

1 **MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 4**

2 June 4, 2014

3 Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue (17/18)

5 **PUBLIC HEARING**

7 **Presentation** – Irish Arts Center, ULURP #: C 140386 HAM. The NYC Department of Housing
8 Preservation and Development seeking approval of an Urban Development Action Area Project
9 designation and the disposition of City-owned property located at Eleventh Avenue and West 51st Street
10 in the Clinton neighborhood of Community District 4, Manhattan. These actions will facilitate the
11 development of a five-story, approximately 30,000 zoning square foot (approximately 38,500 gross
12 square feet) community facility and the enlargement of an adjacent community garden.

14 **Presentation** – Greek Kitchen, Inc., ULURP #: N 120376 ECM. An application for renewal of an
15 enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats at 885-889 Tenth Avenue d/b/a The Greek Kitchen.

17 **Presentation** – New York City Office of Emergency Management gives a brief overview of how to
18 prepare for and respond to a coastal storm. Pamphlets will also be distributed to those in attendance
19 providing more information on emergency preparedness.

21 **Presentation** – Hudson River Park Trust’s Public Programs and Environment & Education Departments
22 will provide the public with an overview of their 2014 summer programming throughout the park.

24 **MEETING AGENDA**

26 Public Session	Hugh Weinberg
27 Adoption of Agenda	Christine Berthet
28 Adoption of Last Month’s Minutes	Christine Berthet
29 Manhattan Borough President	Diana Howard
30 Local Elected Officials	Various
31 District Manager Report	Robert J. Benfatto, Jr.
32 Chair Report/Committee Reports	Christine Berthet

36 Introducing the first public hearing, JD Noland called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

38 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

39 Mr. Noland, Chair of the Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee introduced Aidan Connolly,
40 Executive Director of the Irish Arts Center (“IAC”) to present: **Irish Arts Center, ULURP #: C 140386**
41 **HAM. The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development seeking approval of an**
42 **Urban Development Action Area Project designation and the disposition of City-owned property**
43 **located at Eleventh Avenue and West 51st Street in the Clinton neighborhood of Community**
44 **District 4, Manhattan. These actions will facilitate the development of a five-story, approximately**

1 **30,000 zoning square foot (approximately 38,500 gross square feet) community facility and the**
2 **enlargement of an adjacent community garden.**

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4 Mr. Connolly introduced IAC vice-president Pauline Turley, who spoke of the mission of the ICA
5 presenting Irish culture, theatre, music, dance, and literature. She noted that the ICA has been working
6 with CB4 for many years on this project and has also worked with the tenants associations at the
7 residential buildings on either side of the site.
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9 Mr. Connolly then spoke about the dualities reflected in the IAC -- a combination of the old and the new,
10 with roots in tradition but a home for innovation. Asking what it means to be a cultural center in New
11 York City, he stated that the IAC had concluded that the best way to preserve culture is to share it. The
12 plans for the new IAC building have a variety of spaces to help sustain that mission.
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14 Mr. Connolly introduced Ciaran O'Connor, state architect from the Irish Office of Public Works, who is
15 the design architect on the project and travelled from Ireland to present the project to CB4. Mr. O'Connor
16 stated that the IAC should be a center for the propagation of ideas, a 360-degree interaction with the
17 diversity of New York, but grounded in Irish culture. The project incorporates green aspects into its
18 design and seeks to be environmentally sustainable. The IAC wants to be a long-term resource for the
19 community, and, to that end, the IAC has had extensive, long-term discussions with CB4, the community,
20 and Joe Restuccia and the Clinton Housing Development Company ("CHDC").
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22 Mr. O'Connor then presented slides of the proposed project, at Eleventh Avenue and West 51st Street,
23 which will integrate the existing IAC building with the new site. He described each floor of the new
24 building, which will include: an entrance foyer and space for small readings on the first floor; a 199-seat
25 theatre with full support on the second and third floors; classroom/multi-purpose spaces on the fourth
26 floor; a dance studio on the fifth floor (opening to a set-back terrace), with classrooms at the back of this
27 floor; and an outdoor mechanical area on the sixth floor. He noted that the building was well below the
28 maximum height permitted and that the height had been reduced considerably as the design evolved with
29 community input. The façade of the existing IAC building will be restored. The IAC was careful to take
30 into account the concerns of residents of neighboring apartments and wants to be a good neighbor.
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32 Mr. O'Connor concluded that there were constraints on the project regarding both finances and timeline.
33 2016 is a key year for Ireland, similar to a major anniversary of United States independence. In
34 connection with 2016, there are several building projects in Ireland, but the IAC is the only project
35 external to Ireland, reflecting the important connection of Ireland to the United States. Mr. O'Connor
36 looks forward to bringing the project to fruition in 2016.
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38 Joe Restuccia, Board member and Executive Director of CHDC, next explained that CHDC worked with
39 IAC because this project involved land that was condemned decades ago for urban renewal and affordable
40 housing. The project will be built on city-owned property. Mr. Restuccia noted that this is one of the last
41 parcels of city-owned property in this area -- property that was to be developed for affordable housing,
42 cultural organizations, and a few long-term commercial businesses.
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44 Mr. Restuccia then introduced Shanti Nagel of CHDC, who presented slides about the gardens at this
45 project, which will be integrated with the existing Juan Alonso Park.
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47 The public hearing was then opened to questions from the Board. Brad Pascarella asked whether keys
48 would be required for the park. Mr. Restuccia responded that the park would be open during the day and
49 closed at dusk, like other community parks.
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1 The hearing was then opened to public comment. One community member urged the Board to approve
2 the project, saying that she had attended several performances at the IAC and had never seen better
3 theatre. Another community member stated her concern that the design and planning take the threat of
4 future hurricanes into account, given the project's proximity to the Hudson River.

