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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 17th
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42nd Street (8/9 Aves.)
26th Floor

MEETING MINUTES

District Issues

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

- All Precincts
Top three collision prone locations/causes in CB4 for the last 30 days
Midtown South: Locations- West 31st Street & 8th Avenue, West 40th Street & 8th Avenue, and West 42nd & 8th Avenue
Types: Sideswipes- 50 %, rear-ends
Causes- Driver Inattentiveness, improper lane use, following too close
10th Precinct: W.40th Street & 11th Avenue, W.41st Street & 11th Avenue, W.42nd Street & 10th Avenue
Types: Sideswipes
Midtown North: W.46th Street & 8th Avenue, W.56th Street & 11th Avenue, W.49th Street & 11th Avenue, W. 46th & 11th Avenue
Top three quality of life complaints-
Midtown South: Homeless, Noise, and Vendors
10th Precinct: Homeless, Parking Conditions
Midtown North: Bikes & Homeless
Top Three Major Crimes
Midtown South: Grand Larcenies (unattended property/ gym creepers), Burglaries (office creepers/ repeat shoplifter offenders), and Robberies
10th Precinct: Robberies
Midtown North: Grand Larcenies
Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District
Midtown South: Summonses issued for vision zero moving violations- fail to yield to pedestrians up 37%, texting while driving up 35%, red-light up 19%. MTS Highway safety unit along with Aux. officers handed out literature to pedestrians in regards to safety while crossing the streets.
10th Precinct: 6 operations for both pedestrians and cyclist have been done.
NEW: Cyclist Safety Plan Enforcement

Midtown South: Cyclist safety plan enforcement last 28 days: 80 parking summonses issued for vehicles illegally parked in bike lanes

Midtown South

- **Ongoing:** Quality of Life and Narcotics Sale\Use on West 42 Street between 8/9 Avenues 42nd Street 8th & 9th Avenue from 6/14- 7/14/2019- 39 total arrests, 15 arrests related to the use/sale of drugs & 60 QOL summonses.

Midtown North

- **Ongoing:** 623\693 9th Avenue: Sale of liquor without a license- **Summons were issued**
- **Update:** Quality of Life and Narcotic Sales\Use on West 44 Street between 9/10 Avenues – **Flood lights were lent for PRIDE March. A patrol car has been placed there for extended stay to monitor the situation.**

10th Precinct

- **New: West 23 Street and 10th Avenues re Request for additional traffic officers when school starts during school drop off an pick times (7am-8am and 3pm-4pm)**
- **Ongoing:** Quality of Life and Narcotic Sales\Use on S.W. Corner of West 40th Street and 9th Avenue – **NCO Officers along with youth officers routinely visit the location.**
- **Ongoing:** Unpermitted sidewalk café at 355 West 14th Street (DCA & DOB to Inspect)
- **Ongoing:** Bus idling on West 23rd Street and West 24th Street between 8th/10 Avenues- **Summons will be issued.**
- **Ongoing:** Overnight storage of food vending carts at Bella Abzug Park – **10 Precinct will work with Parks Dept. and HYHK BID to conduct joint operation.**
- **Update:** Pride March debrief – **By all accounts Pride March went really well with a small handful of noise complaints.**

FDNY

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days
Report based on April & May's reports. There was a 10.64% increase, that's 37,000 to 43,000 calls just in Manhattan.

DOT

- **New: City's Cyclist Safety Plan**
- **Ongoing:** West 34 St. Residents Request to have all over night street permits start at 10pm instead of 8pm. – **DOT will follow up and see if permits can start at 10 PM**
- **Ongoing:** Street lighting Survey for West 44 Street between 9th/10th Avenues – **An Illumination study is being done. An update will be present in 90 days (November).**
- **Ongoing:** Bella Abzug Park lights maintained by DOT - not working – **Some lights were fixed, but not all were fixed. DOT will speak to Parks regarding the issue and find out who did the job.**
- **Ongoing:** DOT plan to move TEA cars plan within 6 months- **The locations seem to be good. DOT will keep CB4 updated.**
- **Ongoing:** 540 West 21 Street permits impacting turning radius- **The turning radius was fine beforehand. Now all tree pits are indented because the trucks jump the curb when turning. On West 21st Street there are many trucks parked. The trucks are for two different construction sites.**
- **Update:** Installation of LPI at West 23rd Street and 10th Avenue- **Installed**

