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January 2024 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday January 3, 2024, in a hybrid format, with the majority of Board members meeting in person (with members of the public present) at Mt. Sinai West Hospital Conference Room, and remote participation via Zoom by other members of the Board and the public.</p> <p>The meeting was accessible in person, via Zoom webinar and live streamed on YouTube. It can be viewed at: MCB4 YouTube January 2024</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 January 2024 Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p>
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<p>Presentation</p> <p>Hudson River Park Trust Community Update, presented by Noreen Doyle, President</p>
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<p>Public Hearing</p> <p>MCB4 District Manager Jesse Bodin opened the Public Hearing regarding Citywide Gaming Facilities Text Amendment. There were no speakers for this public hearing.</p>
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<p>Public Session</p>	
Jacqueline Lara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to see the survey results from the NYCHA Fulton and Elliot Chelsea development proposal.
Celines Miranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to see the survey results from the NYCHA Fulton and Elliot Chelsea development proposal.
Caesar Lourde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celines Miranda read a written statement on behalf of Caesar. Spoke against the demolition and rebuild of Fulton and Elliot Chelsea NYCHA development.
Alexa Cruz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke against the demolition and rebuild of Fulton and Elliot Chelsea NYCHA development.
Tom Mullney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke against the approval of licenses for cannabis and bars openings on West 26th Street that are seeking 4am closing time.

Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to raise awareness and upcoming calendar of events from the Fashion Institute of Technology.
Lillian Pelton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquiry regarding letter proposal for West 16th Street for a cannabis retail location.
Carla Roussos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryant/Chelsea/Clinton Health Center update for flu vaccination at PS52 & health workshop at PS111 and Independence HS.
Jeffery Yin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board representative for the W46 Street Tenants Corp, opposed to the opening of a cannabis store license.

Reports From Elected Officials	
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's Office, presented by Tricia Shimamura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online portals are now open for any organization to apply for City capital funding for projects in FY25. For more detailed information about the application process for capital funding in FY25, go to FY 2025 MBP Capital Funding Our City is failing New Yorkers with serious mental illness. To better serve such New Yorkers, our office has launched a campaign called "Breaking the Cycle", which calls for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion in the number of long-term psychiatric beds Initiatives to address the severe shortage of clinical staff in behavioral health Concrete steps to develop more supportive housing Expansion of community-based and peer led programs Doubling of Intensive Mobile Treatment teams for street outreach Giving EMS workers the ability to provide opioid withdrawal treatment medication Community Board applications are now open! Click here for more information: Community Board applications The deadline is Feb. 24. Current community board members seeking to continue their service are required to fill out a re-application form prior to the expiration of their term. The MBP's Office honors the extraordinary service of Jeffrey LeFrancois as MCB4 Chair for the last two years!
NYC Councilmember Erik Bottcher's Office, presented by Jordan Feiner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with MCB4, we accomplished a lot last year, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 10th Ave. bike lane, which will be extended down to the southern tip of MCD4 later this year; the complete redesign of the Penn South playground as an ADA accessible playground the appointment of a 7A Administrator at 410 West 46th street landmarking the Former Color School #4 on West 17th street and securing money to preserve it! We look forward to many more wins this year!
NYS Assemblymember Tony Simone's Office,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our office introduced two bills last month (A8362 and A8446) to address the problem of constructive eviction by greedy property owners. Assemblymember Simone was a keynote speaker at the West Side Tenants Conference last month, where residents from all over NYC came together

presented by Ben Lowenstein	<p>to learn about tenant organizing and how to protect themselves from bad landlords.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC is in the middle of an affordability crisis and housing is the most salient part of that crisis. That's why the State must pass critical tenant protections like Good Cause Eviction rules and expand the right to council statewide.
NYC Mayor Eric Adam's Office, presented by Robin Forst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month the Mayor, along with Commissioner Tish, announced a new generation of technology to enhance snow removal operations. It's called Blade Runner 2.0. It will centralize the deployment of the equipment and will do real-time tracking of the equipment. • The City Council recently passed legislation (Intro 586) which requires police officers to document every encounter they have with any person. This could lead to an over-abundance of documentation by police officers if they have to document every single person they talk to on the streets if a child is missing. We think the City will be safer and more police officers will be on the streets without this legislation. • The number of migrants arriving in our city has not abated. The Mayor initiated an Executive Order that requires the migrants who arrive by bus to arrive only at certain hours and with advance notice. It's a work in progress but we have to stem the tide. We are appreciative of how MCB4 has stepped up to help the incoming migrants.
US Congressman Jerry Nadler's Office, presented by Hannah Weinerman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressman Nadler helped to secure billions of dollars in federal investments for New York infrastructure projects thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$6.88 billion in federal funds for Gateway, the largest federal transportation grant in history ○ \$2.4 billion for the 2nd Avenue subway extension to 125th Street ○ \$3.8 billion in additional funding, securing the much needed Northeast Corridor rail project ○ \$2.9 billion to extend Metro North service to Penn Station and renew the East River Tunnels • All three major insulin manufacturers (Sanofi, Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly) are now offering \$35-a-month caps or savings programs to only pay \$35 for out-of-pocket costs for insulin. They're also cutting list prices for many of their insulin products by 70% or more. This wouldn't have been possible without Congressional Democrats acting to cap the price of insulin in the Inflation Reduction Act. • After months of backlogs, the Passport Services have announced more normal wait times for application processing. Routine service will now take about 6-8 weeks and expedited service will take about 2-3 weeks.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The December 2023 Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.
District Manager Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCB4 Hybrid Meeting Policy remains in effect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members – Please use the online form for members to request extraordinary circumstances and/or disability accommodation. If

	<p>you have any questions about the hybrid policy please contact me directly.</p> <p>MCB4 January Committee Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chelsea Land Use will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16th due to the Martin Luthur King Holiday on 1/15. ○ Cannabis Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, 1/18 at 6:30pm. ○ All other committees will be meeting at their regular date and times ○ Office will be closed on Monday, 1/15 for MLK
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allen Oster is stepping down as Co-Chair of ACES. Huge thanks to Allen for his leadership in that capacity for several years. Matt Green has agreed to replace Allen as Co-Chair on ACES, so Matt and Josephine Ishmon will now be Co-Chairs of ACES going forward. ● We will also be selecting a new Co-Chair for CLU shortly to partner with Kerry Keenan. ● Representatives of MCB4 will be participating in the process of figuring out what should be done on Pier 76, and they will be coming to WPE soon to discuss. ● We are looking to hold a hearing on casinos so that we can hear everyone's perspectives.

Meeting Agenda

Housing Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)

Item 01: Letter to DHS re Continued lack of coordination and communication with Manhattan Community Board 4 Regarding Shelters - **APPROVED**

Item 02: Letter to DHS re Project Renewal Temporary Shelter Relocation at 343 West 44th Street – Ramada Inn - **APPROVED**

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 03: Letter to SLA re 410 10th Avenue – 16th Floor - Restaurant Associates LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 04: Letter to SLA re 410 10th Avenue, FL 20 - Restaurant Associates LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 05: Letter to SLA re 450 West 33rd Street, FLs 6-8 - Restaurant Associates LLC. - **APPROVED**

Item 06: Letter to SLA re 772 9th Avenue – Monart 3 Corp. - **APPROVED**

Item 07: Letter to SLA re 321 West 44th Street - PMACS 10 LLC - **APPROVED**

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

Item 08: Letter to DCP re Citywide Gaming Facilities Text Amendment - **APPROVED**

Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)

Item 09: Letter to LPC re Proposed renovation of 549 West 26th Street - **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Item 10: Letter to DOT re Design Concept for Pedestrian Improvements along 9th Avenue (50-34) - **APPROVED**

Item 11: Letter to DOT re Request for Neighborhood Loading Zone in front of The Salvation Army – West 46th Street - **APPROVED**

Item 12: Letter to NYS & NYC DOT re 9A Traffic Issues - **APPROVED**

Cannabis Task Force

Item 13: Letter to NYS OCM re 58-60 9th Avenue – NYC Green Girl LLC - **APPROVED**

Item 14: Letter to NYS OCM re 102 7th Avenue – Actualize - **APPROVED**

Item 15: Letter to NYS OCM re 356 West 40th Street – Greenleaf Cannabis LLC\Hell’s Kitchen Cannabis Collective - **APPROVED**

Item 16: Letter to NYS OCM re 543 West 42nd Street - DTPFF - **APPROVED**

New Business

No Letters to Report

Arts, Culture, Education, and Schools Committee (ACES)

Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)

Executive Committee (EXEC)

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

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30pm on Wednesday February 7 Hybrid Meeting

As recorded by Katy Stokes and Alice Wong.

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Y=Yes																			
N=No																			
A=Abstain																			
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P=Present (IP v. V)																			
Ab=Absent																			
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Gwen Billig	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Leslie Boghosian Murphy	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A		
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Paul Devlin	A	A																	
Pete Diaz	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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Matt Green	IP	P	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jesse Greenwald	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Candice Hewitt	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		
David Holowka	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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Josephine Ishmon	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		
Inge Ivchenko	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Kerry Keenan	V	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		
Lowell Kern	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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Burt Lazarin	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Christopher LeBron	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Rachel Lee	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jeffrey LeFrancois	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PNE	PNE	Y	Y		
Betty Mackintosh	V	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Sanford Miller	IP	P	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Gregory Morris	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		
Tina Nelson	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Michael Noble	V	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
J.D. Noland	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		
Maria Ortiz	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Allen Oster	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Brad Pascarella	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		
Joe Restuccia	A	A																	
Delores Rubin	V	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Katy Stokes	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Charles Todd	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Hector Vazquez	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		
David Warren	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Rodney Washington	IP	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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