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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 17th, 2024
Time: 10:00am

- **NYPD**
 - **13th Pct. Monthly Reports:**
 - Top three major crimes & Locations of Concern: **Grand Larceny; Grand Larceny Auto; Burglaries**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise; Homelessness; E-bikes & Scooters**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **None to Report**
 - Cannabis Enforcement: **Continuing to do what is possible to enforce at this time**
 - **Midtown South Pct. Monthly Reports:**
 - Top three major crimes & Locations of Concern: **Robberies; Felony Assaults; Grand Larceny**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness & Noise**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 39th/9th & W 41st/8th**
 - Cannabis Enforcement
 - **Midtown North Pct. Monthly Reports:**
 - Top three major crimes & Locations of Concern: **Grand Larceny; Assaults; Robberies**
 - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise; Homelessness**
 - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **None to report**
 - Cannabis Enforcement: **Will begin enforcement of cannabis shops**
- **FDNY/EMS**
 - Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **Structural fires: 25; Nonstructural fires: 21; Medical emergencies: 831; Non-medical**

emergencies: 409; False alarms: 48; Total incidents for the month: 1,334

- **DHS & Homeless Outreach (DHS, Breaking Ground, Goddard, Urban Pathways) District Report**
 - Breaking Ground: **See attachment**
 - Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report - **See attachment**
 - Goddard: Homeless Outreach Report: **12 onto case flow; 9 permanent placements; 1335 transitional placements for CB4, 6 placements, 1 client that is currently in the street but working on getting them into a safe haven placement.**

- **DSNY**
 - Ongoing: Dump Outs\Illegal dumping locations
 - Ongoing: New encampment locations: **W 40th St (9/10) – See attached photos. There are even homeless individuals living outside DHS Headquarters on 11th Ave and 26th Street.**

- **DOB “Milcah Ann Holmes-Thomas is our new liaison” and will be catching up on the below items**
 - **On-going:**
 - New: 517-525 West 45th Street - Response to MCB4 Letter
 - Ongoing: 343 West 47 Street Condition of Sidewalk shed and scaffolding
 - Ongoing - 317-319 West 35 Street CB’s request for FSWO and Meeting
 - Ongoing - 435 West 48 Street – Possible Illegal Demo – PSWO
 - Ongoing: Status of SWO and audit at 410 West 49th Street

- **DEP/DDC**
 - **DEP**
 - Ongoing: Food Vendor Truck Playing music on West 56 Street (11/12th Ave) **Will report back**
 - Ongoing: Fresh Direct Truck Noise: **Will report back**
 - West 25th Street 6/7 Avenue
 - 9th Avenue W. 59th Street
 - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **251, 311 DEP related complaints. 69 after hours construction complaints; 20 noise**

from construction equipment complaints; 15 vehicle idling complaints; 17 a/c vent complaints

- **DDC**
 - Project Updates:
 - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10th/11th Ave and West 20th St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Complete – Only Street Restoration Remains: **The construction crew started assisting Con-Edison with the final road restoration on W. 20th Street between The Highline and 11th Avenue. We are currently waiting for Con-Edison to submit road restoration plans to DDC for approval so we can continue with final restorations.**
- **DPR & Hudson River Park Trust**
 - DPR Park Manager General Report: **Mulchefest tree chipping. A total of 660 trees, with 550 chipped on Saturday and 110 on Sunday.; The culprit illegally dumping Christmas tree clippings was indeed NYC Tree, located on 10th Avenue near 44th Street. A neighbor at Hells Kitchen Playground caught them in the act, and NYC Tree had the audacity to say Parks granted them permission to dump there. No permission was given.;** The district has eight certified, blood-borne pathogen removers, who can remove syringes in District 4 Parks. Park users are advised to leave syringes in parks and to call me and 311 to document each case. My cell number was given at the last Parks Committee meeting in response to community concern.
 - HRPT Report
- **Con Edison: Nothing to report**
- **PANYNJ**
 - Facility\Operation Updates: **A meeting is taking place with DOT re Dyer Ave & 9th Ave on later in the week.**
- **DANY**
 - **Seeing a really large uptick in phone scams. Not typically or not, probably the ones that this group is familiar with where you're getting scam calls or somebody sending you a link to click. But this is people seeing people finding ways to engineer a way into your phone in person. So whether that's you know, asking for a donation and asking to put in the information themselves on your phone or trying to memorize your password and sneaking your phone out of your pocket. Then utilizing your payment platforms, or, you know, bank apps to send themselves large sums of money. So we put out**

virtual, and we have a physical palm cards just to enumerate a few different steps. That you can take to protect your cellular devices, and also some steps. If you should become the victim of any of these instances some things that you could do right away to keep yourself safe.