DOB

- **New: 541 West 21 Street construction using sidewalk to park and park dumpster-Park-** **The issue is construction has a lot of parking space. Now others can't park on the street, and end up parking on the sidewalk.**

- **Ongoing:** Vacate Order for 219, 221, 224 West 24th Street- **The building should be renovated not demolished.**
- **Update:** ECB Violation Panda Express (46/8th) 663 9th Avenue- **DOB will have more information on August 1. 3 violations were sent so far.**
- **Monthly Info Request: Number and locations of Weekend AHV approved in Community District 4 in the last 30 days- Please see attachment**
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – 9th Ave West 50s Street- **99% of Con Edison/ Gas connection work has been completed. On W.57th Street & 9th Avenue the piping is too close to the surface, so now they're waiting for Con Ed. to come and do the job. The East side of W.56th Street is expected to be completed by September 2019.**
 - MED598B – West 30th Street- **80% of the project is complete. The main work that's being done on W.28th Street - W.31st Street along 9th Avenue is the installation of a 36 & 40 inch trunk water main. By the end of month DDC will start the installation of the 40 inch trunk water main on the east side of 9th Avenue from W.28th- W.31st Street. Once that is done DDC will pull out storage on W.29th Street. DDC will not be leaving the area anytime soon. The City is adding more work. On W.31st-W.33rd an additional 40 inch & 36 inch trunk water main will be installed. DDC is coordinating with Post Office, Manhattan West, and AM Track.**
 - MEDA002 – 8th-9th Ave West. 34th St.-West 36th Street-
 - MED642 – W. 15-18th St 8/9 Avenues
 - HWMP2020 - Gansevoort 9th Ave and West 14th -15th Street- **The contractor is supporting Con Edison with the 20 inch gas main replacement on the W.15th Street & 9th Avenue & a 12 inch gas line will be done on the same location. On the South west corner of W.16th Street & 9th Avenue the manhole reconstruction has started. Con Edison will be restoring conduits and the electrical heater. Completion of the project will be by Spring 2020.**
 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue- **The original 12 inch water main will now be a 20 inch. There's interference with Con Edison and utilities. Once that's done then they can have consecutive nights of shut downs. No set date yet.**

DSNY

- **NEW: Street cleaning on West 27th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues 311#:**
#2019MLGG08593- If cars don't move, summonses will be given. Enforcement will be done.
- Top Illegal dumping Locations **W.38th Street between 10th & 9th Avenue and W.33rd Street between 11th & 12th Avenue.**
- Enforcement Stats and Outreach

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

DHS Code Red-

Due to upcoming high temperatures DHS will be checking up on homeless people to avoid inappropriate dressing (shirtless, etc.) DHS will encourage them to go to cooling centers or accept help. DHS can have smaller meetings with BIDs to speak about the issues if the BIDs are interested.

- Breaking Ground and Goddard Riverside: Homeless Outreach Report
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Update

DPR

- Park Manager Report
 - CD4 Park Project Status

Clemente Clark Moore should be open this week. Ribbon Cutting
DeWitt Clinton field will be done soon, lines need to be painted

- **Ongoing:** Overnight storage of food vending carts at Bella Abzug Park
- **New: Use of ball fields at Chelsea Park**
There have been complaints about Chelsea Park and issuance of permits. 70 organizations have permits for the ball fields at Chelsea Park.

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- **Ongoing:** Cleaning and securing ramp entrance at Southeast corner of West 40 Street and Dyer Avenue- **Weekly cleaning and possible fencing**
- **Ongoing:** Homeless encampment at Triangle (Dyer Ave and West 35/36 Street) – **Tent and cardboards were removed yesterday. The tent was removed was the blue & yellow tent and now a red & white tent is up. A mattress was added on the west wall during the night.**

Additional Agency reports, including updates on any policy or personnel changes.
Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00AM.

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.

Infrastructure Upgrades Along 9th Avenue

West 51st Street – West 59th Street

Project # MED 609

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) are managing this capital construction project along 9th Avenue in the Hell's Kitchen area. The project has an anticipated completion date in the Fourth Quarter of 2021. Work scheduled on this project includes installation of a new 36" trunk water main and 12" and 20" distribution water mains, replacement of 12" sanitary sewer pipes with new 15" sewer pipes, utility upgrades for underground gas, electric and communication, updating various pedestrian ramps (based on field conditions), reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks in certain locations, and some new traffic signal and street lighting poles.

Work Completed to Date:

The project has completed the installation of 12" and 20" distribution water-mains at various locations on the west and east-sides of 9th Avenue, along with 36" trunk water-main on the east-side has almost completed. We have completed partial installation of a 15" combined sewer on the north end of the project.

