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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022
Time: 10:00am

A G E N D A

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

- Precincts Issues:
 - **10th Precinct:**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 41st Street & 10th Avenue**
 - Top three major crimes: **Murder; Rape; Felony Assault; Burglary; Grand Larceny**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: Homeless;
 - Nightlife – Robberies: **Two locations but an active investigation.**
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 - On-going: P.S. 11 320 West 21 Street & Deli 215 8th Avenue: **NCOs continue to monitor the location**
 - On-Going: 9th Avenue and West 39/40th Street – Squeegee\Narcotics: **Continue to make arrest but no recent complaints**
 - **13th Precinct**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations:
 - Top three major crimes: **Burglary; Grand Larceny; Grand Larceny Auto**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise; Homeless; Bikes on Sidewalk**
 - Nightlife – Robberies: **One location reported and because victim reported it at the hospital**

- On-going: people living in damaged vehicle at 144 West 15th Street: **Run into legal issues and waiting for registration to expire**
- **Midtown North**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 51st St/10th Ave; W 59th St/Columbus Circle; W 50th St/10th Ave**
 - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny; Robbery; Felony Assault**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homeless/Encampments; Eight-Ninth Avenue Traffic Patterns**

FDNY/EMS

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **Structural Fires: 27; Non-Structural Fires: 30; Medical Emergencies: 953; Non-Medical Emergencies: 539; Total Incidents: 1,549**

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

District Report

- DHS Report: **nothing reported**
- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: **See attachment**
 - New: Homeless Encampment - W. 21st Street (10th/11th Ave)
 - On-going: West 35th Street (9/10 Aves)
 - On-going: 556-60 W 52nd Street
 - On-Going: West 41 Street
 - On-Going: 38th Street (9/10 Aves)
- Goddard: Homeless Outreach Report:
 - **430 clients; 24 for transitional placements; for the district there are 4 transitional and streets and whereabouts 1.**
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report: **Slight uptick due to the weather; 10 homeless in the terminal.**

DOT

- New: Nonfunctioning Streetlamps at West 36 Street (8/10 Aves): **Will look into when it will be fixed**
- Update: Open Restaurant Enforcement along 9th Avenue: **Enforcement continues to go out and have removed structures**
- On-going: Bike Ambassador Program Request for West 47/48 Street: **Will touch base in the new year**

DSNY

- New: Containerization Pilot on West 45th Street: **Began on 12/13/2022, a private company cleans around the bins and DSNY just removes the bags.**
- **Homeless cleanup continues to be a priority, 620 12th Avenue is a pressing location, amongst others like W 41st Street**
- **Assisting DOT in the dining structure removal**
- **The TNT Program that cleans up the highways, parks.**

DOB

- **On-going:**
 - 201 West 14th Street – Vacate Order: **Full Stop Work Order in October and issued a vacate order and residents were allowed to go in and get belongings.**
 - 412 West 46 Street – Stabilization: **There was a potential buyer and 95% of the shoring work but discovered there is an issue with the deed and it cannot be transferred. Two emergency declarations because there is no roof, requested HPD to go in and do the work**
 - 343 West 47 Street: **Owners needed to file for permits with DCP. DOB issued violations.**
 - 317-319 West 35 Street CB's request for FSWO: **DOB is looking into this and working on getting a response for the board**

DOHMH:

- Ongoing: Rats in rear wall at Chelsea Green Park - 140 W 20th St: **No updates**
- **Other updates: Increase in viral infections: The Commissioner did issue an advisory to wear face coverings indoors and outdoors in large crowds**

DEP/DDC

- **DEP**
 - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **Total Calls: 284; Noise Construction before/after hours: 112; Noise Construction Equipment: 27; Dirty Water: 16; Noise Barking Dog: 16; Noise Air Conditioner Unit Ventilation Equipment: 16**
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED 609 – Water Main Installation 9th Ave West 50s Street - Wayne Brown – Completion Date: Winter 2022: **Work is almost complete**
 - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30th Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: 2022:

- MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Summer 2023: **Still working on excavations for catch basin for Con Ed.**
- HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-35 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Tentative – Summer 2023: **Since November there has been no construction due to DOT Holiday Embargo. Once works resumes it will be night work.**

DPR

- Park Manager General Report:
 - **Mulch Fest will be January 7th & 8th at Dewitt Clinton Park**
 - **A New Borough Commissioner Perez & CM Bottcher announced the plans to plant 1000 trees in the district**
- Ongoing: Rats in rear wall at Chelsea Green Park - 140 W 20th St
 - **Encampments by Dewitt Clinton Park, on W 54th Street and W 52nd Street side. Sanitation reports that on 12/20/22 they were there to do a cleanup with DHS.**

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: **No updates on work locations**
- **Deadline to apply for the forgiveness program is December 31st.**

PANYNJ

- Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: **December 11th the tunnel went cashless; all PA Facilities are now cashless**
- **Tree guards were reinstalled**
- Other Facility\Operation Updates: **National Guard works 9am-5pm Monday – Friday and 9am-2pm Saturday & Sunday, offering services to migrants that arrive or return to the terminal for assistance. There was an uptick with 8 buses with 300 migrants.**
- **Holland Tunnel Sandy Repair: Phase 2 about to begin in February 2023. The work will be done 6 days a week and night hours but no work Saturday night into Sunday**

CM Bottcher

- **A meeting took place with NYPD about gay men being drugged and robbed.**
- **Someone broke into the CM Bottcher office & home. The person involved have been identified**

DANY

- **DA Bragg was joined by some elected officials and community members to announce a funding opportunity for programs specifically**

gauge towards addressing the mental health crisis in the borough of Manhattan. This opportunity is for 9 million dollars.

MTA

1. **28th Street Substation Project:**
 - a. Attending MCB4 Transportation meeting tonight for an update. First meeting with the contractor.
 - b. Will begin construction, boots on the ground January 16th.
 - c. No parking signs will be posted on January 13, 2022.
 - d. Launching the Construction Advisory committee on January 12th. MCB4 Chair and District manager will both be invited to be on the committee, and Chair can be represented by any member of CB4. Elected officials and relevant agencies as well as Penn South will be invited to participate. Invitations will go out today or tomorrow.
2. CB4 and others attended a site visit for the vent work project that will be starting soon on 8th avenue in Chelsea 24th to 25th street. Work on will be starting in February.
3. 8th Avenue vent work 42 – 45 Streets is wrapping up and should be done by the end of December.
4. We were looped in on a complaint about safety conditions at the 23 Street A C E subway access point. Safety in our stations and on the subway remains a focus for us and we are working with both the NYPD and other city agencies to ensure all parts of the system are safe. NYPD is aware and keeping an eye on the location, and we are considering additional safety measures.
5. CM Bottcher's team joined us for a tour of the construction site at the 14 Street 6th and 7th Avenue Station Complex Accessibility Enhancement Project. We will have a presentation with an project update for the community sometime in February.

Manhattan Outreach Consortium

- Total on caseload : 417 last month , 430 now
- Added to caseload last month : 6
- Total perm placements : 18
- Total transitional placements : 24

For CB4 District

- Transitional : 4
- Streets/Whereabouts : 1
- Permanent : 0

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, January 18th, 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
December 21, 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, East River to Hudson River.

Neighborhood Homeless Outreach Efforts

BG S2HM conducts street outreach to homeless individuals in the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods daily 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. Last month S2HM Outreach conducted a walkthrough of some of the encampment locations with MOC, DA, and NYPD to assess homeless activity in surrounding Chain Theater area located on West 36th St and 8th Ave. 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 12/12 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 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 throughout 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. 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.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements for the four weeks ended Tuesday 12/13:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Client's Street Location</i>	<i>Placement Facility Type</i>	<i>Borough</i>
11/18	45 th and Broadway	Safe Haven	Manhattan
11/28	54 th and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/02	47 th bet 9 th Ave and 10 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/09	23 rd and Madison Ave	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
12/12	55 th and 7 th Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan