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Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Meeting Access:

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MINUTES

NYPD

- **13th Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 22nd St/6th Ave, W 26th St/6th Ave, W 23rd St/7th Ave.**
 - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny, Robberies, Felony Assaults**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homeless, Noise & Bikes**
 - On-going: Graffiti on 115 7th Ave Graffiti: **Multi Agency Site Visit suggested**
 - Ongoing: Update on QOL and Public Safety issues on 6th Avenue and lower West 20s: **Several clean ups have been done in the past weeks.**

- **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 37th St/8th Ave, W 42nd St/8th Ave, W 31st St/9th Ave.**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies; Felony Assaults, Burglaries**
 - On-going: Status of Mobile Command Center: **Will be at this location until further notice unless told otherwise**
 - Ongoing: Public safety report on West 36 Street and relocated temporary Shelter on West 40th Street: **The temporary shelter have been relocated.**

- **Midtown North:**
 - Top three major crimes: **Murders: 2 year to date; Rape: 9 year to date; Robberies: 59 year to date; Felony Assault: 81 year to date; Burglaries: 104 year to date; Grand Larceny: 538 year to date; Grand Larceny Auto: 30 year to date.**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **The Sheds for Open Restaurants was mentioned during Pct. Council Meeting.**

FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **Structural Fires: 27; Non-Structural Fires: 17; Suspicious Fires: 2; Non-Medical Emergencies: 349; Medical Emergencies: 603; False Alarms: 20; Total Incidents: 1,016**
- EMS – Station #7:

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

District Report

- DHS Update:
 - Relocation of temporary hotel shelters: **Was paused for a while and will be resume. Only two locations on W 37th site and Comfort Inn. By end of July should be out of all hotels.**
 - Relocation of congregate shelters in the district: **Everyone will be tested before they are brought back to shelters. Staff will engage everyone and will provide testing.**
- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: **See attachment**

DEP/DDC

- **DEP**
 - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **See attachment**
 - **The total number of DEP 311 calls is 227.**
 - **Noise Construction Before/After Hours = 51**
 - **Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment = 31**
 - **Noise: Construction Equipment = 27**
 - **Leak (use comments) = 16**
 - **Noise: Alarms = 12**
 - **Lead Kit Request (Residential) = 9**
 - **Noise: Jack Hammering = 7**
 - **Chemical odor = 6**
 - **Hydrant running = 6**
 - **Air: odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling = 4**
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – Water Main Installation 9th Ave West 50s Street -Wayne Brown – Completion Date: November 2021: **Currently will be doing a traffic pattern change from W 59th St. to W 56th St. Will be moving the construction operation to the middle lane.**

- MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Excavation is currently being done on 9th Ave for installation of 46 inch trunk water main.**
- MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Hand Excavation is still taking place. Some work had to be suspended due to heat advisories.**
- HWMP2020 – Gansevoort Area Reconstruction – Sofia Noboa – Completion Date: June 2021: **The contractor is currently working with ConEd on the southeast corner of W 16th St/9th Ave. Excavation was done for the 20 inch gas main but the work has been delayed. ConEd also on the northwest corner of W 16th St and the work has been suspended until the other work is completed. The new completion date will be November 2021.**
- HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue – Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Spring 2022: **The contractor is still working on ConEd utility relocation on W 34th St (8/9) and 8th Ave itself. Work has slowed down the past couple of weeks. We do not know when the ConEd work will be completed.**
- MEDA002 – Water Main Replacement 8th-9th Ave West. 34th St.-West 36th Street – Raul – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Current work is on 9th Ave from W 35th St to W 33rd Street. The watermain work is complete and working on restoring services to restaurants.**

DSNY

- **New:**
 - West 57 and 9th Avenue – Buildup of commercial and residential trash: **Issue has been resolved**
- **Ongoing:**
 - 425 W 50th St – Stella Towers – Illegal trash operations: **Will pass this on to enforcement**
- **Enforcement Report: Cleanliness: Streets are 96.6% clean; Sidewalks are 98.1% clean. Continuing to work with NYPD, Homeless Services on all shifts regarding homelessness and encampments.**

DPR

- **Ongoing:**
 - Request for better\more lighting at Matthews Palmer Park Lighting
 - Park Manager General Report:
 - **the staircase work at DeWitt Clinton park continues, with the corner staircases showing great progress.**
 - **The seasonal staff funded through a mayoral I initiative CCC are participating in a " swarm" of accelerated cleaning projects that includes pressure washing of the safety surface at DeWitt Clinton playground, Hell's kitchen park, Ramon Aponte and McCaffrey playgrounds. Benches will also be painted or washed to remove grime, and the inner fence and railing is to be painted**

at McCaffrey playground in preparation for National Night Out. Retaining walls are also being scraped and painted.

- Hells Kitchen park will also host National Night Out with CB4.

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: **Heat Wave is the main concern right now**

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- Facility\Operation Updates
 - Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling : **Continuing to work on the south side of the plaza. All the demo work is being done during the day. A noise barrier fence has been installed**
 - 9th Avenue Trust Work: **The sidewalk shed and the stair tower are finished and commissioned. The 4th Floor access platform is being installed.**
 - Dyer Avenue Pedestrian Improvements: **Work has been completed and been inspected and was accepted.**

NYCEM

Coastal Storm Reminders

- During coastal storm season the City may activate the Downed Tree Task Force. This multi-agency task force is responsible for coordinating the response to a large downed tree event.
- The best way to have concerns addressed is to include an exact address with a cross-street, plus a picture of the problem via 311. This will ensure proper and timely categorization, assessment and deployment of assistance.

Beat the Heat

- Extreme heat is one of the most significant hazards facing New York City, and New Yorkers are especially vulnerable to extreme heat-related hazards during the summer months.
- [Beat The Heat](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about extreme heat in New York City.

REMINDER: Keep in mind that during heat events, the Cooling Center Finder will be accessible through our homepage at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/overview.page> or calling by 311.

Become a Cooling Center Partner

- New York City opens cooling centers, which are air-conditioned public community centers, senior centers, and public libraries that offer relief from the heat.
- Registering community spaces is just one way you can help support communities during periods of extreme heat.
- Visit the [Share Your Space Survey](#) online to register to become a cooling center partner!

Ready New York Summer Requests

- As New York City opens up and events increase, please invite us to attend for tabling or to give a presentation in-person or virtually.
- Request the presentation via our [website](#) or via email at Intergov@oem.nyc.gov.

Mobile Office Hours

- Join us for Mobile Office Hours this summer throughout the five boroughs.

- These events help us work with community boards and elected officials to increase visibility and educate New Yorkers on the importance of being prepared before, during and after an emergency.
- During these events our focus is to engage with residents on emergency preparedness material including how to write an emergency plan, prepare a go-bag, know which hurricane evacuation zone they live in, register for Notify NYC to receive free real-time alerts on emergencies near their home and citywide and how to sign up for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer program.

Queens	Gantry State Park 4-09 47th Rd	Thursday, July 15 3 PM – 7 PM
Manhattan	Denny Ferrall State Park 679 Riverside Drive	Thursday, July 22 11 AM – 3 PM
The Bronx	Monsignor Raul Del Valle Square Hunts Point Ave &, E 163rd St	Tuesday, August 3 12 – 4 PM
Brooklyn	American Veterans Memorial Pier (Bay Ridge Ferry Terminal) 6833 Shore Rd	Saturday, August 14 11 – 3 PM
Staten Island	Staten Island Mall	Friday, August 27 from 12 PM – 4 PM

Preparedness Training Series

Event Title	Date & Time	Registration link
Tornado Preparedness with Oklahoma City Emergency Management and NYCEM	Tuesday, July 6	https://nycem-nyc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LhNNgr4iQk6DS2eZp6HU6w
	1:00 PM	
Understanding Your Hurricane Evacuation Zone	Thursday, July 8	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-your-hurricane-evacuation-zone-tickets-158486087153
	11:00 AM	
Preparing Your Community for Coastal Storms (for CBOs/FBOs)	Wednesday, July 21	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-your-community-for-coastal-storms-for-cbosfbos-tickets-158490355921
	11:00 AM	
Ready Up Hurricane Preparedness (for Individuals)	Wednesday, August 4	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/readyup-hurricane-preparedness-tickets-158493711959
	11:00 AM	

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, September 15th at 10am

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.

Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
July 15, 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.

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 Thursday 7/15 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 and more rarely panhandling during the day.

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. On 6/21 a construction crew erected fencing and barriers that restrict access to the underpass area of WSH at the intersection of 59th St.

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

Several S2HM caseload clients were bedded down in this location in June, but they left their encampment on or around 6/18. The location was added to the list of daily cleanups on 6/20 and remains clear of homeless activity and material.

55th St and 10th Ave [New Location]

Outreach teams continue to visit this location in response to the reemergence of an encampment behind Independence High School. A few caseload clients bed down in the area sporadically and are engaged around offers of transitional housing placement, which they continue to refuse. The location was cleaned

up by DHS/DSNY on 6/7, and teams continue to report no signs of an encampment in the area.

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 almost nonexistent 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. Large amounts of scaffolding in the area attracted homeless individuals previously; however, only a small section remains. Outreach staff members continue to engage and build rapport with the sole caseload client in the area. This location was last cleaned up by DHS/DSNY 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. Overnight staff typically engages clients bedded down at night between 42nd St and 45th St as well as between 51st St and 52nd St.

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 in an encampment here and routinely declines outreach services. Over the last several months, overnight staff has encountered relatively few clients bedded down, mostly unknown individuals.

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 or are working with other service providers. 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.

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.

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.

6th Ave bet 23rd St and 25th St

Outreach teams canvass this stretch of 6th Ave at least daily in response to community concerns. Over the past week, activity at this location has minimized; however, S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population it has attracted. This location has also been regularly scheduled for DHS/DSNY cleanups.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Thu 7/15:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client's Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility Type</i>	<i>Borough</i>
6/16	30 St & 11 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
6/17	46 St bet 8 & 9 Aves	Stabilization Bed	Manhattan
6/18	23 St & 8 Ave	Stabilization Bed	Bronx
6/19	34 St & 8 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
6/23	31 St & 8 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
7/1	56 St & 6 Ave	Church Bed	Manhattan
7/1	6 Ave bet 23 & 24 Sts	Safe Haven	Manhattan
7/1	36 St & 8 Ave	Church Bed	Manhattan
7/12	31 St bet 6 & 7 Aves	City Shelter	Manhattan

Top 30 Complaints

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Descriptor 1	# of SRs
Noise: Construction Before/After Hours (NM1)	51
Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment (NV1)	31
Noise: Construction Equipment (NC1)	27
Leak (Use Comments) (WA2)	16
Noise: Alarms (NR3)	12
Lead Kit Request (Residential) (L10)	9
Noise: Jack Hammering (NC2)	7
Chemical Odor (HD1)	6
Hydrant Running (WC3)	6
Air: Odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling (AD3)	4
Manhole Cover Broken/Making Noise (SB)	4
Noise: Private Carting Noise (NQ1)	4
Other Sewer Problem (Use Comments) (SZZ)	4
Air: Dust, Construction/Demolition (AE4)	3
Asbestos Complaint (B1)	3
Hydrant Defective (WC2)	3
Hydrant Leaking (WC1)	3
Hydrant Running Full (WA4)	3
Manhole Cover Missing (Emergency) (SA3)	3
Noise, Ice Cream Truck (NR4)	3
Noise: lawn care equipment (NCL)	3
Taste/Odor, Chemical (QA2)	3
Air: Smoke, Chimney or vent (AS1)	2
Catch Basin Clogged/Flooding (Use Comments) (SC)	2
Dirty Water (WE)	2
Noise, Barking Dog (NR5)	2
Air: Odor, Sweet From Unknown Source (AZ1)	1
Chemical Spill/Release (HA1)	1
Cloudy Or Milky Water (QB1)	1
Fire Hydrant Emergency (FHE)	1
Hydrant Knocked Over/Missing (WC)	1
Rooftank Leak Or Overflow (CKO)	1
Sewer Backup (Use Comments) (SA)	1
Street Flooding (SJ)	1
Taste/Odor, Bitter/Metallic (QA3)	1
Taste/Odor, Musty/Stale (QA4)	1
unknown odor/taste in drinking water (QA6)	1