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Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Time: 10:00am
Meeting Access:
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MINUTES

NYPD

- Monthly Reports/Precincts Issues:
 - **13th Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 20th St./6th Ave; W 23rd St./6th Ave; W 26th St./6th Ave**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies, Grand Larceny, Grand Larceny Auto**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness, Bikes on Sidewalk, Noise**
 - **New:** Late night noise and crowds at 112 West 25th Street Somewhere/Nowhere: **NCO's have been there several times and the noise seems to be on the outside and not from inside the business**
 - Ongoing: Update on QOL and Public Safety issues on 6th Avenue and lower West 20s: **Continuing to monitor the area**
 - **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 34th St/8th Ave; W 37th St./8th Ave; W 42nd St./8th Ave**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies 37, Felony Assault: 31; Burglaries: 30**

- Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness & Narcotics**
- **Crime Reduction Overtime Program: 3pm-11pm 8th/9th Avenue/ W. 36th – W 27th St.**
- **Midtown North:**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W47th St./10th Ave; W48th St./12th Ave; W 52nd St./12th Ave**
 - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny: 110; Burglaries: 19; Assaults: 16**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Illegal Parking, Noise Complaints from Bars**

FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **Structural Fires: 28; Non-Structural Fires: 23; Suspicious Fires: 6; Non-Medical Emergencies: 391; Medical Emergencies: 522; False Alarms: 27; Total Incidents: 986**
 - **New: Fire at 347 West 47th Street: 9th Battalion has no record of fire at this location. Jesse apologizes he was given the wrong address. The correct address is 343 W 47th Street.**
- EMS – Station #7: **September is Emergency Preparedness Month**

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

- DHS Update:
 - **New: Drop-In Center at 771 9th Avenue (W.52 Street): Having conversations with Urban Pathways about the area and how to enter the community. There are no beds at the drop-in center but there will be recliners that someone could sleep on. Will have 85 chairs.**
 - **New: Family with Children Shelter on 440 West 41st Street: The provider has changed. Currently working with the Speakers office on setting up a meeting.**
 - **Have official exited out of all density reduction hotels.**
- **Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: See attachment**

DOT:

- **Ongoing:**
 - **Signal light change at the intersection of West 23 Street and 10th Avenue: Will provide an update shortly. There is a backlog**
 - **West 49th Street 10th/11th Avenue broken sidewalk: Still investigating this location**
 - **Broken\hanging streetlamp at 454 West 35 St.: Repairs were completed**

DEP/DDC

- **DEP**
 - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **See attachment**
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – Water Main Installation 9th Ave West 50s Street -Wayne Brown – Completion Date: November 2021: **All of the pipe work is completed. Currently on W 59th St installing the bus pad.**
 - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: Spring 2022:
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **Still excavating on W 21st St. (10/11)**
 - Status of Bus Stop on 10th Avenue West 21/22 Streets: **Reached out to MTA to let them know the work has been completed and the bus stop can me put back**
 - HWMP2020 – Gansevoort Area Reconstruction – Sofia Noboa – Completion Date: November 2021: **Still working on the electrical layout for ConEd. At the North West corner of W 16th street also con Edison still working on the gas may relocation excavation there will be for a few more weeks.**
 - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: June 2022: **Since the last meeting there has not been much progress. Do not have a set time for when ConEd will be done.**
 - Installation of Pedestrian Ramps W47-54 Streets between 9th-11 Avenues - Marilyn Nuñez: **Completed**

DSNY

- **Ongoing:**
 - 425 W 50th St – Stella Towers – Illegal trash operations: **It is not so much illegal trash but it was a homeless condition there. So far no more complaints**
 - Illegal Dumping Locations: **9th/10th Ave still an issue**

DPR

- **Ongoing:**
 - Park Manager General Report
 - **There was a substantial completion meeting for the DeWitt staircases on Monday. The 12th avenue staircases will open in two weeks. There is a slight delay due to one of the handrails which must be reinstalled, and the delay is at the foundry. The mid-block, 52nd Street staircase will open in about a month.**
 - **McCaffrey playground has definitely stabilized as a community amenity; NYPD has kept the negative elements at bay. This playground is “fixed-post”**

staffed by virtue of the CCC seasonal staff we have received, and the comfort stations are open when staff are on site. There was some increase in negative behavior at Mathews Palmer playground, probably people from McCaffrey, but NYPD and Park Enforcement have controlled the situation.

- Requests for events continue to rise, as do requests for film shoots.

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: Smart meter installations are still ongoing, so are gas line inspections, as mentioned in previous meetings, those are mandated by the state. Currently have on going gas work at W 35th St. and Hudson/10th Ave; West 27th street between 11th and 12th

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- Facility\Operation Updates

Lincoln Tunnel Cashless Tolls Project in Dyer Plaza

1. Completed pouring the nonferrous sections of new roadway slabs in Ramp L (the area that you travel on as you exit the right lane of the South Tube).
2. Continue working on the concrete footings for the relocated sign structure.
3. Starting to install the noise barriers on the area around Ramp K (the area that you travel on as you exit the left lane of the South Tube) in preparation to the move to work on Ramp K
4. Work on areas in both Ramp L & Ramp H so that the roadways can be realigned to provide areas that the contractor can work in during the day behind jersey barriers
5. No noise complaints have been received so far on the project.

PABT 9th Ave Truss Work

1. Prepping the trusses to receive “dead ends” which into which additional cable strands will be installed.
2. Prepping the steel supports to receive the additional strands.
3. The additional strands will provide additional support to supplement the strands which have deteriorated.
4. Project approximately 40% completed
5. Project still on track to be completed in 1Q 2022.

