



CITY OF NEW YORK

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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42nd Street (8/9 Aves.)
26th Floor

Midtown South

- Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days-
Locations: W.42nd ST & 5th Ave, W.42nd ST & 6th Ave, and W.42nd ST & 7th Ave
Types/Causes: Sideswipe, rear-ended
- Top three quality of life complaints- **Noise, homeless, illegal vending**
- Top Three Major Crimes- **Grand Larceny, Burglaries, and Assaults**
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District- **Auxiliary cross walk on Saturday and Sunday at the collision prone locations. Vision Zero flyers are being distributed.**
- Update: West 42 Street 8/9 Avenue Homeless Hot Spot- **Cops made it mandatory to go to locations to make sure**
- Update: 8th Avenue West 30th-West42 Homeless Outreach and Drug Operations- **Cops made this location their priority. They will go out and notify the condition**

Midtown North

- Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days-
Locations: W.56th ST & 12th Ave, W.46th ST & 9th Ave, and W.57th ST & 10th Ave
Types/Causes: Sideswipes, rear-ended, fail to yield
- Top three quality of life complaints- **Homeless, Drugs, and Bikes**
- Top Three Major Crimes- **Grand Larceny, Burglaries in restaurants and community, assaults/ criminal misdemeanors**
- Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District-
- **Update:** Aladdin Hotel: MTS Operations in the hotel- **There is no operation from summer – October. The Domestic Violence Outreach will set up tables**

- **Update:** Stabbing on West 46 Street and 9th Avenue-
Two arrests have been made. It's a drug related homicide. The victim was buying drugs from a man and woman, and the man and woman are suspected to be from Aladdin. Victim cut out the man and woman and went straight to the dealer.

FDNY: See attached

EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days

In August there was a decrease in city incidents. There were 49,450 incidents. Ambulances are in their prompt places.

DOB

- Update: Status of the following Buildings
 - **New: 615 10th Avenue Street wall requirements- Still awaiting for the response**
 - **Update:** 559 West 22nd Street AKA 162 11th Ave – Status of crack monitors and Structural Safety issues - **There are no movements by the engineers.**
- Monthly Info Request: Number and locations of Weekend AHV approved in Community District 4 in the last 30 days

DEP/DDC

- DEP See attached
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – 9th Ave West 50s St- **The project is going well overall. They had issues with the restaurants regarding the water shut down. Working at night is not working out.**
 - MED598B – West 30th St- **The project is 64% complete. There are delays on W.30th & 9th Ave, Amtrak Bridge. Work is being done by DOT, due to the West bike lane work on W.29th Street and 9th Ave the project must detour and work around the construction site. Working on the curb will be 6-9 months and DOT will finish the project. The project should be moving forward soon. The project on W.33-34th ST & 9th Ave should be done on time.**
 - MED642 – W. 15-18th St 8/9 Ave
There will be a water shut down on 9/20/18. People living on W.17th ST & 9th Ave, W.18th ST & 9-10th Ave, and W.14-15th ST & 9th Ave have been notified. Road work will be done on W.17-18th ST & 8-9th Ave. In 3 weeks the restoration work starts after 9 AM. The Bike Lane will have posted signage
 - **Status of Bike Lane**
Signs of construction will be posted by using plastic barrels. The bike land project has been impacted, and it will still be another 2-3 months.
 - **Lack of flag men during moving of material**

There are two crews, and all contractors must be certified flaggers. A person must always be there.

