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June 2023 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday June 7, 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: June MCB4 YouTube</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 June Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p>
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Public Session	
Lyndsey Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to raise awareness for the Partnership for Parks volunteering opportunities.
Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to inform public on upcoming FIT events
Jim Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke in favor of closing heliport in Hudson River park
Kelley Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to raise awareness of La Escuelita preschool program

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Yiyi Wang, from Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invited the community to march with the MBP's office in the Puerto Rican Day Parade on June 11th and the Pride Parade on June 25th. Thanked outgoing MCB4 members who are stepping down from the Community Board, and welcomed the new members who have been appointed. Our office strongly opposes any rent hikes on rent stabilized apartments and will continue to fight for New Yorkers who are still feeling the impact of last year's rent hikes on rent stabilized apartments. We want to hear from New Yorkers about their views on artificial intelligence. AI may have profound implications for New York City, our economy, workers, schools, local elections, the city government operations and more so our city needs to be mobilize to meet this moment. What do you see as the potential benefits and threats from AI? Share your views online at: www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/initiatives/ainyc/ The deadline for applying to serve on a Community Education Council has been extended to June 9.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Re: MSG special permits, the MBP's office recommends 5 year term limits on any such permits, and also is pushing for plans to have the theater repurposed.
Olivia Glen-Rayner, from Congress Member Jerrold Nadler's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our office continues to work to increase funding for NYCHA and to fast track work permits for asylum seekers. ● Recently re-introduced the Disaster Assistance Equity Act in the hopes that FEMA will treat all homeowners the same after a natural disaster. Presently, FEMA's eligibility rules exclude homeowners who live in co-ops, homeowners' associations, etc. ● Also working to end non-essential helicopter flights in NYC. ● We encourage everyone to come march with us in the Pride Parade on June 25th.
Evelin Collado, from Comptroller Brad Lander's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our office is proud to plug our newly released 2023 edition of the New York City LGBTQ+ Resource Guide—a citywide directory of organizations and services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Gender Non-Conforming New Yorkers. The Guide lists over 200 organizations that provide services by or for members of these communities, from healthcare to senior services, access to housing, the arts, and youth support. Our office updates this Guide every year so we have the most comprehensive Citywide directory of resources for LGBTQ+ communities.
Assembly Member Tony Simone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislation to protect our climate is a key priority of ours as we are decades behind in fighting the climate crisis. ● I just passed the bill in the State Assembly that adds gender identity and expression as a protected class to the anti-discrimination protection for interns under the Human Rights law. ● I will soon be introducing legislation to address the problem of e-bikes not following the rules (e.g. riding on the sidewalks). The bill will require e-bikes used for commercial purposes to be registered and brandish a license plate. It also redirects all fines to the employer, who often pressures our delivery workers to deliver food in 10-15 minutes. People can wait longer for deliveries. ● Earlier this month, I introduced a bill to remove the heliport from the Hudson River Park (A7277) and another bill (6985) to prohibit municipalities from allowing public lands for helicopters for sightseeing tours or photography. Both of these bills are carried by State Senator Hoylman Siegel on the Senate side. ● I have been hounding the Cannabis management office about their lack of enforcement.
Jordan Feiner, from Council Member Erik Bottcher's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On May 23rd, we met outside of 128 West 17th Street, also known as the Former Colored School Number Four, with community members, CB4 members and local historian, Eric K Washington, as well as the Mayor of New York City, as we announced that the Councilmember had secured \$6 million in funding for this historic building to help restore it! On that same day, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to designate the former school as an historic landmark. Thanks to MCB4, including Kerry, Jessica and the other members of Chelsea Land Use who fought hard for this. ● We recently concluded our participatory budgeting process and announced the winners. We were very pleased that 3,333 people voted on which projects should win, which is a 50% increase over the number of voters last time. Out of the 31 City Council members who did participatory budgeting, our Council District got the fifth highest participation rate, so we are very pleased with the team effort.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are pleased to announce 200+ trees that will be planted soon in the District, which means that we are well on our way to achieving the Council member's goal of planting 1,000 trees during his time in office. • We are also focused on a number of HPD violations and have been working closely with tenants and community members to get them addressed. • We are also trying to address the issues about the super sidewalks on 9th Avenue so that they are more user-friendly for pedestrians.
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Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	Agenda Item 10 was tabled. The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The May Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.
District Manager Report	<p>In-person meeting update:</p> <p>Currently the City E.O. for COVID-19 remains in effect. Per the board's determination committee meetings remain 100% virtual until further notice.</p> <p>June Committee Schedule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Committee Changes: CLU will not be meeting on it's usual day, Monday June 19th in observance of the Holiday, Juneteenth • MCB4 By Laws Task Force will be meeting on Monday, June 12 at 4pm • Tuesday, June 20th will be a special informational presentation co-sponsored by the Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee and the Chelsea Land Use Committee. A presentation of the proposed Chelsea NYCHA Plan by the current development team. • All other May Committees meet at their regular scheduled time <p>Office Space Update:</p> <p>MCB4 ULURP for office space at 630 9th Avenue was approved.</p>