- **NYC Human Rights**
 - We received notice from Council Member Bottchers office about an anti-semitic incident that occurred at a sushi restaurant in Chelsea. So we reached out to the owner about the incident, and provided some materials which he was very thankful for, and it was good conversation, and I don't know if there was any further follow up from I believe it's the tenth precinct but at that point it was about 3 weeks ago. They hadn't caught the guy that that vandalized part of their property.

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, February 21st, 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.

Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report
Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan
January 16th, 2024, 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 New York City Relief. S2HM also conducts joint outreach operations with street medicine teams and other outreach providers on an as-needed basis. S2HM Outreach continues to collaborate with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to meet with individuals who are interested in placements. We also revived relationships with the Woodstock network including the Coffee House to speak with individuals who are interested in placements. 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 8 weeks ended Tuesday 1/16/2024 include:

Columbus Circle: No specific encampment reported, but occasional individuals bedded down overnight and in the early morning have been noted. Increased police presence and colder temperatures are influencing the area.

58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy: This area is predominantly clear of homeless activity, except for a regular individual. The erected fencing seems to be deterring the establishment of encampments.

51st between 11th and West Side Hwy: An individual has established an encampment made of wood, plastic, and cardboard materials between 10th & 11th Avenue. This appears to be an isolated case, as no other encampments or individuals bedding down have been reported in the vicinity.

Broadway between 57th and 58th Street: No encampments reported, but engagement with a known individual and four unidentified individuals has occurred. Outreach teams are providing ongoing support in this area.

8th Ave between 34th and 33rd: A decrease in nocturnal occupancy has been observed, likely due to cooler weather. No specific encampments are mentioned.

Broadway between 27th and 25th St: Regular presence of a known individual bedding down is noted,

though this does not seem to constitute an encampment, as the individual often aggressively declines services.

51st between Park and Lex Ave: Several individuals have been engaged bedded down beside St. Bart's Church during overnight hours. The area is experiencing a decrease in the number of individuals, indicating no permanent or significant encampments.

46th between 6th and 7th Ave: Minimal activity observed with only one individual engaged near St. Mary's Church. There are no reports of established encampments in this area.

31st street between 6th and 7th Ave: A decline in the number of individuals bedding down, particularly during overnight hours, is reported. The morning congregation for breakfast at St. Francis of Assisi Church suggests a transient population rather than a permanent encampment.

Chelsea Park - 9th & 10th Ave Between 27th and 28th: No homeless activity or encampments reported in the past month, despite the park's reopening.

Herald Square: Primarily overnight engagements with individuals often refusing services. No mention of encampments, indicating sporadic or individual presence rather than established groups.

51st Street between Broadway and 8th Ave: Occasional observation of individuals bedding down, including one frequently seen panhandling near McDonald's. No established encampments reported.

Madison Square Park: A slight decrease in individuals bedding down overnight or found asleep on perimeter benches. The nature of the presence suggests no permanent encampments.

Garment District Pedestrian Plaza on Broadway between 41st-36th Streets: One individual bedded down overnight, declining services. No established encampments noted.

32nd between 6th and 7th: Engagement primarily during evening hours with two individuals, one of whom beds down at this location. This does not appear to be an established encampment.

Outreach Team Placements

Placements since October 16th MCB4 - Monthly District Service Cabinet Meeting

Permanent Placements: 19

Transitional Placements (Safe Havens and Stabilization Home): 58



Community Board 4 Summary December 2023

Canvassing Efforts

The **Fashion Outreach Team** canvassed 35th to 41st Street between 5th to 6th and 8th to 9th Avenues during the hours of 8am- 4pm, conducting 2 tours of the entire area five days a week.

- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(0-3)** homeless individuals throughout each shift.
- **Hotspots:** The Hotspot for the month was **5th avenue catchment** area boasting of 68% total engagements in November.
- **Encampments:** **There was 1 encampment seen in December.**

The **Flatiron Outreach Team** canvassed 30th to 32nd street (North) and 21st Street- 29th Street (South) primarily 7:30am- 3:30pm, 2 days of 6am-2pm and 2 days of 12am-8am shifts.

- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(3-6)** homeless individuals in Flatiron Nomad throughout each shift.
- **Hotspots:** The Hotspots for the month were **the MSQ Park Outskirts catchment** area both boasting **32%** of engagement in the month of November
- **Encampments:** **There were 2 encampments seen in December.**

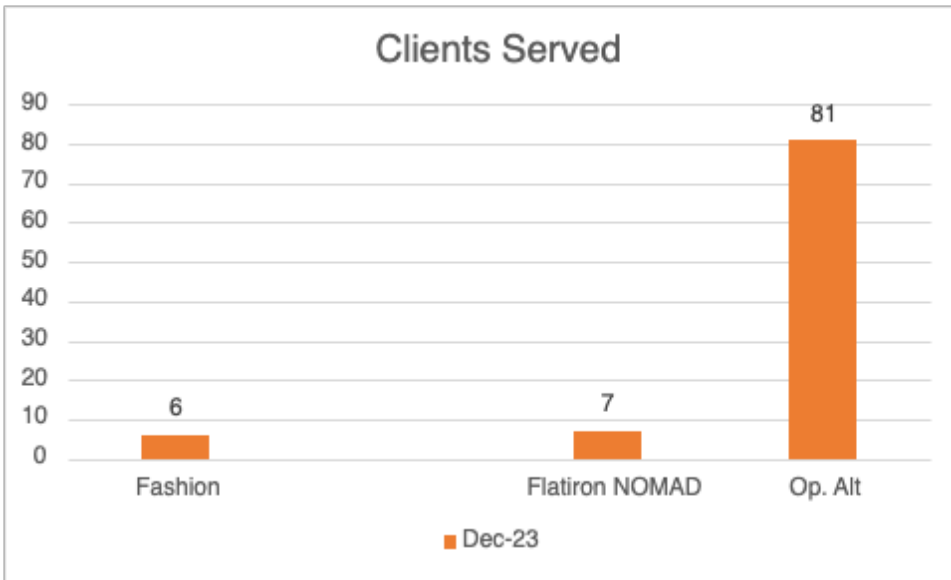
The Operation Alternative Outreach Teams canvassed the Port Authority Bus Terminal with the PAPD from 6am- 2pm and 4pm-2am, conducting 3 tours within each shift.

- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(11)** homeless individuals throughout each shift.

Caseload Breakdown

In December 2023 Urban Pathways outreach teams engaged 94 homeless **individuals**.

Clients Served



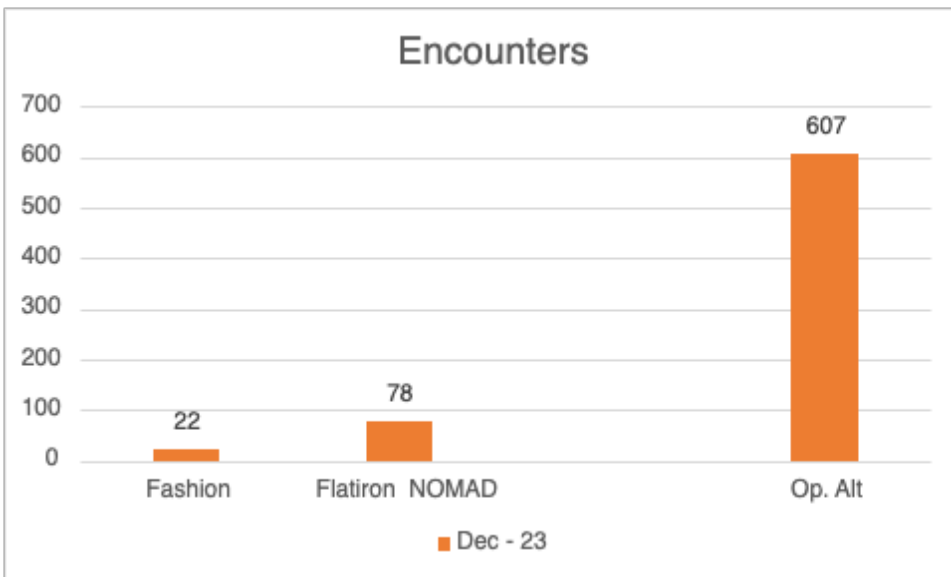
◆ 6% - Fashion

◆ 7% - Flatiron

◆ 86% - Op. Alt

Total Encounters

In December 2023 Urban Pathways outreach team had a total of 707 encounters/observations of homeless individuals.



◆ 3% - Fashion

◆ 11% - Flatiron

◆ 86% - Op. Alt

Placements

Urban Pathways outreach teams placed **6** chronically homeless individuals within the Community Board 4 area.

◆ **Op. Alt.** – 1 Detox | 2 Drop in | 2 TAP | 1 Safe Haven

