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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 19th, 2022
Time: 10:00am

A G E N D A

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

- Precincts Issues:
 - **10th Precinct:**
 - COVID impact on district staffing: **1/3 of the command had contracted Covid but most have returned**
 - Top Collision prone location: **No locations to report**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies; Felony Assault; Grand Larceny Auto**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness (W 23rd Street (7/8))**
 - **13th Precinct:**
 - COVID impact on district staffing: **Almost back to full staffing**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 27th St./7th Ave; W 23rd St./6th Ave; W 23rd St./7th Ave**
 - Top three major crimes: **Robberies, Grand Larceny, Grand Larceny Auto**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise from Bars/Clubs; Homelessness, Bikes on sidewalks**
 - **Midtown South Precinct:**
 - COVID impact on district staffing: **At the beginning of the year had 100 officers out but only 10 officers out currently due to covid**
 - Top Collision prone location: **W 42nd St./8th Ave**

- Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny, Burglary, Robberies**
- Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness, Narcotics, Noise**
- Ongoing: Crime Reduction Overtime Program - 3pm -11pm. 8/9 Ave West 36-47 St.: **Still taking place and will not end any time soon**
- Ongoing: Midtown Business Recovery initiative: **Still ongoing and moved to the old traffic building on W 30th Street**
- New: Illegal parking in bus stop at 8th Ave and W. 43/44 St: **Continuing to monitor and enforce. 100+ summons issued in the area for parking in the bus stop**
- **Midtown North: see attachment**
 - COVID impact on district staffing:
 - Top Collision prone location:
 - Top three major crimes:
 - Top Quality of Life Issues:
 - Coordinate Street Sweeping on West 54 Street:

FDNY/EMS

- COVID impact on district staffing: **At the beginning of the year 75 staff members with covid.**
- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **Structural Fires: 27; Non-Structural Fires: 17; Suspicious Fires: 100; Non-Medical Emergencies: 349; Medical Emergencies: 603; False Alarms: 20; Total Incidents: 1,016**
- **343 W 47th Street Fire: Fire seems to be intentionally set**

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

District Report

- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: **See attachment**
 - Ongoing: West 15th Street and 7th Ave – Individual with shopping carts and garbage bags:
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report: **There has been a struggle near bus terminal to get people inside and to take services. There is a drug issue there. At the Annex: there are 18 beds.**

DOT:

- COVID impact on district staffing: **Have been having staffing shortages. There is a plan to hire additional inspectors**

- **New:** Status of bike corrals at West 25th Street 6/7 Avenues: **It is in the operator's best interest to use the south curb without the cargo bike corral**

DSNY

- COVID impact on district staffing: **Beginning of year 30 staffers with covid**
- **Ongoing:** Illegal dumping:
 - West 47th/48th Street and 9th Avenue:
 - West 52nd Street and 9th Avenue: **Walk thru is taking place next week with CM Bottcher office**
- Other Illegal Dumping Locations:
- **Enforcement Report**
 - 410 & 412 West 46th Street:

DOB

- COVID impact on district staffing: **Beginning of the year only 2 staffers out with covid**
- **Ongoing:**
 - Inspection of 412 West 46th Street: **DOB & HPD had a joint inspection and waiting for a report on it**
- **Stop Work Orders**
 - 317-319 West 35th Street: **Stop work order remains**
 - 343 West 47th Street: **The engineer for the property sent a letter saying to building is unsound and need to be demolished but DOB went out with the engineer and found the building to be sound.**
- **New:** Possible illegal use at 233 West 20th Street: **Inspection was done on Jan 10th and no violations found. Jan 12th tried to gain access again but was not able to do so**

DOHMH:

- **Inspections team have been redeployed to assist in Key to NYC enforcement so all of our 311 complaints are being triaged based on urgency and our folks are working as best as they can to get to their usual work.**
- **The State has issued new guidance around quarantine**
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-contact-tracing>

- **Everyone is encouraged to get their booster shot and to continue wearing a mask indoors especially when social distancing cannot be maintained.**
- **The federal government announced 4 at home test kits per residential address (if multiple families share one address, only 4 will be sent). To order- [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)**

DEP/DDC

- **DDC**
 - COVID impact on district staffing
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – Water Main Installation 9th Ave West 50s Street -Wayne Brown – Completion Date: November 2021: **The project is on hold until March or April until a decision is made about sidewalk cafes**
 - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: Summer 2022: **The contractor completely move off W 30th Street/Dyer Avenue. Still working on the westside of 9th Avenue/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: **Done on W 21st St. Will start construction on W 20th St and moving equipment there**
 - HWMP2020 – Gansevoort Area Reconstruction – Sofia Noboa – Completion Date: **Spring 2022: Gas main installation has been completed.**
 - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: NA: **Project is at a stand still because of the holidays and have not been able to resume work because have not received the drawings form the utility companies.**

Con Edison:

- COVID impact on district staffing: **Continuing to work with a priority on maintaining service and safety. (And my team is still around, so you can ask us any questions!)**
- Current work locations within CD4: **West 37th Street between 10th and Dyer. Gas Work Continuing through the end of next month. Work Happening M-F 7 am to 3 pm;**
- **As a reminder, if you smell gas please call 911 immediately.**

- **Billing Concerns: Check www.coned.com/billhelp We have programs to help with large bills. Also our call center is the first location for anyone dealing with any kind of billing issue or discrepancy.**
- **We will be sending out emails for electeds/CB to update their emergency contacts. Please confirm or update your information.**

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- **COVID impact on district staffing: Beginning of the year was hit hard with covid**
- **Facility\Operation Updates**
 - **Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: Both gantries and sign bridges were installed. Roadway slabs have been replaced**
 - **9th Avenue Truss Work: the sprinting was completed. There was some delays in the concrete work but will begin next week**
 - **Tree Plantings: Waiting on presentation and discussion on the work**

DCWP

- **NYC Free Tax Prep 2022 Season: Families with income of \$72,000 or less and single filers with income of \$50,000 or less in 2021 can use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free.**

We will be share more updates with the community board via email next week when we launch this campaign for the 2022 Tax Season. You can visit www.nyc.gov/taxprep for the latest updates. (The website is in the process of being updated.)

NYC Paid Safe and Sick leave:

COVID-19 and Paid Sick Leave. Workers who have COVID-19 or were in contact with someone with COVID-19 can get sick leave (time off) regardless of immigration status. State and local laws let workers take time off to care for themselves or a family member.

SPECIAL LEAVE FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE. Workers get additional leave under CITY law to get their kids vaccinated. Workers get 4 additional hours of sick leave for EACH child; and EACH vaccine injection. Employers cannot mistreat or punish workers for using or asking for sick leave.

Download a summary of the paid sick leave laws in English. Translations will be available soon. Visit nyc.gov/workers for more information.

Delivery Workers:

NYC recently passed a suite of new legislation regulating the online third-party food delivery service ("delivery apps") industry in NYC and providing legal workplace protections for delivery workers. See a summary of the rights below or download our palm card in English. Note we will have additional translations soon.

Starting January 24, 2022:

(only if you work for apps that take customer orders directly)

- Apps must tell you how much the customer tips for each delivery.
- Apps must tell you your total pay and tips for the previous day.
- You may have better access to restaurant bathrooms when you pick up orders.

Starting April 22, 2022:

- You have more control over your deliveries. You can limit how far you will go from restaurants and refuse to use bridges or tunnels.
- Apps must tell you route details before you accept a delivery. Must include address for pickup, estimated time and distance for trip, tip if known, pay.
- Apps must pay you at least once a week. Apps cannot charge a fee to process your payment.
- Apps must give you a free insulated food delivery bag after 6 deliveries.

Starting January 1, 2023:

- Apps must pay you the new minimum pay rate that the City will set.
- Beginning January 24, 2022, workers can file a complaint about apps that do not provide required disclosures or restaurants that do not provide bathroom access. To file a complaint, email OLPS@dca.nyc.gov.

NYC Commission on Human Rights

- NYC Commission on Human Rights Chair and Commissioner Annabel Palma Statement on Deadly Bronx Fire, January 10, 2022 -- [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/press-releases/Statement On Bronx Fire.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/press-releases/Statement%20On%20Bronx%20Fire.pdf)

NYC Commission on Human Rights Chair and Commissioner, Annabel Palma Statement on the Passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, December 27, 2021 -- <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/press-releases/Desmond-Tutu-Statement.pdf>

New York City to require employers to post salary ranges in job postings to help close the pay gap -- <https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/15/us/nyc-law-mandatory-salary-ranges/index.html>

Additional Reports, including updates on any policy or personal changes

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, February 16th, 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.