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May 2023 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 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: MCB4 May 2023 YouTube</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 May Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p>
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Presentation: Captain Robert Gault from the 10 th Precinct	
Public Hearing: Rat Conditions in Community District 4	
Missy Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker noted poor rat conditions on the corner of 20th St and 9th Ave, issue with dining sheds, containerization, and failure of rat poison
Public Session	
Berkay Sebat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker hopes to open a licensed dispensary on 8th or 9th Ave in MCD4 and wanted to engage in proactive outreach.
Stefanie Mercado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised awareness for NYC Smoke Free programs from Public Health Solutions
Bobby Vangelatos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised upcoming Chelsea Recreation Center events
Carla Fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker spoke against changes to New York City retiree healthcare plans
Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised upcoming Fashion Institute of Technology events
Matt Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised information regarding upcoming PS 111 carnival
Tiffany Barrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised concerns over loss of Casa Lula and requested that the workers be able to reclaim and re-open the business.
Jodie Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker raised concerns over loss of Casa Lula.
Pamela Wolff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker provided an update on the state of block associations on West 22nd Street.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We passed our \$229 billion state budget for FY 2023-24, and it includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a \$300 million lifeline to the MTA ○ a pilot program for free busses in each borough ○ a 5-year camera enforcement program to protect pedestrians and cyclists ○ new authority to crack down on the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis shops ○ some more changes to bail laws ○ new money for District Attorneys and Public Defenders, as well as 18B attorneys, who haven't received a raise in decades ○ more money to cover school meals ○ \$135 million allocated to housing, which is one of the biggest disappointments ○ new money for COVID-19 era arrears for NYCHA and Section 8 tenants ○ increased the minimum wage ○ \$1 billion dedicated toward mental health improvements, including 850 new psychiatric beds ○ \$7.5 million for the new American LGBTQ+ History Museum on the Upper West Side
City Council Member Gale Brewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I am pleased that Albany took action on the illegal smoke shops, but I think it will take a lot of coordination on the ground to have enforcement be effective ● I want to thank Congressman Nadler for his help slowing down the rollout of 5G cell towers ● Family Court is a mess, so we are creating a Task Force to address the issues ● We are also working on speeding up the process for asylum seekers to be able to obtain ID cards
Yiyi Wang, from Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Board appointments will likely be made within the week. ● We have a new web site which is easy to navigate, and it allows community members to post upcoming events
Tevin Williams, from US Congressman Dan Goldman's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Congressman represents a portion of Community District 4, and welcomes all constituents to reach out if our office can be of assistance in any way ● It is travel season and the time when lots of people are applying for passports. Let us know if you need help with your passport application.
Dana Schmerzler, from State Senator Liz Krueger's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pleased to report that the state budget allocated \$100.7 million dollars to protect the right to obtain an abortion. ● The Senator recently had a press conference about Senate Bill S1066A aimed at protecting abortion access both in and outside of NY by protecting doctors who provide telehealth appointments and who prescribe and mail the abortion pill. ● Also focused on closing loopholes in the 30-year ban on the use of tropical hardwoods.
Erica Overton, from State Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assemblymember Rosenthal had two bills included in the recent budget that was passed which protected the privacy of anyone seeking an abortion. The first bill bans companies from using a geofence around health and abortion clinics, meaning they can not send targeted ads or messages to people in that area. The other Bill prevents New York-based companies and

	<p>organizations from providing law enforcement with an individual's data or personal info information during an abortion related investigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● She also introduced a bill limiting the purchase of a firearm to no more than one every 30 days, limiting the ability of anyone to purchase multiple firearms at a time.
Curtis Young, from NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams' office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Public Advocate recently traveled to Capitol Hill to advocate for additional federal resources to help with the long-term qualities of our immigration infrastructure. ● Our Homeless Bill of Rights legislation was passed recently, which codified the rights of homeless individuals, both outside of and within the city shelter system, as well as standards required to be met within the shelters. ● The second bill that we're really proud of is our street safety bill, which requires the DOT to expedite studies of traffic crashes involving pedestrian fatalities or serious injuries every four years and to make reports available on location with four or more such incidents.
Eric Strazza, from District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I am pleased to report that 5 people were indicted in connection with the fatal overdoses of nightclub victims who were drugged and robbed. ● The District Attorney recently announced funds that will go to community organizations who are employing youth this summer who are addressing the mitigation of gun violence. ● We know that shoplifting and retail theft are considerable issues in CB4 and we are revamping our Small Business Alliance to improve this situation for all those affected. ● We have a great Education Team that can speak to students in schools, so if anyone knows any schools where there has been violence in or near the school, please let us know so that we can send our Education Team.

