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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Time: 10:00am

A G E N D A

NYPD

- **13th Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 23rd St. & 6th Ave, W 23rd St. & 7th Ave, W 25th St. & 6th Ave.**
 - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny, Burglaries & Assaults. Overall Crime is down 32%.**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise, Homelessness & Bikes on the sidewalks**
 - New: Graffiti on 115 7th ave Graffiti: **A meeting was held with the building owner and currently waiting to see if the owner wants NYPD to clean it or the owner will take care of it.**
 - Ongoing: Update on QOL and Public Safety issues on 6th Avenue and lower West 20s: **Continuing to monitor the situation and does have the new business improvement unit lead by Inspector Hellman.**
- **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **9th Ave. & W 39th St., 9th Ave & W 43rd St., 9th Ave & W 45th St..**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies, Assaults & Grand Larceny**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues:
 - New: Status of Mobile Command Center: **On W 38th Street & 8th Avenue, there are 24 officers there everyday and there is no end date as of now.**
 - Ongoing: Public safety report on West 36 Street and relocated temporary Shelter on West 40th Street: **No new updates**
- **Midtown North:**

- Top Collision prone location: **W 46th St. & 8th Ave, W 57th St. & 9th Ave.. A homeless woman passed out on W 46th St & 8th Ave and a car ran her over.**
- Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny, Burglaries,**
- Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness, Shelters, Motorcycle Racing**
- On Going Public Safety Concerns on 10th Avenue from West 45th- West 55th Street Corridor:

FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **May 2020 vs May 2021: Structural Fires 26 which is a 10% decrease, Non-Structural Fires: 25 which is down 11%, Suspicious Fires: 1 which is a 75% decrease. Emergencies: Jumped up a lot due to more people coming out. Non-Medical Emergencies: 301 which is a 50.1% increase, Medical Emergencies: 523 which is a 62% increase, False Alarms: 24 which is a 85% increase, Total incidents for the month: 899 which is a 52% increase. 401 W 50th Street, 2nd Alarm fire around 1:30pm. The fire was on the second floor and three civilians were injured. Captain Lynch from Division One oversees Building Inspection Task Force. Assist the local fire houses catch up on overdue inspections of various types but one of the task given last winter was to oversee safety and enforcement of the outdoor dining initiative. Up to May 1st 270 inspection took place. Please report an issue you may see.**

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

District Report

- DHS Update: Temporary Hotel Shelters:
- Breaking Ground Report: **See attachment**
 - New: Encampment on West 56 St (9th/10th Ave): **This location is near the construction of the watermain project.**
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Update: **Getting close to a timeline on when exiting out of the density reduction hotels. At this moment the guidance keeps changing from the State and working close with the State on what is the best recommendations on what returning to congregate settings looks like. Letters have gone out to clients that they will be returning to congregate settings and that the hotels rooms are temporary.**

DOT:

- **New**
 - 481 8th Avenue Tick Tock Dinner seating encroaching on subway entrance - West 34 St and 8th Ave: **An inspector when out and it is in compliance with the clear pathway.**
 - West 49th Street 10th/11th Avenue broken sidewalk: **This is the DEP site and City owned site. The sidewalk is in bad condition and needs repairs**
- **Ongoing:**

- Signal light change at the intersection of West 23 Street and 10th Avenue: **There is a backlog and will update in two weeks**
- West 52nd Street Bike painting: Construction Dumpster blocking the lane just east of 9th Avenue: **The dumpster was removed and the bike lane was repainted but will need to be repainted again**
- Status of DOT permits for Generators on West 54 Street and 10th Ave: **The generators are there for the building there for the boiler.**

DOB

- New
 - Stop Work Order for 503-505 West 22nd Street: **Partial Stop work order is in effect**
 - Access to closed site at 343 West 47 Street: **Stop work order still in effect**
 - 545 8th avenue sidewalk shed – No Lighting: **A violation was issued and there is an ECB hearing being set**
- Ongoing:
 - Stop Work Orders
 - 317-319 West 35 Street: **Stop work order still in effect**
 - 343 West 47 Street: **Stop work order still in effect**

