from W.51 –W.60 straight down 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Made contact and presentations to businesses on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Duration: 1.5 yr plus 1.5 years with utilities means it will be about a 4yr project. DDC plans to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. Regarding traffic concerns: will eliminate parking lane, bike lane will not be cut, will maintain at least 3 lanes at all times, as per DOT; Spoken to DDC about ideas for addressing concerns

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

- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report:
  - March there were 9 community 311 calls: 2 calls resulted in engaging with clients, 7 were not found with results;
  - Breaking Ground suggested there has been a reduction in calls because in mid-January dispatch calls were changed from 311-911 calls.
  - DHS implementing respond teams to reduce calls.
- Homeless Outreach:
  - Joint Operations held meetings with BRC on 2/28 and 3/7 to discuss clients that are entering/leaving subways with changing seasons.
  - Cleanup at 58<sup>th</sup>/Westside Highway. Do not want to repair fence because it can be broken down again by homeless.
  - Currently there are 54 people on chronic case load in CB4 area. (See attached report)
- Homeless at Teresa's Park at 39th and 9<sup>th</sup>: PABT want to increase height of fence to limit access because people are stepping on the control cabinet and going over the fence.
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Update:
  - Urban Pathways takes care of Fashion/Garment district.
  - Hotspots are 40<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue every day. There is scaffolding at West 35<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, where there is a homeless problem. They are hoping to make progress but Fashion District is very different because it is a tourist/heavily populated area. Urban Pathways has been working on it every other Saturday and nights for the past year.
  - PABT numbers have decreased: 116 in July 2016 and 41 in March 2017 as combination of working with NYPD, clients, contractors. Assignments: pick particular area 2-3x/day to remove chronic cases. A psychiatric nurse helps with evaluations. Safe Havens are used, which are smaller, no curfews, and allow everyone in. Annexes can hold up to 10 beds with a familiar landlord and house clients that are waiting for housing, are more independent, and then move to permanent housing, and Urban Pathways can get new people for annex.

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

Jacob Weiss (Policy advocate from Greenwich Village in Chelsea Chamber of Commerce), with Executive Director Maria, Brendan Ward, District Rep for State Senator Marisol O Cantra attended to bring her information.

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

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The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will last approximately an hour and 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.