Con Edison facilities upgrades of 20" and 12" gas mains installed with services transferred on east-side along 9th Avenue from W. 51st Street to W. 59th Street.

Proposed Work Schedule:

For the 3rd Quarter 2019, there will be completion of installation of 36" trunk water-main along with a double flange chamber and the installation of butterfly valve on the east-curb line of 9th Avenue. Begin installation of the west 36" trunk water-main (mid-roadway) beginning at W51st Street. Con Edison electrical upgrades to be completed along east-side of 9th Avenue.

Water Service Interruptions

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

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 contact the CCL.



Excavation for the Double Flange Chamber at 9th Avenue and W. 59th 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 the project contact.

Community Impacts

During construction hours, you can expect the following: Pedestrian access to businesses and buildings will be maintained at all times. Vehicular travel closures may be required, as well as detours. Warning signs will be posted in advance. Traffic mitigation personnel, proper signage and MPT will be installed in/around the construction area to alert and direct motorists; this includes Traffic Enforcement Agents (TEA's), Variable Message Signs (VMS) and Uniform Flaggers (UF).

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to learn more about the project, please call **Wayan Brown, the Community Construction Liaison**, at (646) 738-4894 or email him at w60thstreetccl@gmail.com. During non-construction hours, please contact the New York City Government Services and Information Hotline at 311.

Newsletter Distribution

Construction Newsletters for this project were distributed quarterly within the project area and to Community Board #4-Manhattan.

Installation of Trunk Water Mains in West 30th Street - Phase II

**West 29th – 31st St. Bet. 9th Ave – 10th Ave.
9th & 10th Avenues Bet. West 28th St. – West 31st St.**

Project # MED-598B

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) is managing a capital construction project MED598B along West 29th, 30th, 31st Streets between 9th and 10th Avenues, 9th and 10th Avenues between 28th Street and 31st Street. DDC is installing trunk and distribution water mains, sewers, catch basins, manholes and chambers. The anticipated completion time for this overall project is Fall 2020.

Allowable Work Hours: 7am-10pm Mon-Sun
(Overnight hours when necessary)

During construction hours you can expect 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), and emergency vehicle access and pedestrian access to sidewalk and buildings will always be maintained.

Throughout the course of this project, the traffic lane will be maintained throughout the work zone with "No Parking" construction signs posted. Pedestrian flaggers will assist with construction/emergency access during work hours.



**9th Avenue, between W. 30th & W. 31st Streets
(36" / 48" TWM installation)**

During the second quarter of 2019 the contractor installed of 36-inch trunk water main on 9th Avenue between West 29th Street and West 30th Street. The contractor also began excavation for installation of 48-inch trunk water main in 9th Avenue at West 30th Street. Sidewalks and curb that were damaged by this construction was replaced on 10th Avenue, between West 27th Street and West 30th Street and on West 29th Street between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue. Citibike was reinstalled at West 28th Street and 10th Avenue.

In the third quarter of this year, the contractor plans to continue installing thirty-six trunk water mains on 9th Avenue between West 30th Street and West 31st Street and begin installation of 48-inch trunk water main on 9th Avenue between West 29th Street and West 31st Street.

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The DDC staff will work specifically with individuals that have special needs who may be uniquely impacted by the project.

Community Outreach

DDC has assigned Mike Whitfield, as the Community Outreach Coordinator on this project. Please contact Mike for any project related inquiries or concerns you may have.

Phone: (212) 560-8915

Email: w30stphase2ccl@gmail.com.

Construction Newsletters will be distributed throughout the project area. During non-construction hours, please contact the New York City Government Services and Information Hotline at 311.

Reconstruction of 9th Avenue/Gansevoort Street Area

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYC-DDC) is managing the reconstruction of 9th Avenue/Gansevoort Street area in the Meatpacking District section of Manhattan. This reconstruction will include amenities such as: tree planting, plaza reconstruction and cobblestone, new roadways, curbs, and sidewalk. Due to inclement weather and field conditions, this period is subject to change. Project anticipates substantial completion by Spring of 2020.

