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District Manager's Report January/February 2005

For the month of January staff had approximately 1,100 plus contacts (see attached a1)

January 28th Borough Services Cabinet December minutes attached at General Board (a2 – a6)

February 4th Site visit to demolition site 604-610 West 149th Street – Turned out to be private construction.

February 8th DOITT meeting attend by H. Zita memo attached General Board.

February 9th District Cabinet – Highlights

The Fire Department reported statistics, and Deaths are down in 2004 compared to 2003 see attached. They also stated that a trend existed of high CO2 readings in boiler rooms (attached a7)

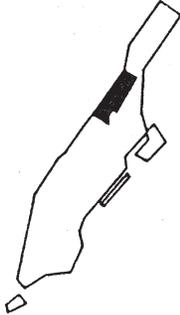
Police – Most crimes stats are down with the exceptions of robberies against deliverymen (a 32 % increase) perpetrated by groups of teenagers. The 30 is investigating reports of Transvestites robbing clients. Arrests in both Precincts are up over 2004.

Housing Bureau (PSA 6) had an increase of 15 Officers, and will NOW have FIXED POSTS at Grant & Manhattanville Developments.

Manhattan D.A.'s Office – Combined had 116 Pending Felonies, 75 Pending Misdemeanors, and 41 persons received Jail Time during the month of January.

CAU – The Mayor's Office had a Homeless Initiative on Twelfth Avenue on the 9th.

Parks – Reported a large number of cobblestones were being stolen from our area's Parks. We are talking about over 400 at a cost of \$8.00 a piece. I asked Manhattan North to coordinate an Alert to the Precinct's.



February 9th – MTA meeting with Chairman Montblanc on #1 Train Escalator, as well as a Community complaint. Chairman Montblanc and I met with Tom Czerniachowicz, Peggy X. Forest, Wanda Robinson & Adrienne Taub of The MTA, then followed up with Transit District 3 Police, and the 125th Street Station Manager. They acknowledged that the system had been down 256 times!! The ESCALATOR system is so sensitive that a weight shift on the stairs, a perception of a jam, or additional weight or pulling on the handrails WILL CAUSE IT TO STOP. Unlike in Lower Manhattan there is no system to alert the Agent in the Booth that the escalator IS NOT OPERATING. Transit Police said they were not aware that MTA wanted them to monitor the escalator every hour, in any event the Agent does not have a key to turn it on. This would not matter because once the system alerts downtown that it is down only those with training (Supervisors or Station Manager) with training can receive authority to turn it on. The Down escalator can only be reversed by an over ride or it will shut down also. It was agreed to place signs in the escalator to advise Agent if system is down, and order will be expedited to alert the booth of a malfunction, and we asked that Transit Police be involved in the training so they can have a key to restart the system.

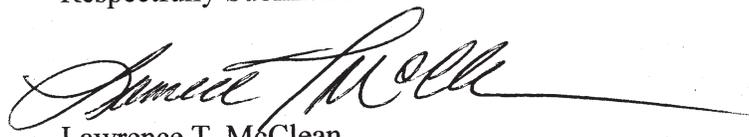
February 25th briefing by HPD – Chairs Report General Board in March.

GET WELL – Sadie Winslow is recovering from pneumonia in St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital.

Please Review attached March & April Calendars, mailing will be after February 22nd.

Please note the Manhattan D.A.'s Summer Intern Program, and full I.D. Theft Conference March 14th.

Respectfully Submitted



Lawrence T. McClean
February 17, 2005

MONTHLY LOG

Compiled From Telephone Logs-Sign In Sheets-Correspondence

MONTH January 2005

CATEGORY:	PHONE	WALK-IN	MAIL	TOTAL
BOARD BUSINESS	<u>235</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>695</u>
PERMITS	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>
COMPLAINTS				
A) Housing	<u>2(1)</u>	<u>4(2)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
B) Traffic	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
C) Police/Fire	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
D) Environmental (noise, pollution, open hydrants, sanitation)	<u>3(1)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
E) Other	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
INFORMATION	<u>55</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>105</u>
REFERRAL	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35</u>
EMPLOYMENT	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>
* OTHER	<u>45</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>155</u>
TOTAL:	<u>382</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>1183</u>

@ Includes Board & Committee Meetings * Includes Legal Aid
 * Includes Site Visits @ Includes Board
 * Includes Site Visits

**Borough Service Cabinet Minutes
December 17, 2004**

The meeting was officially called to order by Anne Strahle, Deputy Director of Community Affairs/Constituent Services; and Lori Williams, Community Liaison of Community Affairs Constituent Services.

Approval of November 19, 2004 minutes and the agenda were approved.

Agency reports

Jenny Torres - reported that she has resigned from DOT and it has been a great pleasure working with everyone. Lee Eastmond from Manhattan North will be attending the meetings.

Everyone thanked Ms. Torres for her help and wished her the best of luck.