- MED 625 - Gansevoort 9th Ave and West 14th -15th Street
 - **A cobblestone on W.13th & 9th Ave is being installed in all of the intersection. Next a new road work will be done on W.12th Street on the east side of 9th Ave.**

DSNY – Fire prevention week- From October 7-13 all fire houses will be open to the public

- **New: Complaints of illegal sandwich board at 498 9th Avenue
498 9th Ave. Illegal sandwich board – I will leave for my afternoon supervisor to check it and issue a summons if necessary – we didn't see it during the day shift**
- **New: Sidewalk obstructions at 529 9th Avenue West 39/40 Street
529 9th Ave. Sidewalk obstruction – They were warned and we will be issuing a summons if they don't comply**
- **New: Enforcement of dumpsters along West 52nd Street 8/10 Avenues
52nd Street 8-10 Ave dumpsters – We will monitor the situation and take the necessary action**
- **New: Delayed picks ups along West 47th Street
Delayed pick-ups along 47th Street – This is due to the shortage of crews going out on the day shift so the material is serviced in the afternoon on their pick-up days**
- **Top Illegal dumping Locations
Top illegal dumping locations – 38th Street 10-8 Ave, 33rd Street 11-12 Ave**
- **Enforcement Stats and Outreach
Enforcement Stats and Outreach – I don't have at this time but will forward to you if I get it**

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

- **Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report [See attached](#)**
 - **Hot Spot: East side of 9th Avenue between West 37/40 Streets – 5-8 individuals**
 - **Hot Spot: 400 West 40th Street 9/10 Avenues – Group of men**

Con Edison

- **West 41st Street between 10th and 11th – Transformer move at a Con Edison substation. Work takes place throughout the day, but the only community impact should be at night (10 pm – 6 am) when the crane is being used. Work is expected to go through December 17th and the crane will be used for the majority of that period. The project manager has been working**

with the local businesses in the area. Overnight from October 11th into October 12th, we expect to close part of the block to traffic.

- **9th Avenue between West 57th and West 59th Street- Gas street work is being done in conjunction with the city. Our teams worked with the local businesses concerning access and safety.**

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.

Breaking Ground CB 4 Report –August 2018

Catchment area:

- Breaking Ground's catchment area is 59th to 23rd Street, river to river. We conduct street outreach above ground, which includes the majority of the catchment area of Community Board 4.
- Breaking Ground conducts outreach in our catchment area 24/7.
- Downtown Goddard covers the rest of CB4 area that is south of BG, from 14th Street to 23rd Street.

311 Statistics:

- Community Calls: 86
 - During the day: 51
 - During evening, overnight or weekend: 35
- Calls resulted in clients not found: 34
- Calls resulted in clients refusing services: 42
- Calls resulting in engagement with client: 10
- How many resulted in individuals found that are known to team: 6
- Calls resulting in 911: 0

Canvassing efforts:

- Breaking Ground outreach team conducts street outreach in your catchment area daily and visits encampments, hotspots, and chronic clients with the hopes of getting them linked with services.
- There are 10 hotspots in this location that the team focuses on visiting every week.
- In addition, clients on caseload receive weekly visits from their case managers to create a plan for housing.

Joint Operations:

- The team continues to conduct weekly joint outreach with the Times Square Alliance every Wednesday morning.
- Breaking Ground attended the Midtown South Community Council Meeting on 8/7/18.
- Breaking Ground conducted joint outreach with Urban Pathways on 8/14/18.
- Breaking Ground conducted joint outreach with Midtown South on 8/15/18.

Caseload Breakdown:

- On our caseload, we currently have 58 people who originate from CB4 area:
 - Stabilization beds – 4
 - Safe Havens – 19
 - Shelter -2
 - Permanently housed – 10
 - Street – 23
- Prospect/Pre-caseload clients – 8

Placement Statistics:

- In August 2018 – two clients accepted and moved into transitional housing.

Significant information/Areas of concern in the past 30 days:

