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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Time: 10:00am

A G E N D A

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

- Precincts Issues:
 - **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - New: Illegal parking
 - Bus stop at West 35th /9th Ave
 - On the new pedestrian areas on Dyer Avenue: **Mostly officer vehicles and will inform new officers not to park in the area. Also lost the impound lot and some vehicles are there because of crimes**
 - On sidewalk at West 35th (9th-Dyer)
 - Update: New Midtown Business Recovery initiative: **Is back on a smaller level. Currently have 30 officers**
 - Ongoing: Crime **Reduction Overtime: Is still there with 8 officers.**
 - **Midtown North:**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 56th St/12th Ave, W 48th/8th Ave**

- Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny, Robberies, Felony Assaults**
- Top Quality of Life Issues: **homeless, noise complaints from commercial establishments, narcotics**
- Coordinate Street Sweeping on West 54 Street: **Still working on scheduling**
- Meeting with Turn Style at Columbus Circle: **Still working on it**

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

- DHS Report:
 - Ongoing: West 17th Street and 7th Ave – Individual with shopping carts and garbage bags: **Feb 12th a cleaning was attempted. 5 attempts in total but they have been challenging. The individual is very aggressive. Thank you to NYPD for assisting DHS.**
 - Ongoing: 9th Ave and West 59th Street – Individual encampment: **Does not have an update on this location**
- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: **See attachment**
 - Ongoing: West 17th Street and 7th Ave – Individual with shopping carts and garbage bags:
 - Ongoing: 9th Ave and West 59th Street – Individual encampment
- Urban Pathways:

Travelers Safe Haven 274 W 40th Street/ Annex 301 W 48th Street: Service 36 clients. Currently target placement is 15 and have placed 12 clients and 5 pending move outs.

DOT:

- New:
 - Update: Concrete Pedestrian Islands on 11th Avenue: **Will begin excavation in the next few weeks. The work will begin on W 43rd Street and go north towards W 56th Street. Still looking into the request for tree pits**
- Ongoing:
 - Status of bike corrals at West 25th Street 6th/7th Avenues: **Discussions are still ongoing. No set time for installation**

DSNY

- Ongoing: Dump Outs/Illegal dumping: **Continues to services locations for dumpouts/drop offs**

- West 47th/48th Street and 9th Avenue
- West 52nd Street and 9th Avenue
- **9 ave from 39 to 37 sts remains a hot location for drop offs too**
- **Enforcement**

DOB

- **New:**
 - 452 W 36th Street– Vacate Order and sealing of the building: **Inspected and found the building to be adequately sealed**
- **Updates:**
 - Results of interior inspection of 412 West 46th Street: **The building is scheduled to be demo. The building is structurally unsafe**
 - Vacate at 233 West 20th Street: **Performed a follow-up inspection. The building is not being used**
 - Building protection of 343 West 47 Street: **Things seem to be good to go**
- **Stop Work Orders**
 - 317-319 West 35 Street: **Same, no movement but discussions happening internally**

DOHMH

- **Ongoing:** Increase in rat siting on West 29th Street 8/9 Aves: **No update**
- **Ongoing:** Rodent issues on West 47/48 Streets 8th-10th Avenues: **Event taking place this week**

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: Spring 2022:*
 - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: **Summer 2022: The project may be delayed and completion date may change. The work is on 9th Avenue between W 31st St. & W 33rd St.**
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Spring 2022: **The project has been extending and approved. New Completion Date is**

Summer 2023. Currently on W 20th between 10th/11th Avenues and doing excavations.

- HWMP2020 – Gansevoort Area Reconstruction – Sofia Noboa – Completion Date: Summer 2022: **No update since the meeting that was held.**
- HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: NA: **Contractor is still working on ConEd work and no completion date as of yet.**

DPR

- Park Manager General Report: **New Commissioner: Commissioner Donahue and New First Deputy Commissioner: Iris Rodriguez Rosa. Some minor decreased at the dumping locations that was sent to MCB4. Chelsea Park: new encampments and Dewitt Park (W52nd St 11th/12th): Man has encamped in citibike area.**

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: **Work is happening on W 52nd Street (9/10) that is happening on weekdays until the end of the month.**

PANYNJ

- Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: **Project continues to progress and on track to complete the work by end of 2022**
- 9th Avenue Truss Work: **Completed**
- Tree Plantings: **Drawings were sent to community groups for review and received comments.**
- Facility\Operation Updates: **No updates**

DFTA

- **Meals are still available at DFTA Adult Centers, some are offering grab n go. Pantries are still open.**

OEM

Donations After Disasters

- **NYC has seen several large-scale emergencies recently that sparked a large number of in-kind donations.**
- **While we always appreciate NYers wanting to help their neighbors, the best way to help is by donating cash, or gift cards, to trusted local organizations— or the Mayor’s Fund if a specific fund is activated**
- **By donating cash or gift cards, you give those affected a sense of control and the ability to purchase items that will make them comfortable or are culturally appropriate for them.**

2021-2022 John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service Applications are Due March 21st at midnight

- The John D. Solomon Fellowship is a student fellowship devoted specifically to emergency management. This program provides 10 graduate students with the opportunity to complete a nine-month, paid fellowship in an agency of the New York City government or a nonprofit organization.
- For application, eligibility requirements, and selection details visit, <http://www.nyc.gov/johndsolomonfellowship>.

Request a Ready New York Event

- Take the next step to preparedness and request a virtual emergency preparedness presentation.
- Through the program, you can learn about the hazards you may face in New York City and prepare for all types of emergencies by writing an emergency plan, choosing a meeting place, gathering supplies for your home, and preparing a Go Bag in case you need to leave your home in a hurry.
- Request a virtual Ready NY event or material via email at intergov@oem.nyc.gov

General Information

Sign up to Notify NYC to receive New York City's official information about emergency alerts and important City services. Visit nyc.gov/notifynyc, call 311, follow Notify NYC on Twitter, or download the free mobile application for your Apple or Android device. Individuals can receive notifications in 13 languages, as well as American Sign Language.

Please reach out to intergov@oem.nyc.gov with any questions.

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, April 20th, 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
March 15, 2022 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 Monday 10/18 include:

Columbus Circle

Outreach teams report that this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several months. On occasion unknown individuals are encountered bedded down overnight and early morning. Increasing cold weather and heavy police presence has discouraged panhandlers as of late.

58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy

Previously, outreach teams, case managers, and supervisors had a daily presence here for many months due to the proliferation of complex encampments. More recently, this area has been largely free of homeless activity, with only a single individual returning regularly. Fencing was placed shortly after which continued to deter influx of homeless activity. The area will continue to be monitored for activity. The one remaining frequent visitor to this area is in regular contact with outreach.

59th St and 9th Ave

A large encampment has developed this area, which has repeatedly been moved by the inhabitant between 58th Street and 60th Street on this avenue. Breaking Ground outreach staff are making frequent contact with this individual as well as collaborating with Uptown Goddard in order to coordinate efforts to assist this client in preparing to accept placement.

57th St and 9th Ave

This location has been frequented by numerous homeless individuals; however, after several recent 2 placements by outreach, activity has been greatly reduced.

DeWitt Clinton Park

Outreach has been canvassing and reporting on this location frequently. A few clients are regularly observed passing through, as well as an individual who is a frequent visitor to this park. Rapport will continue to be built with these individuals around accepting placement services.

52nd St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

This location, which was formerly home to a large encampment, has been cleared of homeless material. Only transient homeless activity has been observed.

51st St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

This location used to be a hot spot but currently one homeless individual continues to bed down at this location on a somewhat regular basis. Outreach teams visit this location regularly to engage and build rapport

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 47th St and 48th St. Many individuals engaged on this stretch come and go which makes rapport building quite difficult. Caseload clients, less frequently engaged in the area, tend to be connected to transitional housing services or in the referral process.

42nd St bet 7th 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 have 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. Outreach teams continue to note significant 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 section of 8th Ave has been less active at night.

Chelsea Park

Outreach teams visit this mainstay of homeless activity multiple times through out the day every day. During the day, there is a steady flow of transient homeless activity and at night handful of highly entrenched homeless individuals bed down regularly. In order to address a variety of obstacles toward housing, S2HM coordinates with several other social agencies to provide services to the homeless

11th Ave and 48th St.

An encampment exists at this location that is occupied by an individual who has been highly entrenched on the street. Our outreach teams have been working with them toward accepting services over a long period of time and have been frequently monitoring their safety in the meantime

34th St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave

Although homeless activity has decreased in comparison to the past, homeless individuals continue to be encountered, especially near the corner of 34th St and 8th Ave.