DEP/DDC

- DDC
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – Water Main Installation 9th Ave West 50s Street -Wayne Brown – Completion Date: November 2021: **Currently working at W 57th St. & 9th Ave, just completed the eastbound bus pad. 99% of the underground work is complete but still more work to be done.**
 - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **The work is 89% complete of the project and still working on 9th Ave (31st/33rd Street). Completion is still looking at Spring 2022.**
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Last month the construction crew was able to pour asphalt on 10th Ave (W 21st and W 22nd St). It was communicated to MTA to restore the bus stop on the eastside of 10th Ave. Currently the construction crew is actively working on W 21st St (10/11), they are doing excavations.**
 - Status of Bus Stop on 10th Avenue West 21/22 Streets: **MTA is aware they can restore the bus stop**
 - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue – Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Nothing new to report. Most of the excavation is being done by hand. Still don't have a timeline of when the Con Ed work will be completed.**

DSNY – See attachment

- New:
 - 425 W 50th St – Stella Towers – Illegal trash operations: **A Sgt. Will be sent to check the location.**

- Illegal Dumping Locations:
- **Enforcement Report**

DPR

- **New:**
 - Request for better\more lighting at Matthews Palmer Park Lighting: **Additional lights were installed when the park was renovated.**
 - Dead Tree\New Tree Requests (already submitted)
 - 412 W 47th St: **Will check the status**
 - 415 W 47th St: **Will check the status**
 - 425 W 47th St: **Will check the status**
 - 463 W 47th St: **Will check the status**
- Park Manager Report: **Conditions at mcaffrey playground have improved, had a lot of support from the precinct on that and they've actually requested that it become a national night out location. It has never been one. Have special funding for a cleaning crew and there for the day. The DeWitt staircase project is moving along. The installation of two catch basins will take place.**

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: **Have had the first heat wave. Reminder customers can sign up for text alerts.**

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- Facility\Operation Updates
 - Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: **Still in the initial stages of it.**
 - 9th Avenue Trust Work: **All the lighting has been installed. Some demo work will begin next week.**
 - Dyer Avenue Pedestrian Improvements: **Last item to be completed will happen tonight**
 - Tree Plantings: **Survey was completed for W 39th Street**
 - Ongoing: Status of Astro's Dog Run: **Reopening is set for the June 19th. All work has been completed**

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**Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
June 16, 2021 Update**

Catchment Area

Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan’s catchment area extends from the north side of 23 St to the south side of 59 St, river to river.

Neighborhood Homeless Outreach Efforts

BG S2HM conducts street outreach to homeless individuals in the Chelsea and Hell’s Kitchen neighborhoods on a daily basis—visiting encampments, hotspots, and chronic clients with the goal of linking street homeless individuals to housing and other vital services.

Joint Operations

S2HM outreach teams conduct weekly joint outreach operations with Times Square Alliance and New York City Relief. S2HM also conducts joint outreach operations with street medicine teams and other outreach providers on an as-needed basis. There have been no recent joint outreach operations with NYPD.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Wed 6/16:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client’s Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility</i>	<i>Borough</i>
5/19	34 St & 8 Ave	Family Intake Shelter	Manhattan
5/19	33 St & 7 Ave	Drop-In Center	Manhattan
5/19	33 St & 8 Ave	Drop-In Center	Bronx
5/19	34 St & 8 Ave	Family Intake Shelter	Manhattan
5/19	55 St bet 5 & 6 Aves	Safe Haven	Manhattan
5/20	Chelsea Park	Stabilization Bed	Brooklyn
5/20	30 St bet 7 & 8 Aves	Men’s Intake Shelter	Manhattan
5/24	55 St bet 5 & 6 Aves	Church Bed Program	Manhattan
5/25	26 St & 6 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
5/27	57 St & 8 Ave	Safe Haven	Queens
5/27	28 St & 5 Ave	Stabilization Bed	Manhattan
5/28	35 St & Dyer Ave	Stabilization Bed	Queens
5/28	35 St & Dyer Ave	Stabilization Bed	Queens
6/14	27 St bet 5 & Madison Aves	Church Bed Program	Manhattan

Current Areas of Concern

BG S2HM continues to provide homeless outreach services at all the areas of concern identified in recent months. Highlights for the four weeks ended Wed 6/16 include:

Columbus Circle

Outreach teams report that this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several months. On occasion, however, clients are encountered bedded down overnight.

58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy

Outreach teams, case managers, and supervisors had a daily presence here for many months due to the proliferation of complex encampments. Following the placement of several clients and the cleanup of their encampments, this area has been largely free of homeless activity in recent weeks.

56th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave [New Location]

Outreach teams have begun to visit this new encampment location at least daily. Several homeless individuals inhabit the encampment, which is loaded with furniture and other personal belongings. Drug activity permeates this location, and its residents have been resistant to engage with outreach in a meaningful way. Staff will continue to build trust and rapport, with the goal of connecting these clients to case management, transitional housing, and other vital services.

55th St and 10th Ave [New Location]

Outreach teams have begun to visit this location again in response to the reemergence of an encampment behind Independence High School. Homeless individuals are encountered sporadically and engaged around offers of case management and transitional housing placement. In addition, this location has been scheduled for DHS/DSNY cleanups, most recently on 6/7.

DeWitt Clinton Park

Outreach has been canvassing and reporting on this location frequently over the last several months. In April, S2HM case management staff placed two entrenched clients from this location at a stabilization bed facility in Manhattan. Following these placements, homeless activity at this location has been significantly reduced.

51st St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

Following an intense schedule of DHS/DSNY cleanups this past spring, this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several weeks. Recent encounters with homeless clients have been sporadic and predominantly during evening and overnight shifts, when teams engage mostly unknown individuals who typically refuse services.

51st St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams have been visiting this location for many weeks in response to steady homeless activity. In particular, scaffolding in the area continues to attract homeless individuals. Outreach staff members are continuing to develop relationships with the clients who remain. In addition, this location is often scheduled for DHS/DSNY cleanups, most recently on 6/11.

8th Ave bet 42nd St and 59th St

Outreach teams canvass this long stretch of 8th Ave daily and offer services to the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered. Individuals typically bed down at night between 42nd St and 45th St, as well as between 51st St and 52nd St, and are engaged by overnight outreach teams.

42nd St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

Outreach has continued to engage the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered on this block. The population here is highly transient, and outreach engagements are often with unknown clients.

8th Ave bet 39th St and 42nd St (PABT)

S2HM visits this area regularly and reports steady homeless activity across morning, day, and evening shifts. A caseload client of concern maintains an encampment here and routinely declines outreach services. Over the last several months, overnight staff has encountered relatively few clients bedded down.

8th Ave bet 33rd St and 35th St

Outreach teams frequently canvass these two blocks of 8th Ave, which have historically been very active with panhandling and drug-related activity. Recently, this stretch of 8th Ave has been more active at night, likely due to the overnight shutdown initiative at Penn Station. Outreach teams continue to note significant NYPD presence around the nearby Duane Reade (34th St and 8th Ave) and McDonald's (8th Ave between 34th St and 35th St).

8th Ave bet 31st St and 33rd St (General Post Office)

Outreach teams visit this location often and encounter a varied number of homeless individuals. Many of them are well-known to outreach staff and are engaged in the housing process. During the day, numerous individuals rest on the post office stairs. Recently, this stretch of 8th Ave has been more active at night, likely due to the overnight shutdown initiative at Penn Station. This location has also been the target of DHS/DSNY cleanups.

