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September 2024 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in a hybrid format, with the majority of Board members meeting in person (with members of the public present) at Pier 57 Class Rooms, located at 25 11th Avenue 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 September 2024</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 September 2024 Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive</p>
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Public Hearing	
Annual District Needs and Budget Requests	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No members from the public signed up to speak.

Public Session	
Alexa Cruz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex. ● Wants Section 9 housing protected.
Mary McGee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports the demolition of the NYCHA complex.
Miguel Acevdo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports the demolition of the NYCHA complex. ● Wants both Section 8 & Section 9 housing protected
Celines Miranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex.
Nakkia Malls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex. ● Wants Section 9 housing protected.

Hector Vaquez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports the demolition of the NYCHA complex.
Jeffery LaFrancois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invitation to a Blessing Ceremony at Meatpacking District on Friday, Sept 6 for new exhibit. ● Stepping down from MCB4 and this is his last meeting.
Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FIT update and upcoming calendar of events. ● FIT alumni designed an outfit for the DNC. ● President Joyce is stepping down and there will be a national search.
Pamela Wolff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaking as Chelsea West 200 Block Association representative. ● KONA outdoor seating concerns to stay within footprint. ● Sleeping Cat Bakery supports sidewalk seating. ● Crown Ally expansion is of concern and asks to keep an eye to stay within their footprint.
Carla Roussos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update from Ryan Chelsea Clinton (health clinic for children, adults, seniors) - open for primary care, eye, dental, and lab care. ● Open house on Sept. 14 for school supplies and dental care items.

Reports From Elected Officials	
NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sorry to hear that Jeffrey LeFrancois is stepping down from MCB4 but certain he will continue to be very involved with the community. ● Participated today in a press conference to object to the Mayor's policy of limiting the stay of migrants to 60 days in any specific shelter before leaving and starting the process again. Very disruptive to families with children in school. Also introduced legislation at the state level that would preclude the Mayor from implementing this policy. ● Gov. Hochul recently signed our bill that requires all gasoline-powered mopeds to get licensed with the State Dept. of Transportation before leaving the store where the bike is purchased. This should help law enforcement be able to find bikes that are accused of breaking the law. ● Gov. Hochul also just signed our bill to appoint more Family Court judges, which are critically needed. ● I am hosting a Town Hall on Sept. 15 at the Natural Museum of History. Please come!
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, presented by Yiyi Wang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ghost cars (those with defaced, obstructed, and fraudulent license plates) pose a huge problem for law enforcement and the city. Our office is working to ensure that every vehicle has a valid and readable license plate. ● During the week of Oct. 28-Nov. 2, we will be hosting again our Leadership Training Series for new members of the Community Board and any other Board members who haven't received the training.

<p>NYS Senator Liz Krueger, presented by Dana Schmerzler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On Sept. 12, from 10 - 11:30 am, we will be hosting one of our Roundtables. This one will be focused on new technology designed with older adults in mind. ● On Oct. 1, we will be hosting a clinic on “Benefits for Older Adults”. You can learn about rent freeze, heat, healthcare benefits available for older adults.
<p>District Attorney Alvin Bragg, presented by Eric Strazza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There has been a rise in anti-semitic incidents in the last year, so our office is doing quite a bit of outreach to Jewish community leaders. ● We have hosted several Art of Healing Festivals, and our next one will be on the Lower East side after the violent incident at Tompkins Square Park. ● Our office web site is a great resource to learn details about all of the indictments and sentences that have been issued recently.
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Board Reports & Business	
<p>Adoption of Agenda and Minutes</p>	<p>The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The July Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.</p>
<p>District Manager Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thanks to community member Alexa Cruz for arriving early for this meeting and helping me set up for this meeting. Very kind of her! ● Thanks to Jeffrey LeFrancois for the kind words and for the years of service to MCB4. It was a pleasure working with you! ● MCB4 September Committee Schedule: ● Business License and Permits Committee will be meeting at 6pm instead of 6:30pm ● The Cannabis Task For will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17th instead of Thursday, September 19th. ● Budget Task Force will be meeting on Monday, September 23rd at 5pm before the regularity scheduled Executive Committee meeting. ● All other Committees will meet at regular dates/time. ● October meeting schedule: ● Full Board meeting Tuesday, October 1 (note that this meeting is not on the first Wednesday of the month because of Rosh Hashanah) ● Housing, Health, and Human Services – Thursday October 17 (moved because of Rosh Hashanah)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Culture, Education, and Schools – Tuesday, October 15 (moved because of Columbus Day) • Budget Task Force – Wednesday October 23 • Nominating Committee – Thursday October 24th
Chair’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nominating Committee will begin its work in October. I want to thank Alice Wong for agreeing to chair this committee. The other members of the Nominating Committee are: Wendy Gonzalez, Matt Green, Josephine Ishmon, Gregory Morris, Tina Nelson and Rodney Washington • Alice will be stepping down as Co-Secretary at the end of this year. • Any current executive officers and board members looking to be considered for an officer position please send Jesse Bodine an email with your resume as soon as possible. • In connection with our work on the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCB4 will be providing testimony before Department of City Planning on Wednesday, September 11th. • Statement of District Needs and Budget Request Process: • Committee discussion and vote: September and October • Full Board Vote: November Full Board • Relevant budget material can be found on our website and topic specific material will be provided to each committee to review.

