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April 2023 Full Board Minutes

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| Meeting Date / Location | <p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in a fully virtual meeting format.</p> <p>The meeting was accessible via Zoom webinar and live streamed on YouTube. It can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3NfbrjNiXg</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 April Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p> |
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| NYU Furman Center's Vicki Been gave a presentation on the 12.0 residential FAR cap. | |
| Public Hearing: DSNY Rule Change to for when buildings can put out their trash | |
| Subject: DSNY Rule Change to when buildings can put out their trash. There were no speakers for this session. | |
| Public Session Speakers | |
| Charlie Dulik | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker introduced themselves as the organizing director of Housing Conservation Coordinators. |
| Bobby Vangelatos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker shared upcoming events on behalf of the Chelsea Recreation Center |
| Jacqueline Lara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker expressed concern with developer's intent to demolish Fulton-Chelsea NYCHA to rebuild |
| Lisa Wager | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker provided an update on the Fashion Institute of Technology's recent and upcoming events |
| Missy Adams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker spoke on behalf of the Chelsea Garden Club in favor of putting trash on the sliver of concrete next to the pedestrian crossing rather than against the flowers. |
| Hector Vazquez | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker spoke to address the Fulton-Chelsea NYCHA issue and provide information on the rebuild plans. |
| Christine Gorman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised the issue of a criminal incidents in Hell's Kitchen. |
| Stephen Belida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |

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| Steven Herring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
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| Leslie Woodruff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
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| Bruno Reljic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke on behalf of Tri Alpha to address concerns about its requested liquor license. |
| Tom Cayler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Anita McDonagh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Catie Savage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Richard Marans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Thomas Schall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Nancy Roylance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |
| Michelle Malia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker spoke to raise concern around the Tri Alpha requested liquor license. |

| Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives | |
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| Council Member Erik Bottcher | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just wrapped up the participatory budgeting process. Glad to report that we had 50% more votes than in past years. • Sidewalk scaffolding that remains in place for many months continues to be a problem. I've introduced three bills to address the issue of troubling sidewalk scaffolding. |
| Yiyi Wang, Office of Borough President Mark Levine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portal for applying to serve on Manhattan Community Boards just closed. We received almost 1,000 applications for the Boards in Manhattan. • We have a new web site and one great perk is that people can post community events directly. Don't forget to check it out! https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/resources/events/ • We are working to ensure that tenants' right to counsel in NYC housing court is not rendered moot by the courts rushing many cases on the docket. |
| Ben Lowenstein, Office of Assemblymember Tony Simone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state budget negotiations are ongoing, and Simone is proud to be working to ensure that the assembly majority budget proposal meets the needs of our district. Happy to report that the House majority rejects the suggestion of MTA fare hikes. • Earlier this month, Assemblymember Simone passed his first bill which requires that applications for determining eligibility and service authorizations for people with disabilities be processed in an effective and timely manner. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To reduce backlogs in the courts, Simone is also a co-sponsor on the bill to lift the cap on the number of Supreme Court justices who can be seated on the court. |
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| Olivia Glen-Rayner, Office of Congressman Jerrold Nadler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaking of President Trump's indictment earlier today, Nadler released a statement saying that "this matter will play out in the New York criminal justice system, no matter how MAGA Republicans try to obstruct the process." ● Earlier in the month, Congressman Nadler organized a bipartisan meeting with Governor Hochul and the New York delegation to learn how the state was managing the bank failures and its effect on New Yorkers' to bank with confidence. ● Congressman Nadler along with other members of the Judiciary Committee wrote a letter to Kevin McCarthy and Jim Jordan urging them to bring the Assault Weapons Ban to the floor for a vote. |
| Robin Forst, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The deadline for the Summer Youth Employment Program has been extended, both for potential employers and for applicants. Don't forget to apply! ● The Summer Rising portal will open in April; there will be about 1,000 seats available. |