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	Agenda Items 17 and 19 were tabled. The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The April Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.
District Manager Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-person meeting update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently the City E.O. for COVID-19 remains in effect. Per the board's determination we will remain 100% virtual until further notice. ● May Committee Schedule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May Committee Changes: HHHS will be meeting at its new date, the first Thursday of the month on May 4th ○ MCB4 12 FAR Working Group meeting on Wednesday, May 10th and Thursday May 18th at 4pm ○ MCB4 By Laws Task Force meeting on Monday, May 15 at 4pm ○ Special joint Land Use Committee meeting on Monday, May 15th at 6:30pm. DCP will be presenting their city wide text amendment on the City of Yes Carbon Neutrality application. ○ All other May Committees meet at their regular scheduled time ● Office Space Update: MCB4 Presented in front to the NYC City Planning Commission on April 26th for our future new district office space at 630 9th Avenue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Board Member Volunteers: Still looking for CB members willing to table at street fairs this summer. If you are interested, please contact me.
Chair's Report	<p>Small Meetings\Task Forces\Working Groups\Other Points of Interest</p> <p>Task Forces & Working Groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12 FAR Working Group and By Laws Task Force continue to meet with the goal of reporting out at May's Executive Committee. Port Authority Bus Terminal Replacement Working Group will be picking up its regular bi-weekly meetings. NYU Capstone Team Presented at the Executive Committee and will be providing final report next week. <p>Points of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCB4 provided testimony at LPC scheduled a hearing for 128 West 17th Street - Former Colored School #4 on April 25th. Co-sponsored forum with CB5 on April 18th regarding Future of Penn Station Co-Sponsored forum on Mental Health on April 27th with CB2 & CB5 There was a shooting on April 29th on 9th Avenue between West 45/46th Street. No fatalities and the perpetrator has been caught and in Federal custody due to outstanding federal warrants. There was a fire at 412 West 46 Street. The board, along with its elected officials continues to advocate for HPD to properly seal and maintain the building through it's emergency repair program while the 7a proceedings take place. Our immediate concern is the safety and quality of life of the residents of 412 West 46 Street who are directly impacted by the landlord decision to abandon the building.

Meeting Agenda

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 01: BLP Letter to SLA re 152 W 26th Street – 152 W 26th Street Rest. LLC. d/b/a Sandbar Rooftop-

APPROVED

Item 02: BLP Letter to SLA re 325 W 38th Street – Coexist Gaming Inc- **APPROVED**

Item 03: BLP Letter to SLA re 781 9th Avenue a/k/a 401 W 52nd Street – The Red Stache LLC-

APPROVED

Item 04: BLP Letter to SLA re 789 9th Avenue – Thonglor New York LLC- **APPROVED**

Item 05: BLP Letter to SLA re 805 9th Avenue – August Hospitality Management LLC- **APPROVED**

Item 06: BLP Letter to SLA re 640 10th Avenue – Sushichi Inc- **APPROVED**

Item 07: BLP Letter to SLA re 354 W 44th Street – Tatsuda Omakase Inc- **APPROVED**

Item 08: BLP Letter to SLA re 196 8th Avenue a/k/a 258 W 20th Street – **APPROVED**

Item 09: BLP Letter to SLA re 128 W 23rd Street – HDR Holdings New York LLC- **APPROVED**

Item 10: BLP Letter to SLA re 184 8th Avenue – Four Provinces LLC - **APPROVED**

Item 11: BLP Letter to SLA re 795 8th Avenue – PMACS 9 LLC - **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Item 12: Letter to DCAS re Municipal Fleet Safety and Emission- **APPROVED**

Item 13: Letter to DOT & Brookfield re Revocable Consent Application for the connection of the High Line and Moynihan Connector Elevated Pedestrian Bridge - **APPROVED**

Item 14: Letter to DOT re Speed Reducers and Pedestrian Safety Measures for 24th Street (10/11) - **APPROVED**

Item 15: Letter to DOT & PANYNJ re Mitigation of Lincoln Tunnel congestion on Ninth Avenue - **APPROVED**

Item 16: Letter to DOT re Reinstallation of Citi Bike Station at 22nd Street (10/11) - **APPROVED**

Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES)

Item 17: Letter to DYCD re support and expansion of Adult ESOL Programs - **Tabled**

Item 18: Letter to NYPL re Support for Adult Education Programing - **APPROVED**

Item 19: Letter to DSNY re Support for expansion of Clean Curb Pilot Program on West 45th Street- **Tabled**

Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)

Item 20: Letter to Right to Counsel re Letter of Support - **APPROVED**

Item 21: Letter to DOB re Demolition of 435 West 48 Street – **FOR RATIFICATION- APPROVED**

New Business

Item 22: Letter to Elected officials and DOHMH re Potential Solutions to Serious Mental Illness - **APPROVED**

Nothing to Report

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

Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)

Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)

Executive Committee (EXEC)

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

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30pm on Wednesday June 7, 2023 Virtual Meeting

As recorded by Roberta Barnett and Katy Stokes