34th St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

This location has seen increased police activity and an ongoing police presence in response to crime in late-2020. Although homeless activity decreased, and remains lower, homeless individuals continue to be encountered, especially near the corner of 34th St and 8th Ave.

41st St bet 10th Ave and Dyer Ave

Over the past several months, homeless activity at this location has fluctuated. DHS/DSNY cleanups in April improved conditions, but several encampment residents remained and rebuilt. In response, S2HM increased outreach efforts further and began working with community stakeholders toward a resolution. This location was recently targeted by the Mayor's office for daily cleanups, with the most recent occurring on 6/14.

39th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams visit this encampment at least daily and are working to connect the individuals bedded down here to housing and other services. In addition, this location was recently targeted by the Mayor's office for daily cleanups, with the most recent occurring on 6/14.

38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams visit this former encampment location at least daily and are working to connect the remaining individuals bedded down here to housing and other services.

Dyer Ave bet 34th St and 36th St

Outreach teams have been visiting this location frequently for many months due to fluctuating homeless activity. S2HM case management staff is working with the homeless individuals who remain here.

31st St and 32nd St bet 6th Ave and 7th Ave

While these blocks have historically been a popular homeless location due to their proximity to the St Francis Church complex, the population bedded down here has increased recently, likely due to the overnight shutdown initiative at Penn Station. Overnight teams visit this location nightly and are working to connect clients to caseload services and transitional housing opportunities.

30th St bet 11th Ave and 12th Ave

Outreach teams visit the separate encampments on this block at least daily, and staff is working to connect the individuals bedded down here to housing and other services.

23rd St bet 7th Ave and 8th Ave

Outreach teams have been visiting this encampment daily since January. While staff and supervisors have been working on housing with the entrenched clients bedded down at this location, S2HM management has joined with DHS and community leaders in exploring collaborative solutions. This location has also been targeted for frequent DHS/DSNY cleanups in the last several weeks.

6th Ave bet 23rd St and 25th St

Outreach teams canvass this stretch of 6th Ave at least daily in response to community concerns. Persistent illegal vending continues to attract a number of homeless individuals, who are steadily engaged by outreach teams for placement into transitional housing and other services. This location has also been regularly scheduled for DHS/DSNY cleanups.

Borough	Community District	Violation Code	Violation Description	# of DSNY Violations
	MN04	A14	No Standing	2
		A16	No Standing except Trucks Loading & Unloading	6
		A20	No Parking	1
		A21	No Parking Street Cleaning	150
		A40	Parking within 15 Ft of a fire hydrant	2
		A46	Double Parking	1
		AH30	Failed to remove lock/hinge refrig	1
		AR01	Improper curbside container	2
		AR08	Fail-Bundle News/Cardbd	6
		AR09	FAILURE TO PROPERLY PUT RECYCS OUT FOR COLLECTION 9+ DWELLING UNITS	25
		AR10	NON-RECYCLABLES IN RECYC. CONTAINER FOR COLLECTION 9+ DWELLING UNITS	2
		AR11	RECYCLABLES PLACED FOR COLLECTION WITH NON-RECYC 9+ DWELLING UNITS	22
		AR4H	RECYC PLACED FOR COLLECTION W NON-RECYC 1 TO 8 DWELLING UNITS	11
		AR7G	Fail-Properly recyc for collec	4
		AS02	Failure to Post Sign/Permit	4
		AS06	DIRTY SIDEWALK DIRTY AREA	32
		AS07	Sidewalk Obstruction	1
		AS18	STORAGE OF RECEPTACLES	28
		AS19	Loose rubbish	69
		AS26	FAILURE TO CLEAN 18 INCHES INTO STREET	70
		AS6M	DIRTY AREA	18
		ASP1	Uncovered receptacle	19
		ASP4	Improper-disposal bedding	25
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