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Meeting Date	January 2, 2020
Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Meeting Location	Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room B

**January 2020 Full Board Meeting Minutes**

<b>PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS</b>	There were no presentations or hearings this month.
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<b>Public Session</b>	
<b>Brett Firfer</b>	Mr. Firfer is a member of the Board who spoke on his own behalf regarding the recent nation-wide spate of anti-Semitic hate crime assaults and the recent increase in the number of incidents that have taken place in and around the City. He called upon our elected officials to provide law enforcement protection for all religious congregations. He noted that security has become the foremost expense for religious congregations – too much for a religious nonprofit to handle on its own. He believes that the NYPD must be physically present when congregations are at most risk: during services and other gatherings. The emergency funding offered by the City and the federal government is not enough. It takes more than off-duty police officers to provide adequate protection. Religious congregations have a right to expect the presence of on-duty officers without having to pay for their services.
<b>Miriam Fisher</b>	Ms. Fisher represents the Elevator Action Group which advocates for making subways 100% accessible for people with disabilities and others who need access to the subway system. She asked for our support in seeking MTA funding. And, just as she did at last month’s Board meeting, Ms. Fisher provided pre-addressed and stamped postcards addressed to the Governor.
<b>Lisa Wager</b>	Ms. Wager is the Director of the Office of Government Relations at the Fashion Institute of Technology. She made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fashion Design graduate Yasemin Esmek knitted the six sweaters that Tom Hanks wore in the Mister Rogers movie <i>Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i>. She recreated the signature zip-up cardigans that he wore in every TV episode, some of which are in the Smithsonian Museum. Her daughter is studying shoe design at FIT.</li> <li>• Registration for FIT’s pre-college programs for middle and high school students began on December 10 and will remain open until February 22 for the Saturday/Sunday Live programs and until April 4 for the workshop programs offered over the NYC public schools spring break. The pre-college courses are experiential learning opportunities that also help students explore possible majors</li> </ul>