Tree Plantings

1. A conceptual design has been completed and reviewed by Port Authority staff.
2. We will be discussing the conceptual design with the HY/HK BID staff to get their comments

In addition, we cleaned up an area on PA property which is adjacent to Clinton Housing on 40th St in an effort to help them eliminate a rodent issue

Commission on Human Rights:

- Human Rights Law expanded to include Domestic Workers for employment protections -- <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/press-releases/339B-signing-press-release.pdf>

- Fair Chance Act updated to include protections for pending cases and more. Here's the new guide on criminal history protections in employment -- <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/publications/fca-guide-book.pdf>
- Here's our latest highlights of settlements, including a \$1 million fine against Fox News based on sexual harassment -- <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/enforcement/2021-settlements.page>
- Lastly, NYCCHR Commissioner & Chair Carmelyn P. Malalis is stepping down after 6 & ½ years leading the agency, effective October 1st.

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, October 20th at 10am

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.

Top 30 Complaints

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SRs - Top 30 by CB TEST Pivot Table (2)

Descriptor 1	# of SRs
Noise: Construction Before/After Hours (NM1)	44
Dirty Water (WE)	19
Noise: Construction Equipment (NC1)	16
Noise, Barking Dog (NR5)	13
Taste/Odor, Musty/Stale (QA4)	12
Hydrant Running Full (WA4)	11
Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment (NV1)	11
Lead Kit Request (Residential) (L10)	10
Hydrant Running (WC3)	9
Noise: Jack Hammering (NC2)	9
Air: Odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling (AD3)	8
Leak (Use Comments) (WA2)	8
Catch Basin Clogged/Flooding (Use Comments) (SC)	7
Hydrant Leaking (WC1)	5
Fire Hydrant Emergency (FHE)	4
Manhole Cover Missing (Emergency) (SA3)	4
Sewer Odor (SA2)	4
Street Flooding (SJ)	4
Taste/Odor, Bitter/Metallic (QA3)	4
Taste/Odor, Chemical (QA2)	4
Other Water Problem (Use Comments) (WZZ)	3
unknown odor/taste in drinking water (QA6)	3
Air: Dust, Construction/Demolition (AE4)	2
Chemical Spill/Release (HA1)	2
Hydrant Defective (WC2)	2
Manhole Cover Broken/Making Noise (SB)	2
Noise, Ice Cream Truck (NR4)	2
Unsafe Chemical, Abandoned (HC2)	2
Air: Odor/Fumes, Restaurant (AD2)	1
Air: Other Air Problem (Use Comments) (AZZ)	1
Air: Smoke, Chimney or vent (AS1)	1
Catch Basin Sunken/Damaged/Raised (SC1)	1
Chemical Odor (HD1)	1
Culvert Blocked/Needs Cleaning (SE)	1
Hydrant Knocked Over/Missing (WC)	1
LOW WATER PRESSURE - WLWP	1
No Water (WNW)	1
Noise: Alarms (NR3)	1
Oil, Grease In Water (QD1)	1
Other Sewer Problem (Use Comments) (SZZ)	1

Plate Missing/Moved-Exposing Hole (SB4)

1

Possible Water Main Break (Use Comments) (WA1)

1

Taste/Odor, Sewer (QA5)

1

Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
August 19, 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 Thu 8/19 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 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 spring, this area has been largely free of homeless activity.

56th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Several S2HM caseload clients were bedded down in this location in June, but they left their encampment on or around 6/18. Since then, this location has remained mostly clear of homeless activity and material.

55th St and 10th Ave

Outreach teams continue to visit this location in response to the reemergence of an encampment behind Independence High School in July. The encampment was short-lived, however, and this location has remained mostly clear of homeless activity and material over the last few weeks.

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 remained mostly free of homeless activity for the last few months. A homeless couple recently established a small encampment here, however, so outreach has again started making frequent visits with the goal of moving these new clients quickly into transitional housing. This location was recently added to the Daily Priority Cleanings Initiative.

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 few clients who remain.

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 the spring 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. At present, one caseload client of concern is encountered sporadically.

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.

39th St bet 10th Ave and 11th Ave [New Location]

Several caseload clients from disbanded encampments nearby have established a new encampment on this block. Outreach teams and case managers have been visiting this location on a daily basis in response. All clients are now actively working with case managers on transitional housing placements. This location is scheduled for DHS/DSNY cleanup on 8/24.

38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams visit this former encampment location at least daily and are working to connect the few 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 remaining encampment on this block on a near-daily basis, 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 29th St

Outreach teams canvass this long stretch of 6th Ave at least daily in response to community concerns. Over the past month, homeless and related activity at this location has fluctuated; however, S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population it has attracted, particularly between 23rd St and 24th St. In addition, 6th Ave between 27th St and 28th St was recently added to the Daily Priority Cleanings Initiative.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Thu 8/19:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client's Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility Type</i>	<i>Borough</i>
7/28	Penn Station vicinity	Safe Haven	Bronx
7/29	34 St & 9 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
8/4	53 St & 6 Ave	Stabilization Bed Facility	Manhattan
8/4	43 St & Broadway	Drop-In Center	Manhattan
8/6	Port Authority vicinity	Safe Haven	Manhattan
8/7	42 St & 9 Ave	City Shelter	Manhattan
8/12	Chelsea Park	Stabilization Bed Facility	Manhattan
8/12	Chelsea Park	Safe Haven	Bronx
8/12	31 St & 8 Ave	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
8/16	28 St & 5 Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
8/18	30 St bet 6 & 7 Aves	Safe Haven	Manhattan
8/18	54 St bet 8 & 9 Aves	Safe Haven	Queens
8/19	37 St & 5 Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx