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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Time: 10:00am

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

- Precincts Issues:
 - **10th Precinct:**
 - On-going: P.S. 11 320 West 21 Street: **The CO has made updates via emails.**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **no locations to report**
 - Top three major crimes: **grand larceny; felony assault; burglary**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: homelessness,
 - Nightlife – Robberies: **a borough pattern & have a few suspects.**
 - **Midtown North:**
 - Enforcement actions at 410 West 46 Street: **There is now a new super.**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **no locations to report**
 - Top three major crimes: **grand larceny, burglary, felony assault**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Watson Hotel (over 300, 311 complaints);**

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

District Report

- DHS Report
 - Encampments: **No Reports**
 - West 39 Street (10/11 Aves) Encampment:
 - West 36 Street (8/9 Aves)
 - West 21st Street (10th/11th Ave)
 - Dewitt Clinton Park Encampment
- Breaking Ground: Homeless Outreach Report: **See attachment**
 - New: 9th Avenue between West 56-57 Street
 - 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)
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- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report: **5 active people that are there every day. There is an uptick of migrants that are arriving not on buses but from the airports and being told to go to the bus terminal.**

DOT

- New: Nonfunctioning Streetlamps at West 36 Street (8/10 Aves): **will get an update for us**
- Update: Open Restaurant Enforcement along 9th Avenue: **Continue to work with Restaurant owners and do enforcement**

DSNY

- New: Containerization Pilot on West 45th Street: **Adding additional bins, it is felt that garbage overflows and DSNY has begun to issue summons to building owners.**
- Ongoing: Dump Outs\Illegal dumping locations: **9th Avenue/W 30th Street**
- **Enforcement Report**

DOB

- **On-going:**
 - Update: 201 West 14th Street – Vacate Order: **Checked on site last week and had a conversation with the owner about the repairs that still need to be done so the vacate order can be lifted.**
 - Update: 412 West 46 Street – Stabilization: **95% of shoring has been completed.**
 - 317-319 West 35 Street CB's request for FSWO and Meeting: **Still working on a response to the letter**

DOHMH:

- Ongoing: Rats in rear wall at Chelsea Green Park - 140 W 20th St: **No updates**
- **Other updates:**

DEP/DDC

- **DEP** – **see attachment.**
 - Top three DEP 311 complaints
- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Summer 2023: **Still Excavating on W 20th Street**
 - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8th/9th Avenue & 8th Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Tentative – Summer 2023: **Currently working on northwest and southwest intersection of W 34th St/8th Ave on ConEd utility work.**

DPR

- Park Manager General Report: **On top of the encampments in the parks**
- Ongoing: Rats in rear wall at Chelsea Green Park - 140 W 20th St.: **Staying on top on the issue**

Con Edison

- Current work locations within CD4: **No work reports to provide.**

PANYNJ

- Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: **Completed**
- Impact of Holland Tunnel Closures in Lincoln Tunnel Operations: **On February 5th the night closure of the north tube will be closed for repair work. Hours of work Sunday – Thursday 11pm-530am; Friday 1159pm – 9am.**
- Other Facility\Operation Updates:

NYC Emergency Mangement

- **New York City experiences a number of different emergencies that cause people to want to make donations. we always appreciate New Yorkers wanting to help their neighbors. The best way to do so is by doing it in cash or gift cards to trusted local organizations or their marriage fund. If a specific fund is activated many times, donating in kind donations such as old clothing or supplies, is unsustainable 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 and are culturally appropriate.

- Also New York City Community emergency response team, better known as cert, is now recruiting for dedicated volunteers who help to prepare their neighbors and communities for different types of disasters. Certain members receive intensive training and emergency preparedness, fire, safety, light, search and rescue, disaster. Medical operations and more. 2 classes are scheduled to begin in February. One class will meet on a Monday, Wednesday schedule and the other on it's a Thursday schedule. The 11 session training will be delivered as a hybrid training. If you're 18 or older and want to join, sir, please complete the online application at [Nyc.Gov/](https://nyc.gov/) and please take this next step to prepared this and request an in-person or virtual emergency preparedness presentation through the ready New York program. You can learn about 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 prepare and go back in case you need to leave your home in a hurry to request a ready New York event or materials. Please email Intergov@Oem.nyc.Gov

DANY

- No work reports to provide. We released our 2022 year in review in our newsletter and recently actually released the Rfp. That is pursuing our significant funding opportunity for service providers and other organizations. who have peer navigator programs that can help address things like mental health, and substance abuse engaging with community members on the streets. we specifically announced or released rather the Rfp. For that neighborhood or community navigators portion that will intervene with individuals before they enter the criminal justice.

Center for Urban Community Service

- Caseload-415
- Added to caseload-26
- Safe Haven placements-29
- Stabilization placements 3
- Permanent placements 8

- For CB4 District: Transitional placement 4; Street-2; Street/Whereabouts-0

NYC Department for the Aging

- Our Commissioner, Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, has joined with Senator Kristen Gillibrand calling for a federal increase in funding for nutrition programs. In a bipartisan letter, Senator Gillibrand

urged her colleagues to provide an additional \$1.9 million in funding for the Older American Act Nutrition Program.

- **The full commissioner's column can be found on the NYC Aging website.**

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, February 15th, 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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Descriptor 1	# of SRs
Noise: Construction Before/After Hours (NM1)	56
Noise, Barking Dog (NR5)	17
Noise: Construction Equipment (NC1)	15
Noise: air condition/ventilation equipment (NV1)	15
Air: Odor/Fumes, Vehicle Idling (AD3)	12
Lead Kit Request (Residential) (L10)	12
Leak (Use Comments) (WA2)	10
Dirty Water (WE)	9
Noise: Jack Hammering (NC2)	8
Manhole Cover Broken/Making Noise (SB)	6
Noise: Alarms (NR3)	6
Air: Smoke, Vehicular (AA4)	5
Manhole Cover Missing (Emergency) (SA3)	4
Other Sewer Problem (Use Comments) (SZZ)	4
Other Water Problem (Use Comments) (WZZ)	4
Possible Water Main Break (Use Comments) (WA1)	4
Air: Smoke, Chimney or vent (AS1)	3
Catch Basin Clogged/Flooding (Use Comments) (SC)	3
Hyd Valve Box Cover Missing (WV2)	3
Hydrant Defective (WC2)	3
Hydrant Leaking (WC1)	3
Hydrant Running Full (WA4)	3
Street Flooding (SJ)	3
Hydrant Running (WC3)	2
Noise: Private Carting Noise (NQ1)	2
Plate Noisy/Sunken/Raised (SB5)	2
Air: Dust, Construction/Demolition (AE4)	1
Air: Dust, Other (Use Comments) (AE5)	1
Air: Odor/Fumes, Other (Use Comments) (AD6)	1
Air: Other Air Problem (Use Comments) (AZZ)	1
Asbestos Complaint (B1)	1
Catch Basin Sunken/Damaged/Raised (SC1)	1
Chemical Odor (HD1)	1
Excessive Water In Basement (WEFB)	1
Manhole Sunken/Damaged/Raised (SB1)	1
No Water (WNW)	1
Noise: Manufacturing Noise (NK1)	1
Oil Spill On Street, Large (HQL)	1
Unsafe Chemical, Abandoned (HC2)	1
Wasting Faucets,Sinks,Flushometer,Urinal,Etc. - Other (CWO)	1

Total # 228

Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
January 18, 2023, 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 had a meeting at Chain Theatre with MOC, Councilman Eric Botcher's office, the Garment District, and NYPD to follow up with the homeless activity surrounding the 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 1/09 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.

8th Ave bet 36th St and 37th St (Chain Theatre area)

Outreach teams have frequently canvassed this location recently to address concerns regarding encampments and speaking with individuals who may attend the Housing Works program nearby to offer housing services.

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 01/10:

Date	Client's Street Location	Placement Facility Type	Borough
12/15	7 th Ave and 45 th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/16	33 rd and 3rd	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/16	42 nd and 8th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/19	31 st and 8th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
12/21	34 th and 7th	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
12/21	34 th and 7th	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
12/21	51 st and Park	Safe Haven	Bronx
12/22	51 st and Park	Safe Haven	Bronx
12/23	3 rd and 32nd	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/02	38 th bet 9 th and 10 th	Safe Haven	Bronx
01/05	55 th and 6th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/05	36 th and Dyer	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/05	36 th and Dyer	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
01/05	51 st and 7th	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
01/06	36 th and 8th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/06	8 th and 47th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/06	55 th and 10th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/06	Broadway bet. 44 th and 45th	Safe Haven	Manhattan
01/07	34 th and Broadway	Safe Haven	Manhattan