Work Completed in the Second Quarter

The project placed cobblestone along the sidewalk in the tree pits of 9th Avenue between West 14th St & West 15th Street, West 13th Street between 9th Avenue & Hudson Street, and Gansevoort Street between Hudson Street & Greenwich Street. As well as the crosswalk on West 14th Street between Hudson Street & 9th Avenue. The planting of trees, shrubs, and perennials was completed throughout the project. The slip lane on 9th Avenue between West 14th Street and West 15th Street has been temporarily paved. New concrete sidewalk was installed on 9th Avenue between West 14th Street and West 15th Street (East Side) and at S/W/C of Hudson Street & West 13th Street. New traffic signals were installed at the intersection of West 13th Street & Hudson Street. New street lights were installed along 9th Avenue and Hudson Street between Gansevoort St & West 14th Street. New tables, chairs and umbrellas have been installed in Gansevoort and Chelsea Plazas.



Spring Landscaping on 9th Avenue between West 14th Street and West 13th Street

Proposed Work Schedule: Third Quarter of 2019

Street lights and traffic signals at various roadway intersections. Granite curb and sidewalk at the intersection of 9th Avenue and West 16th Street. Installation of cobblestone roadway (the slip lane) on the west side of 9th Avenue between West 14th Street and West 15th Street. The east side of 9th Avenue roadway base between West 15th Street & West 16th Street. Con Edison, CenturyLink and Verizon will continue utility relocation work north of West 15th Street.

Special Needs

Individuals with special needs who may be uniquely impacted by this project should contact the project's Community Construction Liaison, as soon as possible, to make them aware of your situation. DDC will work with you to minimize the inconvenience as much as possible.

Community Impacts

During construction hours, you can expect an increased level 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; signage will be posted within the affected areas. Emergency vehicle access and pedestrian access to sidewalk and buildings will always be maintained.



Tables, Chairs and Umbrellas at Gansevoort Plaza

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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
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Urban Pathways Outreach Summary

May and June 2019

Catchment area

- **Fashion BID** outreach team covers the North side of 35th Street – South side of 41st street from 5th to 9th avenues.
- **Flat Iron BID** outreach team covers the South side of 29th Street- North side of 21st Street from 6th to Park avenues.
- **Operation Alternative** – Port Authority Bus Terminal

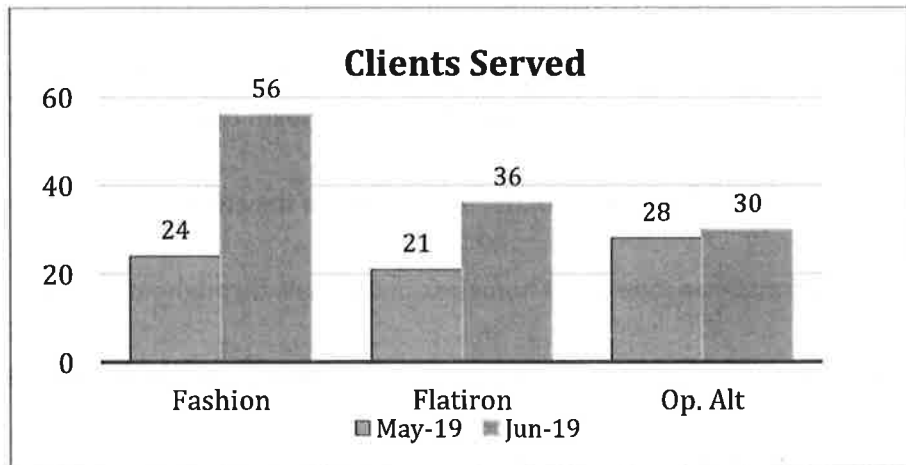
Canvassing efforts

- In the months of **May and June 2019**, the **Fashion** outreach team canvassed 35th Street between 5th and 9th Avenues during the hours of 8am- 4pm, conducting 2 tours of the entire area five days a week. The Fashion outreach team will normally engage **4 -13** homeless individuals throughout each shift, depending on the weather and time of the month. During the first week of the month the numbers of engagement are lower, possibly due to government income (SSI/SSD).
- In the months of **May and June 2019**, the **Flat Iron** outreach team canvassed 28th Street- 29th Street between 6th & Park avenues primarily 7:30am- 3:30pm, 2 days of 6am-2pm and 2 days of 12am-8am shifts. The daily engagements depend on the shifts, but varies from **4-12** homeless individuals engaged per shift.
- In the months of **May and June 2019**, the **Operation Alternative** outreach teams canvassed the Port Authority Bus Terminal with the PAPD from the hours of 6am-2pm, and 4pm-2am, conducting 3 tours within each shift. The Operation Alternative outreach team will engage an average of **15-20** homeless individuals a month.