- **51st btw 11th and WSH** – This client continues to reside here with numerous belongings and canning materials. He continues to be engaged regularly by outreach and his case manager, but is not receptive to services.
- **42nd b/ 8th and 9th Ave** – People tend to come and go frequently at this location, likely due to its close proximity to PABT. Throughout the day, the entrance to PABT on 42nd Street varies with its level of homeless activity. The area continues to increase with activity with warmer weather and individuals leaving PABT. Belongings are still being stored on site near the entrance of 330 W. 42nd Street. Individuals continue to utilize the scaffolding outside as a place to sit, store belongings and congregate. The stairs leading to the station fluctuate with activity throughout the day.
- **40th and 8th Ave**- In the month of August the area continued to be active. Most clients can be observed sitting on the ground or holding the doors open of various businesses for donations. Many individuals that congregate at this location are refusing to engage with the team or report that they are not homeless.
- **38th between 8th and 9th Ave** – The area has increased with homeless activity being observed at one particular location on the north side of the street. When the area has been canvassed, there have been between 0-10 individuals observed at this location. One person is on BG caseload. Many individuals engaged at this location are reporting they are not homeless.
- **8th Avenue between 39th and 42nd Street**- Homeless activity on 8th Avenue has stayed the same during early morning, day and evening shifts; however, teams have not noticed an increase in individuals bedding down in the area at night. Teams suspect that this increase is related to drug availability in the area, team continues to engage with individuals who appear homeless.
- **8th Avenue between 38th and 39th** – The Holiday Inn courtyard has been active during the summer with patrons as well as a few people experiencing homelessness. There are larger groups in the late evening who refuse to engage with the team, reporting they are housed.
- **Chelsea Park** – The area remains a location the team canvasses frequently as activity is known to increase as weather gets warmer. During the month of August, activity remained about the same with most individual observed in the area when the Relief Bus was present. BG has added one person seen consistently at this location to caseload in August.
- **8th Ave b/ 33rd and 34th Street** – This block continues to be active with panhandling and drug related activity. Activity at this location during month of August has been the same since the previous month and has been canvassed daily to engage with individuals found here across all shifts. Two individuals seen across shifts at this location are both connected to housing but continue to return to their street location.
- **8th Avenue between 35th and 36th Street**- Area remains active during the day time shift, mainly with individuals loitering in the area and utilizing the nearby McDonalds as a location to spend time inside during the day.
- **28th Street between 11th and WSH**- Team continues to canvass this location regularly as it's known to fluctuate in regards to activity. In the month of August, BG added two individuals to caseload that originate from this location and were being engaged consistently by outreach.
- **36th and Dyer** – Team continues to canvass the area has seen a large decrease in activity and is no longer being utilized as a bedded down location. There is one caseload client who originates from this area that is now connected to housing.

SRs - Top 30 by CB

Borough **MANHATTAN** Community Board Sequence **4**

August 2018

| Descriptor 1 | # of SRs |
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| Noise: Construction Before/After Hours (NM1) | 158 |
| Leak (Use Comments) (WA2) | 30 |
| Noise: Construction Equipment (NC1) | 24 |
| Catch Basin Clogged/Flooding (Use Comments) (SC) | 20 |
| Noise: Jack Hammering (NC2) | 19 |
| Hydrant Running (WC3) | 17 |
| Air: Odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling (AD3) | 13 |
| Hydrant Defective (WC2) | 13 |
| Lead Kit Request (Residential) (L10) | 13 |
| Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment (NV1) | 12 |
| Hydrant Running Full (WA4) | 10 |
| Possible Water Main Break (Use Comments) (WA1) | 8 |
| Sewer Backup (Use Comments) (SA) | 8 |
| Fire Hydrant Emergency (FHE) | 7 |
| Hydrant Leaking (WC1) | 7 |
| No Water (WNW) | 6 |
| Air: Dust, Construction/Demolition (AE4) | 5 |
| Hydrant Knocked Over/Missing (WC) | 5 |
| Noise: lawn care equipment (NCL) | 5 |
| Noise: Private Carting Noise (NQ1) | 5 |
| Air: Smoke, Chimney or vent (AS1) | 4 |
| Dirty Water (WE) | 4 |
| Excessive Water In Basement (WEFB) | 4 |
| Manhole Cover Broken/Making Noise (SB) | 4 |
| Noise, Barking Dog (NR5) | 4 |
| Noise: Alarms (NR3) | 4 |
| Other Sewer Problem (Use Comments) (SZZ) | 4 |
| Other Water Problem (Use Comments) (WZZ) | 4 |
| Asbestos Complaint (B1) | 3 |
| Manhole Cover Missing (Emergency) (SA3) | 3 |
| Oil Spill On Street, Large (HQL) | 3 |
| Street Flooding (SJ) | 3 |

Total # = 451



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
BATTALION 7**

To: Jesse Bodine DSC 4 President
From: John Porretto Battalion Chief
Date: September 19, 2018 DSC
Subject: Meeting 09-19-2018

Attached are the statistical analysis in DSC 4 comparing the month of August 2017 to August 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

BC John Porretto

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Statistical Comparison Between Aug 2017 and Aug 2018 within DSC # 4

| | Change |
|----------------|--------|
| STRUCT/FIRES | +12% |
| NON STCT/FIRES | +3% |
| TOT FIRES | + 7%% |
| SUSP/FIRES | -4% |
| NON-MED/EMERS | + 6% |
| MED EMERS | -11% |
| TOTAL EMERS | + 4% |
| FAL ALARMS | +10% |
| TOTAL INCDNTS | +3% |

Reconstruction of 9th Avenue/Gansevoort Street Area

9th Avenue between West 16th Street and Gansevoort Street

Project # HWMP2020

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) is managing the reconstruction of 9th Avenue/Gansevoort Street area in the Meatpacking District section of Manhattan. This reconstruction involves amenities including: tree planting, plaza reconstruction and decorative paving. It also includes replacement of distribution water mains (sections), construction of catch basins and chute connections, roadway, curbs and sidewalk. This project has an anticipated completion date of Fall 2018. Due to inclement weather and field conditions, this time frame can change.

Work Completed to Date:

The project has completed several utilities upgrades (Gas and Electric) with Con Edison and Verizon. The Installation of Catch Basins and Chute Connections in various locations and Curb Replacement on South of West 14th Street Concrete Base on 9th Avenue from Gansevoort Street to West 14th Street.

Proposed Work Schedule:

For the 3rd Quarter 2018, there will be continued cobblestone installation taking place on the project as well as continued utility relocation work in addition to Con Edison (Gas and Electric) and ECS Facilities Upgrade in various Locations. Chelsea Plaza will continue with excavation and Granite Curb Installation as well as the curb and sidewalk replacement at the North side of West 14th Street. These operations are performed during the day weather and field conditions permitting



COBBLESTONE INSTALLATION ON GANSEVOORT STREET

Community Impacts

During construction hours, you can expect the following:

Increased levels of dust, noise and heavy equipment. Vehicular travel lane closures will be required, as well as detours. Warning signs will be posted in advance. Parking and driveway/loading dock restrictions; signs will be posted within the affected areas. Emergency vehicle access and pedestrian access to sidewalk and buildings will be maintained at all times.

Trash Collection:

Proper trash collection can be a challenge on a project as large as this but if everyone is considerate it can be managed with a modicum of disruption. Please pack your trash properly to avoid easy breakage and/or spill over. Put it in the designated areas as close to collection time as possible. If you use a private carter, ensure your trash collection occurs in a timely fashion. If you aren't sure where to bring your trash, please call the CCL.

Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DDC has assigned **Sofia Noboa of Muñoz Engineering, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL)** for this project. Please contact Sofia for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have:
 Phone: 646-964-5127
 Email: 9thavegansevoortccl@gmail.com
 Field Office: 407 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10014

Newsletter Distribution

Construction Newsletters for this project are distributed quarterly within the project area and to Community Boards #2 & #4 – Manhattan.



CHELSEA PLAZA SOUTH OF 14TH STREET.

Special Needs:

The DDC Staff will work specifically with individuals that have special needs who may be uniquely impacted by the project. Please reach out to project contact.

Water Service Interruptions

During the project there will be water service interruptions. To allow water replacement, the existing water service must be shut off by closing the valves at either end of the section. Notice will be given for all planned interruptions. Water service will be restored at the end of the work day.