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The Sheffield  
316 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
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**Re: Balsely Park**

To Whom It May Concern:

At its Full Board meeting on March 3, 2021, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) voted 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, and 0 present not eligible to request the below information and encourage the continued dialogue between the Sheffield, Parc Vendome, and immediate community regarding Balsely Park on the southeast corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Ninth Avenue.

MCB4 thanks the representative from The Sheffield for attending our Committee meeting. The Park is a critical open space in the Hell's Kitchen community, yet the constant state of disrepair has become a flash point in the community. While repairs were recently made to the concrete and walkways in the Park, it remains a littered open space with overgrown landscaping more welcoming to pigeons than people. The Board recognizes that the scaffolding in place due to repairs at the Parc Vendome complicates upkeep and maintenance in that portion of the park.

MCB4 requests that The Sheffield provide a detailed scope of work for the park and timeline for improvements in advance of its next Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Committee meeting on March 11, 2021.

Thank you,

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