DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 15th, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42nd Street (8/9 Aves.)
26th Floor

MINUTES

District Issues

NYPD (10th, 13th, Midtown South Precinct, Midtown North Precinct, Traffic)
- All Precincts
  - Top three collision prone locations\type\causes in CB4 for the last 30 days-
    Midtown North
    - W.53th Street & 8th Ave, W.52th Street & 11th Ave, W.44th Street &10th Ave
    - Causes- Vehicle Accidents, Bicycle lane accidents on W.44th Street and 10th Ave
  - Midtown South
    - W. 42nd Street & 8th Ave, W. 34th Street & 7-8th Avenue W.42nd Street 6-8th Ave
    - Driver intervention, improper land usage, following too closely
  - Top three quality of life complaints-
    Midtown North
    - Bicycle riding, homelessness, illegal vending
    - Homeless Hotspots- W.51st Street between 11th & 12th Ave
  - Midtown South:
    - Homelessness, noise
    - Top Three Major Crimes- 42nd Street and 8th, 34th Street & 7th-8 Ave, 42nd Street 6-8th Ave
    - Grand larceny, burglary, assault
  - Update and data on Vision Zero initiatives in the District- E bicycle- takes into account all violations. Dusk to Dark- education campaign.
    - In Penn Station & Grand Central educational materials were of dusk to dark campaign was handed out

FDNY/EMS
- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days-
  - FDNY Data report from October 2016- October 2017
    - Structural fires increased10%, Nonstructural fires decreased 21%, total fires decreased 12%, suspicious fires 1 vs. 0 compared to last year (up
100%), non-medical issues decreased 10%, medical emergencies increased 7% 988 vs 989, false alarms increased 10%.

- Total incidents- 1055 incidents for Sep 2017, 1060 for Oct 2017. Fires down citywide
  - Hudson Blvd West (Btwn W.35- W.36)- Will install a fire hydrant
  - Lack of hire hydrants between W.35-W.36 & 10-12th Ave

- EMS- Response Stats for Oct
  - In Manhattan on Sep 2017- 1.44% increase, 39000 line leverages jobs. 15834 citywide = 2.1% increase, increase is a result of certain months having 31 days instead of 30.
  - New equipment: Short Line Project- The newer vehicles have a charging port, which allows ambulances to charge

DOT:

- New: City Bench – 338 8th Avenue – Quality of Life Situation (DOT to discuss with NYPD and Homeless Outreach)
  - City Bench part of CB5- will be removed
- New: Illegal bus staging and idling
  - Contacted bus companies in regards to their illegal standing/idling. More of an enforcement action such as fines or summons will continue to operate, no control on where they operate unless PD shows up
    - West 34th Street and 9th Avenue - Best Bus using Chariots For Hire dedicated stop
    - West 33rd Street and 9th Avenue – B&H Photo Courtesy Shuttle – Loading on 9th Avenue in MTA Bus Stop or double parked.
      - Has approved stop to load on 9th Avenue, but other bus companies without a permit are using the stop
      - B&H Shuttle Bus double parking occurs since other buses use their stop
- New: Unkempt Bus Shelter – M42 Stop SE Corner of West 42 and 9th Avenue
  - People are pushed out of Port Authority, leading to homeless or other individuals to sit under the bus shelter.
  - Rising issue-increase of trash.
    - Bus riders no longer stand inside the bus shelter, usually stand 10ft away from it
    - Request more frequent cleaning,
- Update: Changes to West 39th St and 11th Ave Intersection
  - 3 lane highway that heads to the tunnel traffic. No signage, there should be a left lane marking and signage. NYPD had to do gridlock enforcement
  - DOT- Geometric designer will look into it, and if there is a left turning lane the markings and signage will be added Early Spring
- Update: Inspections and wear and tear repair of Standing Water issues
  - Sidewalks will be fixed, and water will be pushed away
    - Corner of West 22nd Street and 10th Avenue
    - Midblock - 362 West 53 Street 8-9 Avenue
    - SE Corner of West 17th Street and 6th Ave – in front of Parking Lot
      - Large puddles, residents attempt to remove water using cups
    - Northside of West 43rd Street 8-9 Avenue
- Contains a long stretch, leading to water build up

**DOB**

- Update: Status of the following Buildings in Special Districts
  - 559 West 22nd Street AKA 162 11th Ave
    - Demo application to create a single story building. Application withdrawn for demo.
  - 355-357 West 39th Street
    - Jobs are on hold
  - 335-337 West 55th Street
    - 355-357 W. 39th Street & 335-337 W. 55th Street buildings are under discussion with CPC, they’re both on hold as they wait on the interpretation.
- Monthly Info Request: Number and locations of Weekend AHV approved in Community District 4 in the last 30 days
  - Update: Status of AHV for 441 9th Avenue
    - AHV reinstated
      - No demo after hours

**DEP/DDC**

- DEP
  - Update: Emergency Sewer Project on West 53 Street 9/10 Ave
    - Attempting to finish project before holiday embargo
    - Emergency Sewer Project- working from 4 or 6P.M- midnight
      - Near a school, so must operate after school hours
- DDC
  - Project Updates
    - Installing gas lanes between W.51st & W.54th Street
    - Started working on gas lanes between W. 58 between 9th & 10th Ave
    - Combination sewer between W.55-W.57th & 9th Ave- W.57-56 completed, W.56-55 in process

**DSNY**

- Update: West 47th Street 10-11 Avenues - Lack of Enforcement and street cleaning Update:
  - Dealerships do not want to move their vehicles, now other residents oppose to moving their vehicles. Summons are being issued.
  - Outreach and enforcement to commercial store owners regarding tagging commercial trash along 9th Avenue between W. 51-54 Streets.
    - Commercial trash needs stickers for their garbage bags, and they need a designated location to place trash. Summons will be issued if trash isn’t stickered.
  - Update: DSNY Enforcement of sidewalk refuse on 11th Ave West 48th-49th Street and parking lots.
    - Summons being issued, streets aren’t properly cleaned
- Top Illegal dumping Locations
  - W.49th & 9-10th Ave & W.34th 11-12th Ave
- Enforcement Stats and Outreach

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

- Breaking Ground and Goddard Riverside: Homeless Outreach Report
- Two clean ups occurred on W.20th Street & 9-10th Ave, and W.45 & 11th. Homeless individuals began to expand their belongings across the streets

- As a result of Outreach, 3 homeless individuals are in stabilization beds, 18 transitional housing, 4 city shelters, 33 still on the street
- In October, there were 93 responses to the 311 calls. 33 individuals were not at the location, 43 individuals refused services, 14 individuals engaged with the members

- Hotshots:
  - Bus Shelter SE Corner of West 42 and 9th Ave M42 Line
    - Homeless are being pushed out of Port Authority, and are not allowed to sit on the entrance steps
  - Intersection of West 39th Street and 9th Avenue
    - A decrease in activity
  - Intersection of West 23 and 8th Avenue

- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Update

**DPR**
- Park Manager Report
  - The Gutenberg Playground on W.49th Street between 9-10th Ave will be temporarily unavailable. The School Construction Authority will be doing roof work on the high school adjacent to Gutenberg Playground. Based on the DOE guideline a shed must be built for protection. Half of the playground will be lost until April 2018, only 1 basketball court will be available.

**Con Edison**
- Current work locations within CD4
  - 28th ST between 11-12th Ave, tree pits, but no tree

**Next DSC meeting:** Wednesday, December 20th, 10:00AM.