

District Manager's Report
August/September 2006

For the month staff had approximately 785 contacts (see attached). The lower totals were in part because the office was closed three days to the public as we did inventory and began to dispose of older files.

District Services Cabinet – Highlights given from September 13th Meeting

Borough Services Cabinet – Next Meeting September 29th

Meetings/Events Attended;

August 21st – The Mayor's recognition of Community Boards at Gracie Mansion

August 24th – Special Meeting with the School Construction Authority about the construction at P>S. 123 (see attached)

September 13th – Meeting with Chairman Montblanc at HPD, 100 Gold Street about the Office Relocation (see Chair's Report)

September 13th – Budget Consultations at Laguardia High School – Written Comments at General Board.

September 15th – Budget Consultations at OMB – Written Comments at General Board

Respectfully Submitted



Lawrence T. McClean
District Manager
September 14, 2006

Monthly Log

Month AUGUST 2006

Category	Phone	Walk In	Mail	Total
Board Business: @	<u>155</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>395</u>
Permits:	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>30</u>
Complaints;				
A) Housing	<u>5(2)</u>	<u>5(3)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
B) Traffic	<u>0</u>	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
C) Police/Fire	<u>5(3)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
D) Environmental (noise Sanitation, open hydrant)	<u>30(5)</u>	<u>5(2)</u>	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>36</u>
E) Other	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>
Information	<u>35</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>95</u>
Referral	<u>40</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>
Employment	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>
Other	<u>60</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>135</u>
Totals	<u>360</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>787</u>

@ Includes Meetings

Date: August 24, 2006
To: Jordi Reyes-Montblanc, Chair
From: Lawrence T. McClean, D.M.
Re: Construction at P.S. 125 on West 123rd Street
& Morningside Avenue

As you know on Thursday August 10th Board 9 M received a call from Michael Mirisola of the School Construction Authority to alert us of pending work at P.S. 125 on West 123rd Street. When we talked to him on the speaker phone he advised us that the work was to start in two to four weeks. After indicating that he was not aware if the Parents Association had been advised and the Tenant Association HAD NOT been told he agreed to come to a meeting to brief us.

After consulting Sarah Martin, President of the TA the meeting was set for Thursday August 17th. The following was the information gathered at that meeting. While a sign in sheet is attached among those in attendance was Ms. Martin, Barbara Marshall Co Chair of the Youth & Education Committee, Laurie Williams from the Borough president's Office, Mr. Mirisola, and Paul Evans of the Parks Dept.

A) Scope of Work

P.S. 125 is located on West 123rd Street at Morningside Avenue facing Morningside Park. It has an adjacent Playground under the control of the Parks Dept., with a walk way between the School and Playground which leads to the rear of the Grant Houses development which fronts on Amsterdam Avenue facing LaSalle Street. It was built in 1925 and according to the Dept. of Buildings is not in compliance with the Building codes because the cafeteria and second gym (south side of school) do not have enough exits for safe egress in the event of an emergency.

The work that is to be done will be the construction of an exterior and enclosed emergency stairwell through which to vacate the floors, with an exit door that can only be opened from the inside.

It is this construction that will close of the walkway preventing pedestrians from getting to Amsterdam Avenue by way of the school and will force everyone to either take W 123rd Street or W 125th Street by way of Morningside.

In addition to be able to stage their equipment SCA is seeking a permit from Parks to utilize a portion of the Playground around which they will construct an 18 foot fence.

B) Questions & Answers

- 1) How long will the work take (Barbara Marshall) – Approximately One Year
- 2) Were they aware that three Summer programs utilize the Playground and that construction time will impact them next year (McClean) – They were not.
- 3) Can they expedite the construction to allow the programs back (McClean) – They will take that in to consideration (Mi Zhang SCA)

4) Because there are programs in the School after hours when will construction occur (Diane Turner Grant Houses & Parent) – Basically 3:30-4:00 P.M. until 9:00 PM. (Mirisola, R. Patel SCA)

5) What about Noise (Sarah Martin) There will be an attempt to muffle sound the worst will be early on (IAMS Consultant). Note – Mr. Mirisola said that before construction he would bring flyers for Sarah Martin to distribute with HIS number to register complaints (at least 2,000)

6) What about lighting and security at the site to assure that it does not become a haven for muggers and others (McClean) – They will Evening lighting under all scaffolds and security present when work not being done (Mirisola)

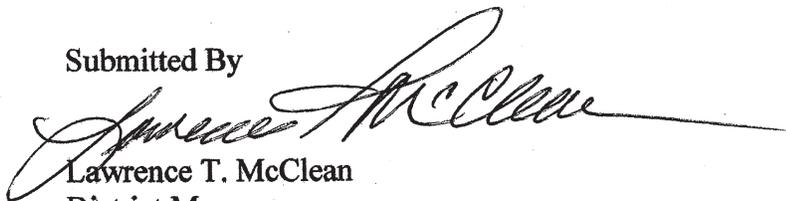
7) Were they aware that the portion of the Playground they were taking interfered with Parks crews from removing the garbage (P.Evans PRM parks) – They were not. There was a discussion on the problem with Mr. Evans asking if they could put in a gate so that his crews could get through. Note I believe the Board should support his request, L. Williams from MBPO agreed.

8) What about Baiting for rats which were sure to come out (L.Williams MBPO) – They said there would be extensive baiting. Note This was not brought up but the baiting should take in to consideration that this is around children and potentially pets.

9) Why did they wait until August to advise us that they were going to do construction (B. Marshall, L. McClean) – This was a project that was not approved until final negotiations between Bloomberg and the Legislature, so they were not advised it was a go until mid July.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M

Submitted By



Lawrence T. McClean
District Manager

Cc: Executive Committee
Councilwoman Dickens
Attendees
File