| Board Reports & Business | |
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| Adoption of Agenda and Minutes | Agenda Item XX was tabled. The Agenda as amended was adopted unanimously. The March Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously. |
| District Manager Report | <p>In-person meeting update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently the City E.O. for COVID-19 remains in effect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Per the board's determination we will remain 100% virtual until further notice. ● April Committee Schedule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All April Committees meet at their regular scheduled time May <p>Committee Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HHHS will be meeting at its new date, the first Thursday of the month on May 4th. |
| Chair's Report | <p>Small Meetings\Task Forces\Working Groups\Other Points of Interest</p> <p>Small Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Penn Station Working Group: met with Sen. Comrie re: Penn Station Project ● CHKLU met with ESD: re: Site K ● Chair and District Manager : met with Captain of FDNY Rescue #1 who need a new facility <p>Task Forces & Working Groups</p> |

- Starting a Working Group on NYS 12 FAR Cap – There will be public meetings with experts and stakeholders to be invited to speak and present.
- Cannabis Working Group – Held Forum – Up on MCB4 Website and Youtube Channel
- By Laws Task Force – Will be meeting every 3rd Monday at 4pm
- Port Authority Bus Terminal Replacement Working Group – New Business Letter
- Penn Station Area Redevelopment Project – Co-sponsoring forum with CB5 on April 18th
- NYU Capstone Project – Capstone team will be providing updates to both the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee and the Transportation Planning Committee in April

Points of Interest:

- Continued arrests related to Nightlife robberies targeting members of the LGBTQ community
- LPC scheduled a hearing for 128 West 17th Street - Former Colored School #4 on April 25th.

Meeting Agenda

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

- Item 01: BLP Letter to SLA re 157 W 18th Street – 157 Rest LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 02: BLP Letter to SLA re 243 W 14th Street - 243 W Hospitality LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 03: BLP Letter to SLA re 307 W 37th Street – 365 Management Company LLC & West 37th Street Hotel LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 04: BLP Letter to SLA re 322 W 50th Street - Janku Consulting Inc. - **APPROVED**
- Item 05: BLP Letter to SLA re 331 W 38th Street - Theory Lounge LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 06: BLP Letter to SLA re 508 W 37th Street – Facility Concession Services LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 07: BLP Letter to SLA re 525 W 53rd Street – Shinn West LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 08: BLP Letter to SLA re 698 9th Avenue – Mogao Management Inc. - **APPROVED**
- Item 09: BLP Letter to SLA re 1000 South 8th Avenue - Retial Concourse - Store No. 1 - Turnstyle Taco Project LLC - **APPROVED**
- Item 10: BLP Letter to SLA re 627 11th Avenue – Try Alpha Inc. - **DENIED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

- Item 11: Letter to DCAS re Municipal Fleet Safety and Emissions - **TABLED**
- Item 12: Letter to MTA re Quill Bus Depot Renovations - **APPROVED**
- Item 13: Letter to DOT re B&H Photo Neighborhood Loading Zone Requests - **APPROVED**
- Item 14: Letter to MTA re West 28th Street Substation Project Pedestrian Safety Requests - **APPROVED**

Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)

- Item 15: Letter to LPC 675 Avenues of the Americas on Sidewalk Planters - **APPROVED**

Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)

Item 16: Letter to Elected Representatives re State Removal of 12 FAR Cap on Residential Development –
Returned to Committee

Executive Committee (EXEC)

Item 17: Joint WPE/TPC Letter to NYC DOT re Curbside Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations -
APPROVED

New Business

Item 18: Letter to PANYNJ re Status of Port Authority Bus Terminal Replacement Project - **APPROVED**

Nothing to Report

Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)
Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES)

See appended vote sheet for complete details for each item's vote

| Meeting Resolution | |
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| Adjournment | Meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM |
| Next Meeting Date and Location | 6:30pm on Wednesday May 3, 2023 Virtual Meeting |

As recorded by Roberta Barnett and Katy Stokes