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6 This public hearing was then closed.
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9 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

10 Mr. Noland then opened the next public hearing: **Greek Kitchen, Inc., ULURP #: N 120376 ECM. An**
11 **application for renewal of an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats at 885-889 Tenth**
12 **Avenue d/b/a The Greek Kitchen.**

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14 Mr. Noland explained that CB4 disfavors enclosed sidewalk cafes, but does not object to existing ones so
15 long as there have been no complaints, which is the case here.

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17 There were no comments or questions from the Board or the public, so this public hearing was then
18 closed.
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21 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

22 Chair Berthet introduced James Park, from CERT, the Community Emergency Response Team, to
23 present: **New York City Office of Emergency Management gives a brief overview of how to prepare**
24 **for and respond to a coastal storm.**

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26 Mr. Park stated that CERT provides the eyes and ears to the emergency response effort throughout the
27 city. He lives in Hell's Kitchen and is deployed in CB4. He distributed pamphlets to those in attendance,
28 providing more information on emergency preparedness. They included maps of the various hurricane
29 evacuation zones. Mr. Park urged community members to determine what zone they reside in and to
30 learn the location of the nearest shelter (by calling 311). He stressed the importance of having a plan to
31 meet family members and get to a shelter in an emergency, particularly important if special needs or
32 disabilities are involved. Mr. Park also suggested preparing a "go" bag, with all emergency information
33 and equipment required to live outside of one's home for several days. He concluded by noting that
34 hurricanes would come again to the New York area and that preparedness was key.
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36 There were no comments or questions from the Board or the public, so this public hearing was then
37 closed.
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40 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

41 Chair Berthet introduced Tom Lindon, Vice President of Marketing and Events at Hudson River Park
42 Trust ("HRPT") and Nicolette Witcher, vice president of Environment and Education at HRPT, to
43 present: **Hudson River Park Trust's Public Programs and Environment & Education Departments**
44 **will provide the public with an overview of their 2014 summer programming throughout the park.**
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46 Mr. Lindon provided an overview of the free and low-cost programming presented by HRPT, much of it
47 at Pier 84. Programming includes ballroom dancing, a free blues BBQ, movie nights at Piers 63 and 46,
48 and concerts at Pier 97. All programs end by 10 p.m. There are also exercise programs and performances
49 by small combos. Brochures outlining the programming were distributed, and the calendar of events is
50 also available at hudsonriverpark.org.