Caseload Breakdown

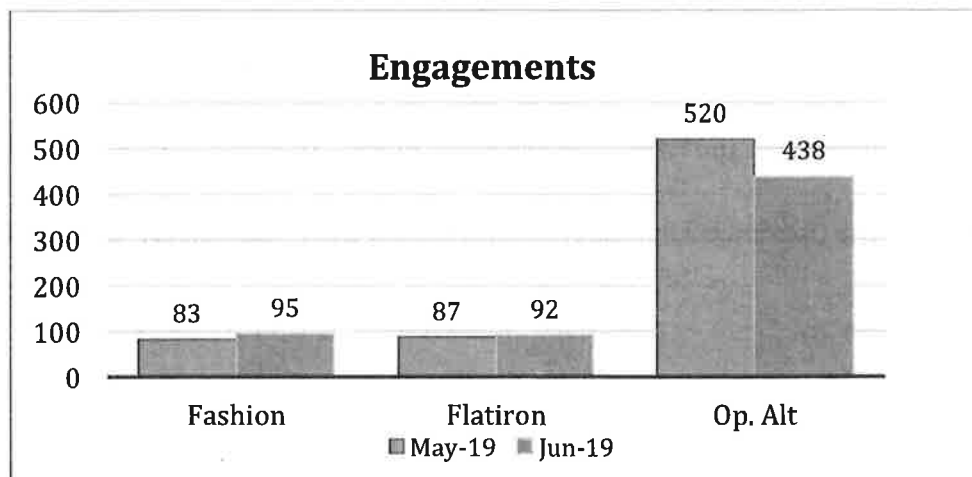
➤ Clients Served

- **In May 2019** Urban Pathways outreach teams served **690** unique homeless individuals
 - 33% - Fashion
 - 29% - Flatiron
 - 38% - Op. Alt
- **In June 2019** Urban Pathways outreach teams engaged **625** homeless individuals
 - 46% - Fashion
 - 29% - Flatiron
 - 25% - Op. Alt



➤ Engagements

- **In May 2019** Urban Pathways outreach teams engaged **690** homeless individuals
 - 12% - Fashion
 - 13% - Flatiron
 - 75% - Op. Alt
- **In June 2019** Urban Pathways outreach teams engaged **625** homeless individuals
 - 15% - Fashion
 - 15% - Flatiron
 - 70% - Op. Alt



Breaking Ground CB 4 Report – June 2019

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: 109
 - During the day: 39
 - During evening, overnight or weekend: 70
- Calls resulted in clients not found: 63
- Calls resulting in engagement with client: 8
- Calls resulted in individuals found that are known to team: 7
- 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 11 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.
- BG team conducted joint op with the 10th precinct – Dyer & 36th St

Caseload Breakdown:

- On our caseload, we currently have 40 people who originate from the CB4 area:
 - Stabilization beds - 2
 - Safe Havens – 16
 - Permanently housed –2
 - Street –20
 - Prospect/Pre-caseload clients – 4

Placement Statistics:

- In June 2019 – two clients were added to the BG caseload.
- In June 2019 three clients accepted transitional placements.

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

- **51st btw 11th and WSH** – during the recent canvass the team didn't observe homeless activity or bedded down materials at above location
- **57th St & WSH** – there are two individuals staying at the location. Both on BG caseload, nor interested in services offered by the teams. There were couple of clean ups at the location recently. During the Code Blue hours, both were forcibly taken to the hospital, but shortly released to the street.
- **42nd b/ 8th and 9th Ave** –People tend to come and go frequently at this location, likely due to its close proximity to the PABT. Throughout the day, the entrance to the PABT on 42nd Street varies with its level of homeless activity. The area continues to decrease with activity with cold weather and individuals leaving the PABT. There are three individuals on caseload at this location; one was recently placed in transitional setting.
- **40th and 8th Ave-** In the month of June 2019 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 decreased 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 a decreased in individuals bedding down in the area at night. Team suspects that this decreased 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. However, it does appear that some of the activity had tapered off due to measures taken by hotel management to lessen access to non-hotel guests. BG will continue to monitor the area.
- **Chelsea Park** – The area remains a location the team canvasses frequently. The teams encounter 2-6 homeless individuals in the vicinity during the day and 0-1 individuals in the nighttime.
- **8th Ave b/ 33rd and 34th Street** –This block is known to be active with panhandling and drug related activity. Activity at this location during month of June has slightly increased compared to the previous month, with up to six individuals engaged during evening hours.
- **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
- **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.