41st St bet 10th Ave and Dyer Ave

Homeless activity at this location fluctuated but has since decreased dramatically. Following increased S2HM outreach efforts and collaboration with community stakeholders, the location remains clear of encampments.

39th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

Outreach teams visit this area weekly and are working to connect the individuals randomly observed bedded down here to housing and other services.

39th St bet 10th Ave and 11th Ave

Activity has greatly reduced in this once highly active encampment site. Outreach teams and case managers visited this location weekly and have reported a decline in homeless activity.

38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave

This once prominent encampment location has since been removed and a welcome location to unknown homeless individuals who are resistant to transitional housing services. Outreach teams are working to build rapport with these individuals to explore housing options available to them.

Dyer Ave bet 34th St and 36th St

Outreach teams visit this active panhandling location often due to fluctuating homeless activity. More recently, a couple of clients bed down here overnight have received placement. Outreach teams regularly find placement for individuals who frequent this area and are working to locate appropriate placement for other individuals although drug use has remained a barrier in them accepting housing.

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 is significant. Overnight teams visit this location nightly and are working to connect clients to caseload services and transitional housing opportunities.

30th St bet 9th and Dyer

Staff are continuing to work to connect the few individuals observed infrequently bedded down here to

housing and other services.

23rd St bet 7th Ave and 8th Ave

Outreach teams visits this encampment multiple times daily. 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.

6th Ave bet 23rd St and 29th St

S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population attracted to this area, particularly between 23rd St and 24th St. Several individuals who regularly frequent this location have been working closely with outreach teams to overcome barriers to housing.

*Considering the recent unprovoked attacks on bedded down homeless persons, all BG outreach teams have been advised to warn everyone they encounter, ask them to be especially vigilant and to reconsider placement at stabilization beds, safe havens, shelters, and respite programs during these difficult days.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Tuesday 3/15:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client's Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility Type</i>	<i>Borough</i>
2/23	35 th St & 8 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
2/25	28 th & 9 th Ave	Stabilization Bed Program	Manhattan
2/28	W 31 st bet 8 th & 9 th Ave	Stabilization Bed Program	Manhattan
3/1	34 St and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
3/2	58 th St and 12 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
3/2	51 st St bet 9 th and 10 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
3/10	42 nd St bet 11 th and 12 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan

Top 30 Complaints

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Descriptor 1	# of SRs
Noise: Construction Before/After Hours (NM1)	75
Lead Kit Request (Residential) (L10)	19
Noise, Barking Dog (NR5)	18
Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment (NV1)	16
Noise: Construction Equipment (NC1)	15
Leak (Use Comments) (WA2)	14
Hydrant Leaking (WC1)	6
Manhole Cover Broken/Making Noise (SB)	6
Noise: Jack Hammering (NC2)	6
Possible Water Main Break (Use Comments) (WA1)	6
Dirty Water (WE)	5
Hydrant Running (WC3)	5
No Water (WNW)	3
Noise: Alarms (NR3)	3
Noise: Private Carting Noise (NQ1)	3
Air: Dust, Construction/Demolition (AE4)	2
Air: Odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling (AD3)	2
Asbestos Complaint (B1)	2
Catch Basin Sunken/Damaged/Raised (SC1)	2
Excessive Water In Basement (WEFB)	2
LOW WATER PRESSURE - WLWP	2
Taste/Odor, Bitter/Metallic (QA3)	2
Air: Other Air Problem (Use Comments) (AZZ)	1
Air: Smoke, Chimney or vent (AS1)	1
Air: Smoke, Vehicular (AA4)	1
Grease In Sewer/Catch Basin (IDG)	1
Hydrant Running Full (WA4)	1
Manhole Cover Missing (Emergency) (SA3)	1
Manhole Overflow (Use Comments) (SA1)	1
Noise: Manufacturing Noise (NK1)	1
Other Sewer Problem (Use Comments) (SZZ)	1
Other Water Problem (Use Comments) (WZZ)	1
Sewer Backup (Use Comments) (SA)	1
Street Flooding (SJ)	1
Unsafe Chemical, Storage (HC1)	1
Wasting Faucets,Sinks,Flushometer,Urinal,Etc. - Other (CWO)	1
unknown odor/taste in drinking water (QA6)	1