	and careers and to prepare a portfolio to apply to an arts-focused high school or college.
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<b>Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives</b>	
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<b>Senator Brad Hoylman</b>	<p>The Senator provided his monthly update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MulchFest, the Parks Department program that designates locations across the City for Christmas tree chipping, is underway and will run until January 11. Locations can be found on the Parks website: <a href="https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/festivals/mulchfest">https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/festivals/mulchfest</a></li> <li>• The new legislative session begins on January 9 when the Governor presents his State of the State and Budget address. At the end of 2019, the Governor signed many of the Senator’s bills into law, including a bill to enhance free access to HIV-post exposure care for sexual assault victims, and a bill banning PFAS, a toxic chemical contained in firefighting foam.</li> <li>• Some legislation coming up in the new session includes a bill that the Senator sponsored with Assemblywoman Rosenthal that bans e-cigarettes. The law would go beyond the FDA ban and include all flavors of e-cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes.</li> <li>• The Governor has indicated that he will support the Senator’s bill to ban “ghost guns” which are made from components that make them untraceable by law enforcement.</li> <li>• The Senator will be working on a law that has been called the Walking While Trans Statute, which protects transgender women of color who are disproportionately affected by a law prohibiting “loitering for the purpose of engaging in a prostitution offense.”</li> <li>• The Senator is carrying legislation to require insurers to cover PrEP medication which is taken within 72 hours of exposure to the HIV virus. The law would also prohibit insurers requiring pre-authorization for PrEP.</li> <li>• The Senator attended a meeting and is fighting with other elected officials in the district against the owner of the Riverview Senior Independent Living facility who has announced the sale of the facility and the eviction of all of its senior residents.</li> <li>• He is reintroducing legislation that would stop landlords from warehousing affordable apartments that they intend to convert into luxury market-rate apartments should recently passed rent laws be rolled back.</li> <li>• The Vehicular Violence Accountability Act that the Senator sponsored was introduced in the legislature. The law would enable more prosecutions of dangerous drivers by creating a new article of the Penal Law.</li> </ul>
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<b>Assemblymember Dick Gottfried</b>	<p>Mr. Gottfried noted the Governor’s recent veto of legislation relating to Pier 40. The legislation would have amended the Hudson River Park Act to allow, among other things, office space with structures no taller than 88 feet. The understanding has always been that there would be designated sites along the park that would generate income to support the park. As it turns out, almost all of those sites are in Community District 4 and, with the exception of Pier 76, have been developed. The only commercial site in District 2 is Pier 40. It is Mr. Gottfried’s contention that Pier 40 has never fulfilled its obligation to support the whole park. The legislation in question would have limited Pier 40’s ability to produce adequate revenue and that is why he vetoed the legislation when it was in the Assembly. Furthermore, the law is so restrictive that no developer would want to respond to the RFP issued by the Hudson River Park Trust.</p>
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	<p>Another important issue arose on New Year's Eve when the Governor announced across-the-board cuts to Medicaid funding levels. Less funding means that the quality of care for all patients, rich and poor, will suffer. Mr. Gottfried stated that he will fight to have funding restored in the budget along with other items as well.</p>
<p><b>Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal</b></p>	<p>The Assemblymember gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day she continued working with the Governor's staff on four bills that had to be addressed. The Governor ended up signing two of the four and two were vetoed. He vetoed the Securing Wages Earned Against Theft Act but made a commitment to make it a priority in the upcoming session. Even when a judge rules that an employee is owed money for stolen wages, many employees cannot collect. The law would give an employee a fighting chance by creating a lien on the offending employer's company.</li> <li>• Another bill that the Governor vetoed has to do with people on Medicaid who have a substance abuse disorder having to obtain prior authorization from an insurer before receiving medication. The Governor, however, did sign a bill that allows commercial insurance holders to get medication without prior authorization.</li> <li>• The Governor also signed Ms. Rosenthal's bill to protect call center jobs. Now, any call center company that has taken loans, grants or tax breaks from New York State will forfeit those benefits if they move 30% of their jobs out of state.</li> <li>• Ms. Rosenthal gave additional information about the Riverview senior facility in Hell's Kitchen that Senator Hoylman discussed earlier in the meeting. She said that she is working with the Attorney General's office to determine whether the owner of the building, which is a charity, has any outstanding obligations to the state that would prohibit it from selling the building. She also stated that she is exploring options that would allow residents to remain in place, such as having another nonprofit buy the building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jessica Mates for Borough President Gale Brewer</b></p>	<p>Ms. Mates presented recent updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community board reapplications must be submitted by January 21 – CB4 is currently lagging behind.</li> <li>• The BP will be receiving money from the state to fund grants for groups working on the 2020 Census. An announcement will be made when the funds are available.</li> <li>• Capital funding grant applications will be available at the end of January.</li> <li>• The Religious Facilities Task Force has been working with congregations to help them find ways to survive without giving in to developers. The next public hearing will be held at Harlem Hospital on January 14 at 6:00 pm. It will also be live-streamed.</li> <li>• The commissioner of the NYS Homes and Community Renewal agency will host a forum with the BP to discuss recent changes to the rent laws on January 10 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Borough Office at 1 Centre Street.</li> <li>• A Trash Talk will be held on January 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at 318 West 118th Street where presenters will explain innovative sustainability projects in Manhattan and across the City.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Carl Wilson for Speaker Corey Johnson</b></p>	<p>Mr. Wilson gave his monthly update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The office held its 2nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive with Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen, collecting over 1000 toys compared to 400 the year before.</li> <li>• There will be a SCRIE/DRIE workshop on January 22 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at Visions at Selis Manor, located at 135 West 23rd Street. It will be held with the Mayor's public engagement program.</li> <li>• There will be a Department of Buildings Office Hours Day in the district office at 224 West 30th Street on January 8 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Members of the Office of the Tenant Advocate and the DOB will be on hand to discuss building</li> </ul>