Meeting Agenda

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

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 01: BLP Letter to DOT re 773 10th Avenue - Frena Mediterranean LLC - Application ID 20240522010001 - Roadway - **RATIFIED**

Item 02: BLP Letter to DOT re 773 10th Avenue - Frena Mediterranean LLC - Application ID 20240522010001 - Sidewalk - **RATIFIED**

Item 03: BLP Letter to SLA re 773 10th Avenue - Frena Mediterranean LLC.

Item 04: BLP Letter to DOT re 201 W 21st Street – TH Hospitality Corp.– Application ID 20240531010004 – Sidewalk - **RATIFIED**

Item 05: BLP Letter to DOT re 203 W 14th Street - Buzwin Donuts Corp. Application ID 20240531010006 - Sidewalk - **RATIFIED**

Item 06: BLP Letter to DOT re 468 W 47th Street - Foodance Festival LLC - Application ID - 20240613010001 - Sidewalk Cafe - **RATIFIED**

Item 07: BLP Letter to DOT re 160 7th Avenue - SH Operation LLC - Application ID 20240613010003 - Sidewalk **APPROVED**

Item 08: BLP Letter to DOT re 316 W 49th Street - 316 West 49th Rest Restaurant Corp. - Application ID 20240530010003 - Sidewalk **APPROVED**

Item 09: BLP Letter to DOT re 614 9th Avenue - Westway Diner Inc - Application ID 20240521010001 - Sidewalk **APPROVED**

Item 10: BLP Letter to SLA re 614 9th Avenue - Westway Diner Inc **APPROVED**

Item 11: BLP Letter to SLA re 316 W 49th Street - 316 West 49th Rest Restaurant Corp **APPROVED**

- Item 12:** BLP Letter to SLA re 160 7th Avenue - SH Operation LLC **APPROVED**
Item 13: BLP Letter to SLA re 468 W 47th Street - Foodance Festival LLC **APPROVED**
Item 14: BLP Letter to SLA re 359 W 54th Street - La Boca LLC **APPROVED**
Item 15: BLP Letter to SLA re 322 W 50th Street - Janku Consulting Inc **APPROVED**
Item 16: BLP Letter to SLA re 311 W 17th Street - Konban Chelsea LLC **APPROVED**
Item 17: BLP Letter to SLA re 198 8th Avenue - 198 8th Avenue Restaurant Group LLC. **APPROVED**
Item 18: BLP Letter to SLA re 20 Hudson Yards, RU 416 - Eataly Caffè LLC. (*Full Liquor*) **APPROVED**
Item 19: BLP Letter to SLA re 20 Hudson Yards, RU 416 - Eataly Caffè LLC. (*Wine, Beer & Cider*) **APPROVED**
Item 20: BLP Letter to SLA re 424-426 W 54th Street - NED 876 Inc **APPROVED**
Item 21: BLP Letter to SLA re 360 9th Avenue - Mates Global LTD **APPROVED**
Item 22: BLP Letter to SLA re 302 W 45th Street - Jujamcyn Theaters LLC - Serial #1168131 **APPROVED**
Item 23: BLP Letter to SLA re 219 W 19th Street – New York Live Arts Inc **APPROVED**
Item 24: BLP Letter to SLA re 263 W 19th Street – CKBA LLC – Serial# 1326556 **APPROVED**
Item 25: BLP Letter to SLA re 405 W 23rd Street - Chelsea Pantry Corp. **APPROVED**

New Business – None

Nothing to Report

- Housing Health & Human Services (HHHS)**
Arts, Culture, Education, and Schools Committee (ACES)
Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)
Waterfront, Parks, & Environment Committee (WPE)
Chelsea Land Use Committee
Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)
Executive Committee (EXEC)
Cannabis Task Force

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 1 Hybrid Meeting Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th St.

As recorded by Katy Stokes and Alice Wong.