Chair's Report	<p>Members not reapplying to the board: Sarah Mills, Leslie Williams, James Wallace, Sabrina Reveron, Mrinal Vikram, Kit Tollerson, Yadira Jimenez, Blake Kurisu</p> <p>New Board Members: Manha Awais, Lisa David, Rachel Lee, Inge Ivencko, Raul Larios, Sanford Miller, Greg Morris, Rodney Washington, Cano Wilson</p> <p>Full Board Presentations & Hearings: No hearing</p> <p>Small Meetings\Task Forces\Working Groups\Other Points of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Leadership Changes • Chelsea NYCHA Information Event – Tuesday, June 20th at 6pm [note: event was rescheduled to July 12] <p>Task Forces & Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 FAR Working Group and By Laws Task Force continue to meet with the goal of reporting out at June's Executive Committee. • Port Authority Bus Terminal Replacement Working Group is holding regular bi-weekly meetings. <p>Points of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 128 West 17th Street - Former Colored School #4 was designated a NYC Landmark and has received \$6 million dollars in funding from the city. • MCB4 provided Testimony at that following hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hearing on amendments to the LPC rules ◦ Hearing on the proposed lease for Pier 94
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Meeting Agenda

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 01: BLP Letter to SLA re 98 8th Avenue – Tangy Noodle LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 02: BLP Letter to SLA re 161 W 23rd Street – 161 Part 2 LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 03: BLP Letter to SLA re 383 W 31st Street, Food Hall, Stall# 33 - Yo Yo Sushi LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 04: BLP Letter to SLA re 401 W 24th Street – Heng & Dee LLC. - **APPROVED**

Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)

Item 05: Letter to Mayor Adams re Proposed Legislation on Severe Mental Illness - **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Item 06: Letter to DOT re Neighborhood Loading Zone Request for Chain Theatre – 312 W. 36th Street (8/9) - **APPROVED**

Item 07: Letter to PANYNJ re Lincoln Tunnel Over-Height Detection Replacement - **APPROVED**

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

Item 08: Letter to DYCD re support and expansion of Adult ESOL Programs - **APPROVED**

Item 09: Letter to DSNY re Support for expansion of Clean Curb Pilot Program on West 45th Street - **APPROVED**

Executive Committee (EXEC)

Item 10: Joint CHKLU/CLU Letter to DCP and City Council re Proposed City of Yes Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment - **TABLED**

Item 11: Joint CHKLU\CLU Letter to LPC re Proposed Amendments to LPC Rules – **For Ratification**

Item 12: Letter to EDC re Comments on Proposed Lease for Pier 94 (W.54 St) – **For Ratification**

New Business

N/A

Nothing to Report

Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)

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

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30pm on Wednesday July 26, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

As recorded by Roberta Barnett and Katy Stokes

VOTING KEY Y=Yes N=No A=Abstain PNE=Present, not eligible A'-- = No vote ATTENDANCE KEY P=Present (IP v. V) Ab=Absent E=Excused		IP#	ATTENDANCE	1. Letter to SLA re 98 8th Avenue - Tangy Noodle LLC	2. Letter to SLA re 161 W. 23rd Street - 161 Part 2 LLC	3. Letter to SLA re 383 W. 31st Street, Food Hall, Stall #33 - Yo Yo Sushi LLC	4. Letter to SLA re 401 W. 24th Street - Heng & Dee LLC	5. Letter to Mayor Adams re Proposed Legislation on Severe Mental Illness	6. Letter to DOT re Neighborhood Loading Zone Request for Chain Theatre - 312 W. 36th Street (8/9)	7. Letter to PANYNJ re Lincoln Tunnel Over-Height Detection Replacement	8. Letter to DYCD re Support and expansion of Adult ESOL Programs	9. Letter to DSNY re Support for expansion of Clean Curb Pilot Program on West 45th Street	10. Joint CHKLU/CLU Letter to DCP and City Council re Proposed City of Yes Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment - TABLED	11. Joint CHKLU/CLU Letter to LPC re Proposed Amendments to LPC Rules - For Ratification	12. Letter to EDC re Comments on Proposed Lease for Pier 94 (W. 54th Street) - For Ratification
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PNE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0
A'--		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theodore Arenas		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Manha Awais		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Roberta Barnett		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		A	Y
Christine Berthet		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE		Y	Y
Gwen Billig		A													
Leslie Boghosian Murphy		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Viren Brahmbhatt		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Wilson Cano		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Jessica Chait		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Dale Corvino		A													
Aurora P. Cruz		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Lisa David		P	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
Paul Devlin		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Pete Diaz		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Tina DiFelicianantonio		A													
Wendy Gonzalez		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Matt Green		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE		Y	Y
Jesse Greenwald		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Candice Hewitt		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
David Holowka		A													
Frank Holozubiec		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Josephine Ishmon		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Inge Ivchenko		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A
Kerry Keenan		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Lowell Kern		A													
Raul Larios		P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A
Burt Lazarin		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Christopher LeBron		A													
Rachel Lee		P	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
Betty Mackintosh		A													
Sanford Miller		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Gregory Morris		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Tina Nelson		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE	Y		Y	Y
Michael Noble		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
J.D. Noland		P	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
Allen Oster		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE		Y	Y
Brad Pascarella		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Joe Restuccia		P	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
David Solnick		A													
Katy Stokes		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Charles Todd		P	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
David Warren		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE		Y	Y
Rodney Washington		P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Alice Wong		A													

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