



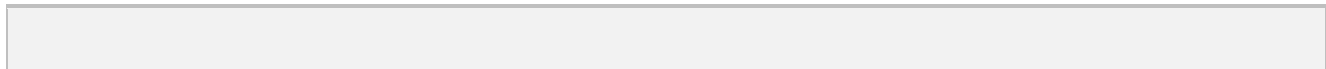
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February 2024 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in a hybrid format, with the majority of Board members meeting in person (with members of the public present) at Hotel Trades Council on 305 W. 44th Street, 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 February 2024</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 February 2024 Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p>
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Public Hearing

City Of Yes Economic Opportunity Proposal, hearing chaired by Paul Devlin.

- **Catie Savage:** A one-size fits-all approach to zoning is not appropriate for the diverse neighborhoods that make up New York City. We are particularly concerned about the proposal to convert second floor residential into commercial, as well as having 50% of apartment space to be used potentially for business. While we're in the midst of a housing crisis, we can not risk an encroachment on our dwindling housing stock by corporate enterprises.
- **Tom Meany:** there will be inadequate law enforcement to effectively enforce the rules of City of Yes.

Mayor’s Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, hearing chaired by Leslie Boghosian Murphy. There were no speakers on this topic.

Public Session

Henry Slesinger	● Regarding cannabis application at London Terrace Towers.
Tom M	● Garage Sale Vintage, requests sound report to be provided.
James Boyd	● Closure of West 30th Street Heliport.

Marc Rachman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garage Sale Vintage, requests sound report to be provided.
Miriam Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accessibility, elevators on subway 23rd Street.
Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FIT update regarding recent exhibits and upcoming events.
Anita McDonagh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, opposed.
Michael Huarachi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking, off sidewalks and onto streets. Call for ceasefire in Israel/Gaza.
Thuy Pham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For The Greater Community Forums/Series + Topics.
Alan Pomerantz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, opposed.
Emily Lester Cahnmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, opposed.
Bobby Vangelatos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chelsea Rec Center calendar of events.
Trisha Paloluccio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, opposed.
Gregory Franklin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, in favor.
Jerry Lin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding cannabis application at 862 Ninth Avenue, owner providing additional information.
Daniel Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking, off sidewalks and onto streets.
Emily Jacobi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking, off sidewalks and onto streets.
Robert Haufrecht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking on 9th Ave., off sidewalks and onto streets. Supports ceasefire in Israel/Gaza.
Emanuela Villorini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking on 9th Ave., off sidewalks and onto streets.
Matt Feldmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In support of bike parking on 9th Ave., off sidewalks and onto streets.
Katie Savage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does not support bike parking proposal on 9th Ave., asking for more review.
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Reports From Elected Officials	
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's Office, presented by Yiyi Wang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications to serve on the Community Board are still open; the deadline has been extended to early March; please go to our web site to find out all of the information and to find the application. ● Some sidewalk sheds and scaffolding have remained in place for more than 5 years, which shouldn't be allowed. We've recently given out "awards" for the longest running sidewalk sheds, and two of them can be found in MCD4. We have introduced legislation to address this problem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The MBP will be celebrating Black History Month on February 20th at Aaron Davis Hall with a celebration of 50 Years of Hip Hop. We hope to see you there! ● Our office is providing free tax preparation help on Fridays from 9 to 5 through April 12. Appointments are strongly suggested. Please call 212-531 1609. ● You still have time to apply for our Capital funding for the fiscal year 2025. The deadline in Feb. 22 and there will be no extensions.
<p>NY State Senator Brad Hoylman-Siegel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduced new liaison to MCB4, Jonah Rose. ● Very involved in hearings in Albany regarding the State budget. Believes that NYC is not getting what it needs from the State in the budget. Explained that NYC sends more tax dollars to Albany than it gets back. ● Introduced or partnered on several legislative initiatives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ preventing banks from charging fees when customers use EBT cards ○ deterring the fencing of stolen goods online (e.g. Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace) ○ expanding the number of hate crimes ○ allowing medical aid in dying ○ guaranteeing a right to representation in deportation proceedings ○ regulating e-bikes ● Pleased to report that Midtown Community Justice Center will resume operations 5 days a week
<p>NYC Council Member Gale Brewer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are doing another cannabis study to provide updated data about the numbers of unlicensed shops selling cannabis. The proliferation is beyond frustrating, and we have reached out to the Sheriff’s Office, the Health Department and City Council to see what more can be done to shut them down. ● I am very frustrated by the new rule that requires migrants to leave their temporary homes after 60-days and re-apply for housing. This is terrible for families with kids in schools especially. We are trying hard to ensure that kids don’t lose their places in their current schools. ● The proposed budget cuts to the City’s budget are terrible.
<p>NY State Senator Krueger, presented by Dana Schmerzler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As Chair of the State Senate Finance Committee, Senator Krueger is running all of the budget hearings that the Senate and Assembly are holding in order to hear from State agencies and community organizations about what they're going to use the money for, and also to advocate for the needs and things that they want to see funded in this year's budget. ● Together with Senator Hoylman-Siegel, Senator Krueger has passed legislation that would work to make sure that mopeds are being licensed and sold correctly.
<p>US Congress Member Dan Goldman, presented by Tevin Williams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In January, launched ‘NY-10 Alliance Against Gun Violence,’ a series of events to highlight National Gun Violence Survivors week. ● Worked with fellow Democratic colleagues to oppose cuts to Social Security proposed by Republicans.
<p>NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, presented by Curtis Young</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The How Many Stops Act and the bill about solitary confinement both passed in December, both of which should help protect and promote public safety and transparency. ● We are hosting a Black History Month celebration on Feb. 26, and you can find more details on our web site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing our monthly “Ask the Advocate” series on News2 – the next segment for New Yorkers to call in and post direct questions to the Public Advocate will be held on February 19th, as well as the same for the Caribbean Power Hour radio call-in station, which will be on Feb 16th at 10 a.m.
NY State Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal, presented by Andres Rubiano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM Rosenthal sent a letter to the Department of Education regarding the 60-day notices from H&H, which we know have been disruptive and harmful for our Asylum Seekers. We asked specifically for an inter agency communication system between the DOE and H&H, uniform notification systems, alerting school districts about the 60-day notice and more information from the DOE outlining all of the students legal right to return to their local school upon moving. We were also very concerned about the report that recently came out about the health code violations in some of our schools in our district, including Ps11 and PS 245, among other smaller violations that were also reported. We sent a letter to the Department of Education, outlining our concerns and making sure that the trouble spots get rectified.

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	Item 14 was withdrawn. The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The January 2024 Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.
District Manager Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30pm Chelsea Land Use will be meeting on Tuesday, February 20th Cannabis Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm. All other committees will be meeting at their regular date and times Office will be closed on Monday, 2/19 for Presidents Day
Chair’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Authority Bus Terminal Working Group will continue to meet and DEIS will be discussed at the following Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/14 – Clinton\Hell’s Kitchen Land Use 2/21 – Transportation Planning 2/8 – Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Chelsea NYCHA Working Group will continue to meet with the Development team as well as holding public meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/15 – HHHS – Interim repairs plan and security plans 2/20 – CLU – Discuss & Comment on Draft Scope of Work Tentative Casino Forum & Hearing on Tuesday March 19th.

Meeting Agenda

Executive Committee

Item 01: Joint CHKLU\CLU Letter to DCP re City of Yes Economic Opportunities Land Use Application **APPROVED**

Housing Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)

Item 02: Letter to Mt. Sinai West and Beth Israel Hospital re Closure of Beth Israel Hospital and consolidation of services. **APPROVED**

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

Item 03: Letter to Mayor's office re Budget cuts and hiring freeze at DOE

Item 04: Letter to NYC DOHMH and NYS DOH re Recommendations to mitigate impact of cannabis on children **APPROVED**

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 05: Letter to SLA re 10 Columbus Circle - Coconut Rice LLC **APPROVED**

Item 06: Letter to SLA re 150 W 26th Street - GSV NYC 1 LLC **APPROVED**

Item 07: Letter to SLA re 231 8th Avenue - Fellini Chelsea Corp **APPROVED**

Item 08: Letter to SLA re 311 W 51st Street - 311 51 Hospitality LLC **APPROVED**

Item 09: Letter to SLA re 332 9th Avenue - RWP Bar and Grill LLC **APPROVED**

Item 10: Letter to SLA re 626B 10th Avenue – Saint NYC Lounge **APPROVED**

Item 11: Letter to SLA re 692 10th Avenue – It's Him LLC **APPROVED**

Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)

Item 12: Letter to DSNY re Syringe Collection Efforts **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Item 13: Letter to HRPT, DOT and Chelsea Piers re: Citi Bike Stations at Chelsea Piers **APPROVED**

Item 14: Letter to DOT and Los Deliveristas Unidos re: Bike Corral on 9 th Avenue (43/44) **WITHDRAWN**

Item 15: Letter to DOT re Shared Street for Hudson Boulevard East – For Ratification **RATIFIED**

Item 16: Letter to MTA re Request for Elevators at 23 rd Street and 6th Avenue Station **APPROVED**

Cannabis Task Force

Item 17: Letter to NYS OCM re Need for additional enforcement of unlicensed cannabis stores **APPROVED**

Item 18: Letter to NYS OCM re 219 9 th Avenue – NY Retail 1 Inc **APPROVED**

Item 19: Letter to NYS OCM re 107 West 25 th Street – Zenleaf LLC **APPROVED**

Item 20: Letter to NYS OCM re 304 West 40 th Street – Hell's Kitchen Store LLC **APPROVED**

Item 21: Letter to NYS OCM re 195 9 th Avenue – Tray Leaf 195 LLC **APPROVED**

Item 22: Letter to NYS OCM re 743 9 th Avenue – Cannabis Company of New York **APPROVED**

Item 23: Letter to NYS OCM re 862 9 th Avenue – Cannadreams Inc. **APPROVED**

Item 24: Letter to NYS OCM re 621 West 46 Street – AMAA Venture LLC **APPROVED**

New Business

Item 25: Response to Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 **APPROVED**

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

Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned.
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 6 Hybrid Meeting

As recorded by Katy Stokes and Alice Wong.