	<p>issues during 15-minute meetings that can be arranged by email or a call to the office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City Council passed a bill in December requiring new residential buildings with more than 40 units that receive financial assistance from the city to set aside at least 15% of their units for the homeless. The measure is expected to generate at least 1,000 units each year and would take effect in July of 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Luke Wolf for Comptroller Scott Stringer</b>	<p>Mr. Wolf offered updates from the Comptroller's Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Comptroller released his annual State of the City's Economy and Finances report. The national and local economies have continued to grow, with the City economy growing faster than the U.S. economy at 2.9% -- up from 2.8% in 2018. There were also 2% more jobs than the prior year; unemployment is at an all-time low of 4.2%, and hourly wages increased by 4.1%.</li> <li>• Last month the Comptroller returned over \$400,000 in unpaid wages to workers across the City in his battle against wage theft that he is conducting with Attorney General Tish James.</li> <li>• The Comptroller audited the MTA in its purchases of new train cars. In its most recent order for 300 subway cars, only 18 were delivered on time. This led to over \$35 million in repairs to old cars that would not have had to be done otherwise.</li> <li>• In his role as one of the biggest pension officers in the country, the Comptroller has been pushing for greater corporate responsibility. He has called on Facebook, Comcast, McDonald's, and other large corporations to ensure that they are representing the values of New York City and all of the people within it.</li> </ul>

<b>Board Reports &amp; Business</b>	
<b>Adoption of Agenda and Minutes</b>	The Agenda and December minutes were unanimously approved.
<b>District Manager Report</b>	<p>Highlights of events the District Manager or Staff attended on behalf of the board and upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Manager participated in a meeting hosted by Speaker Johnson's Office with FDNY\EMS and the Chelsea Community regarding the #7 EMS Station and future relocation.</li> <li>• District Manager participated in calls and meetings with elected representatives and the Homes for the Homeless organization and their decision to close the Riverview Senior living complex at 519 West 49th Street.</li> <li>• CB4 Office, after consultation with CB4 members, sent out two separate proposals for short-term consultants to assist with the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tenant education campaign regarding the demolition &amp; anti-harassment protections in the special districts.</li> <li>• A community needs assessment of the at-risk populations within the Community District 4 area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>January Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee will be meeting Monday, January 6 at the Lark Theatre at 311 W. 43rd Street, Ste. 406</li> <li>• Business Licenses and Permits will be meeting at Hotel Trades Council at 305 West 44th Street on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm.</li> <li>• Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 22 – location to be determined.</li> <li>• The Budget Task Force will meet on Thursday, January 23.</li> <li>• The entire 2020 Committee Schedule is up on our website.</li> </ul>
<b>Board Chair Report</b>	<p>The newly elected Chair reviewed Board activity that occurred during the term of his predecessor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB4 hosted the kick-off meeting for the Community Advisory Committee for the Lantern Organization’s Stardom Hall supportive housing residents at 330-332 West 51st Street. Maria Ortiz from our Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee attended. The Lantern Organization will also be presenting at this month’s HHHS Committee.</li> <li>• Christine Berthet, the Co-Chair of the Transportation Planning Committee represented CB4 at an event hosted by NYC DOT and Speaker Corey Johnson celebrating the new pedestrian and cyclist improvements on Eighth Avenue between West 38th and West 45th Streets.</li> <li>• Members of both the Chelsea Land Use Committee and Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee continue to attend and participate in the NYCHA Chelsea Working Group.</li> <li>• The CB4 PABT Working Group, along with our elected representatives, met with PANYNJ for a scheduled check-in on the redevelopment process.</li> </ul>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
<b>Transportation Planning Committee (TRANS)</b>		
Item 1: Letter to DOT re 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Transit & Truck Priority Pilot Project		<b>Passed with 36 In Favor and 1 Opposed</b>
Item 2: Letter to DOT re Dangerous Intersections in District 4	Friendly amendments accepted.	<b>Passed with 36 In Favor and 1 Abstention</b>
Item 3: Letter to DCA & DOT re Newsstand Application for NWC 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street & Hudson Blvd East (IFO 524 W. 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street)	Items 3 and 4 were bundled.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>