Det. Bob Cusick - Reported Manhattan South crime is still down, 4%. The rise in crime is in rape and rape; arrests are up 12%. Upcoming events are; Christmas Eve, also there will be a Critical Mass bike ride (held the last Friday of every month), beginning at Union Square Park around 7:00pm. There will be Mid-night mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, and the New Years celebration at 42nd Street will have several access points, however there is no access on 42 and Broadway. 42nd Street usually closes around 6:00 at night.

Anne Strahle stated that the Borough President is very concerned about the Rape statistics. She asked if they are date rapes. Det. Cusick stated that they usually are date rapes.

Deputy Inspector Raymond Diaz- Manhattan North reported there is a 1% reduction in crime. Grand Larceny is still top of the list. Identity theft is on the rise—people are being charged for illegal use of credit cards.

Rubin Wolf of HPD- stated that Affordable Housing is being built in the City and that ads for these housing units will be forwarded to the Community Boards and the Borough Presidents. Assessment of land availability for affordable housing is still underway, and the new Commissioner John Donovan understands the need for affordable housing.

Sgt. Schmidt -Community Affairs NYPD Officer introduced herself and spoke about the NYPD's new Anti-Graffiti initiative.

Bob Redmond - from the Parks Department- reported that the Dept. of Parks is completing their planting season.

Sara Knapp, DOITT – stated that the Mayor's 311 staff are considering ways in which they can better work with the community boards. They also are working on ways to enhance reporting. They are very supportive of sharing information collected at 311. And they are working with the City Council so that the 311 data collected can be shared in a way that meets the needs of the community and elected officials as well.

Lillie Farrell of DEP – Stated that there is a new staff member who will be working on Manhattan issues. Also, there is someone at DEP that handles 311 complaints. Regarding the Noise Codes, there is an exemption for religious chimes, etc.; however, DEP is working with religious institutions regarding this issue.

Jackie Kamin the Borough President's Education representative stated that high school students are lagging in High School Regents Test because they are not academically ready. She referred to a New York Times article. Ms. Kamin believes that it is time for the community to "rise- up" and be more aware to this issue. She also noted that the overcapacities in schools should be a concern for the Fire Department and the Department of Environmental Protection. She urges all members of the meeting to asks questions and become more involved with the overcrowded High School issue. She urged all to e-mail their concerns to JKamin@manhattanbp.org.

Joe McNearney - Councilmember Jackson's office stated that they have established a committee and are working on the issue of overcrowded schools.

DOITT – Diane Witek

She introduced Dr. Robert Diaz. He will be in contact with the community board offices regarding concerns about the City's e-mail and NYC.gov domain.

A manual on how to handle your e-mail was issued to members of the cabinet. There is a new e-mail system that is called Outlook Web Access, OWA.

DOITT was not able to provide centralized e-mail services without a Windows environment. Ms. Witek reported that she managed NYC.gov for the first seven years of its existence. This is a way to help build community resources through this enterprise e-mail solution "City Serv". Many agencies have their own servers without additional cost to the agencies. DOITT provides the back-up storage and disaster recovery with virus protection and spam recovery. There is an archival system through OWA which can be accessed any where in the world. There is an agency called "CB" for their domain, and, the/your e-mail address will be (your first initial and last name @cb.nyc.gov). To generically identify the various boroughs, it is categorized as: MN 01-12, BK 01-12, BX 01-12, QN 01-12, SI 01-12, at cb.nyc.gov.

Public folders are also provided through this system. It is also one central calendar that everyone can share for each CB. And there is a 24/7 help desk provided - at 718-403-8888.

Elizabeth McKee, CB 8- Questioned if the City will reimburse the CB's for what they have already spent on building their own e-mail and web services.

Diane Witeck replied "no," to her knowledge there will be no reimbursement. This system, NYC.gov provides standardization and all information that each CB currently has through their carrier can be forwarded -- aka "phased out."

Toni Carlina of CB6- stated that they are in the process of transferring data but they are having problems. She also expressed the additional problems she is having with the NYC.gov system. Overall, she commended the NYC.gov system; however, she stated that it is premature.

Anthony Borelli of CB4 - Questioned how did this initiative start and did DOITT consult the Community Boards. It would have been a good idea for DOITT to consult with the CBs first.

DOITT responded that a lot of time was spent in branding this initiative and they welcome the comments of the CBs in the future. To have generic e-mail addresses is not good for the investment that was made in this initiative - because DOITT may risk losing their identity.

Anthony Borelli replied by explaining that most CBs branded themselves by doing CB e-mail services.

The people at DOITT stated that they would be more than happy to sit down with the CB members to discuss some of their concerns. These services offered to the CBs are optional.

DOITT has a system that is highly secure whereby no one else is allowed to look into anyone's e-mail. If that occurs, an alarm is signaled and DOITT executive staff will do a through investigation as to why one's e-mail privacy was invaded, unless, one's e-mail has been Foiled. DOITT's service engineers are only allowed to go into the accounts.

Susan asked this? stated that it would not have cost the City anything to consult with the CBs as to the e-mail names – also she expressed a concern about firewalls and recipients can not retrieve attachments. Internet access is cumbersome and some of the sites are not accessible.

Diane Witek noted that DOITT has a full list of attachments that are blocked because of viruses. DOITT does not filter the internet – if you run into any problems relating to access issues, call the Help Desk. DOITT's internet access is unfiltered and the CBs have total access. In so far as the names of the CBs e-mail names, DOITT generic e-mail address was created so that it is standard through out the boroughs. CBs mailboxes have to be created (via completing DOITT's form). She suggested that the CBs market their new e-mail addresses as they did the e-mail addresses they currently have.

Jackie Kamin- commented that she does not hear a customer service mentality, because they did not consult the CBs first before creating this NYC.gov CBs system.

Anne Strahle stated that DOITT should have consulted the CBs before starting the process of setting – up this CB internet/e-mail process.

Diane Witek stated that DOITT is the technical vehicle to get you there. They are offering you the same service they are offering everyone in every other City agency. This is an option and not a requirement. This is the first time the CBs are offered and included like every other City agency. The CBs does not have to use DOITT services; it is an option. DOITT will accommodate your needs by trying to get the CBs into the mainstream. DOITT is not interested in a focus group; again, the goal is to incorporate the CBs into the mainstream.

Arthur Strickler of CB2 – stated that his CB does not have a web-site; he asked if DOITT can assist him with hosting. Diane replied that she now focuses on E-mail, exclusively – she referred him to someone that could assist him in DOITT.

Diane Witek concluded with thanking everyone for expressing their technical needs at the Borough Service Cabinet, the meeting was a great forum for finding out their concerns. Robert Diaz passed out his business cards and he will be in contact with the CBs to enhance DOITT's customer services approach.

Ms. Witek agreed to develop a list of e-mail and technology categories for CBs to fill out. DOITT would then address CB concerns. Bob Schmidt, CAU, agreed to look into a regular IT meeting with CBs [The first meeting was held in January]

Diane Witek also emphasized the importance of phasing out the old system into the NYC.gov system.

Anne Strahle thanked Ms. Witek for attending today's meeting.

Community Board Reports

Anthony Borelli of CB4 stated that CB4 is writing new by-laws to be voted on in the Spring which will be forwarded to the Borough President's Office and the Mayor's Office.

Deborah Blow of CB12, Community Associate – will oversee the District Service Cabinet meeting for CB12 until there is a District Manager hired for the position.

Anne Strahle stated that the Borough President and Roxanne Dodds wished everyone a happy holiday. Meeting Adjourned.

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FIRE RESPONSE	CITYWIDE		MANHATTAN		COMMUNITY BOARD 9		VARIANCE
	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2003	CY 2004	
STRUCTURAL FIRES	27,082	27,718	7,364	7,692	611	570	41
NON-STRUCTURAL FIRES	24,164	22,437	5,203	5,298	276	246	30
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	173,714	189,162	45,558	49,894	2,440	2,563	123
NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	178,235	180,047	51,176	52,031	3,116	3,259	143
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS	41,061	37,332	7,881	7,745	586	612	26
TOTAL INCIDENTS	444,256	456,696	117,182	122,660	7,029	7,250	221
EMS RESPONSE	402,652	398,976	93,099	94,909	6,380	6,213	167
SEG 1-3 (LIFE THREATENING)	7,01	6,49	6,35	6,20	7,15	6,52	0.23
SEG 4-8 (NON LIFE THREATENING)	706,635	715,717	170,264	176,138	11,862	11,946	84
TOTAL INCIDENTS	1,109,287	1,114,693	263,363	271,047	18,242	18,159	83
CIVILIAN DEATHS	125	82	33	14	6	1	5
SUSPICIOUS FIRES	3,409	3,319	578	525	43	29	14

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		1 Seniors Issues 10:00 A.M. Harlem Piers Econ/Dev 6:30 P.M.	2	3 Uniform/Trans 6:30 P.M.	4	5
6	7	8 Health/Environ 6:30 P.M.	9	10 Executive 6:30 P.M.	11	12
13	14 Parks/Landmarks By-Laws 6:30 P.M.	15 Housing Land 6:30 P.M.	16	17 General Board 6:30 P.M.	18	19
20 First Day of Spring Palm Sunday	21	22	23 Youth/Edu 6:30 P.M.	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

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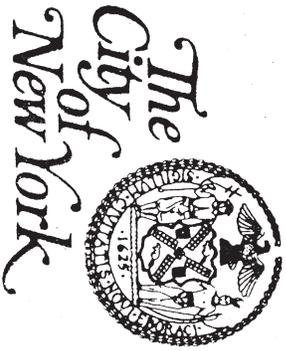
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10	11 <i>Parks List By Law's</i>	12 Health/Environ 6:30 P.M.	13	14 Executive 6:30 P.M.	15	16
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