Item 4: Letter to DCA & DOT re Newsstand Application for SEC 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street & 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (IFO 340 W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street)		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)</b>		
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 693 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue – Entity to be formed by Umar R. Malik	Items 5 – 17, except 6, were bundled.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 795 8th Avenue - Bar Fluid LLC		<b>Passed with 35 In Favor and 2 Opposed</b>
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 801 9th Avenue - Sicilian Sage LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 752 10th Avenue - Edward Stars Corp.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 726 11th Avenue- Irish Arts Center		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 10: Letter to SLA re 9th Avenue - Cora Inspired Inc.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 11: Letter to SLA re 615 9th Avenue - Great Tasting 615 Inc.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 12: Letter to SLA re 610 W 56th Street - Facility Concessions Services Inc.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 13: Letter to SLA re 505-507 W 23rd Street - 505 Rest. Corp.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 14: Letter to SLA re 351 W 38th Street - Quadrum 38 F&B LLC & GG W38 LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 15: Letter to SLA re 236 8th Avenue- Dim Sum Chelsea Inc.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 16: Letter to SLA re 152 W. 26th Street-Rooftop- 152 W 26 Street Rest, LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 17: Letter to SLA re 152 W. 26th Street- Ground Floor & Cellar- 152 W 26 Street Rest, LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Waterfront, Parks &amp; Environment Committee (WPE)</b>		
Item 18: Letter to DPR re Open Space at DEP Site – 705 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (48/49)		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 19: Letter to DPR re Hell’s Kitchen Park Toddler Area		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
Item 20: Letter to HCC re Short-Term Consultant Services Agreement		<b>Passed with 36 In Favor and 1 P.N.E.</b>

**Meeting Resolution**

<b>Adjournment</b>	8:20 PM Meeting Adjourned
<b>Next Meeting Date and Location</b>	6:30 PM February 4, 2020 Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room

As recorded by M. Noble

VOTING KEY Y=Yes N=No A=Abstain PNE=Present, not eligible 'A'-- = No vote ATTENDANCE KEY P=Present Ab=Absent E=Excused	ATTENDANCE	1. Letter to DOT re 14th Street Transit & Truck Priority Pilot Project																			
		2. Letter to DOT re Dangerous Intersections in District Four					3. Letter to DCA & DOT re Newsstand Application for N/W/C 33rd Street & Hudson Blvd East (IFO 524 W. 33rd St.)					4. Letter to DCA & DOT re Newsstand Application for S/E/C 42nd Street & 9th Avenue (IFO 340 W. 42nd St.)					5. Letter to SLA re 693 9th Avenue - Entity to be formed by Umar R. Malik				
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PNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
A'--	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Christine Berthet	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Gwen Billig	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Leslie Boghosian-Murphy	P	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Yoni Boksor	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Viren Brahmhatt	A																				
Patricia Carnevale	A																				
Jessica Chait	A																				
T. Elzora Cleveland	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Lee Compton	A																				
Dale Corvino	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Judith Dahill	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Maarten de Kadt	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Paul Devlin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pete Diaz	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Tina DeFeliciano	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jeffrey Ellis-Lee	A																				
Brett Firfer	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Wendy Gonzalez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
David Holowka	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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Blake Kurisu	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Burt Lazarin	A																				
Christopher LeBron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jeffrey LeFrancois	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE	
Bruce MacAffer	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Betty Mackintosh	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Morgan McLean	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sarah Mills	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Michael Noble	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
J.D. Noland	P	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Maria Ortiz	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Allen Oster	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Brad Pascarella	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Rhonda Patillo	A																				
Joe Restuccia	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sabrina Reveron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Delores Rubin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Brian Sokal	A																				
David Solnick	A																				
Kit Tollerson	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Martin Treat	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Hector Vazquez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Rob Walker	E																				
James Wallace	A																				
David Warren	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Leslie Williams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Colin Wright	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	