1 Ms. Witcher discussed initiatives to improve awareness of the Hudson River and its surrounding
2 ecosystems and described programs for school groups and summer camps -- field trips to get children out
3 to the river. There are enrichment programs, such as public programs on big city fishing with
4 environmental educators. In the fall, HRPT will partner with the New York Hall of Science on the
5 Submerge project, a science festival devoted to understanding the science of coastal water.
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7 There were no comments or questions from the Board or the public, so this public hearing was then
8 closed.
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11 **PUBLIC SESSION:**

12 Hugh Weinberg called on the members of the public who signed up to speak. The public spoke on the
13 following topics:
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- 15 1. *Agenda Item 2 (100 West 23rd Street sidewalk vault)*. One individual spoke with respect to this
16 building, which is an anchor of the Flatiron District. To the extent the draft letter suggested that
17 the sidewalk vault is not important, the speaker urged that the letter be revised and that the
18 Chelsea Land Use Committee focus more on the historical value of sidewalks, as Soho does.
- 19 2. One individual encouraged CB4 to support the current bill to modify the Department of Buildings'
20 procedures for the issuance of after-hours work permits. Mr. Weinberg noted that concerns with
21 after-hours construction should be brought to the Quality of Life Committee.
- 22 3. Three individuals spoke regarding Service Employees International Union 32BJ: an employee at
23 the 540 West 28th Street condominium seeking union coverage and a union member and a union
24 organizer supporting that effort.
- 25 4. One individual spoke about her prior complaints regarding MTA bus service and her failure to
26 see any improvement.
- 27 5. One individual spoke about the need to keep pedestrians safe from bicyclists. Mr. Weinberg
28 urged the speaker to bring the issue up at police precinct meetings, and the speaker responded that
29 he had been doing so for the past three years.
- 30 6. One individual spoke about the overflowing trash containers in Chelsea. The speaker stated that
31 she had discussed the issue with two local sanitation workers, who urged CB4 to write a letter
32 asking for reversal of the cuts to the workforce who pick up trash. Chair Berthet stated that this
33 issue would be directed to the Quality of Life Committee.
- 34 7. The President of the Hudson Guild Senior Advisory Council spoke about trying to address
35 problems with buses, bus stops, and transportation. She stressed the need for the MTA to
36 improve transportation and the clean-up around bus stops in winter.
- 37 8. A representative from the Rubin Museum of Art urged the community to attend the museum's
38 tenth anniversary block party on July 20.
- 39 9. One individual spoke about the loss of small businesses, entrepreneurs, and services in the
40 district, stating that the community does need more bars and chain stores. The speaker noted that
41 Gale Brewer had found a solution to the over-sized chain-store problem on the Upper West Side.
42 He urged that landlords be given tax incentives to rent to small businesses. Mr. Weinberg noted
43 that the Chelsea Land Use Committee would be discussing the small business issue.
- 44 10. A representative of the farmers market in Chelsea stated that the market was open every Saturday
45 on West 23rd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.
- 46 11. One individual spoke about her inability to get her disability and trusts and estates issues
47 resolved. Chair Berthet noted that the Hudson Guild provides a lot of services and also suggested
48 that the speaker contact her elected officials.
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1 **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

2 The public session was interrupted to hear from State Senator **Brad Hoylman**. Senator Hoylman noted
3 that the senate was in the last two weeks of legislative session, with a lot to get done. He spoke of the
4 senate’s passing of legislation to subject the Port Authority to open meetings and records law, as are other
5 agencies. Senator Hoylman held a public forum at which speakers addressed the harms caused by so-
6 called “conversion therapy” and the need to protect LGBT youth from such “therapy.” He noted that the
7 Penn South tax abatement would be reviewed by the legislature this year and that he was working with
8 Assemblymember Dick Gottfried to have the abatement extended. Senator Hoylman stated that he was
9 honored to present to the senate CB4 member Walter Mankoff, an army veteran, who was inducted into
10 the New York State Veterans’ Hall of Fame. Senator Hoylman also had the honor of naming Marisa
11 Redanty, President Emeritus of the Manhattan Plaza Tenants Association, as a New York State “Woman
12 of Distinction.”
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15 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2014 FULL BOARD**
16 **MEETING:**
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18 Chair Berthet proposed an additional item of new business, a letter relating to the sanitation department
19 issues raised in the public session. At the suggestion of Burt Lazarin that the issue be considered at the
20 committee level first, Chair Berthet withdrew her proposal, and the matter will be referred to the Quality
21 of Life Committee. Chair Berthet stated that Items 2 and 20 of the Agenda would be tabled. With that
22 amendment, the Agenda was adopted.
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24 With respect to the Minutes of the May 2014 Full Board Meeting, Co-Secretary Frank Holozubiec stated
25 that a community member had proposed several changes to the description of one item at the May public
26 session. He stated that he would accept two of those changes as a friendly amendment -- on page 2, line
27 14, changing “Six individuals” to “Seven individuals” and changing the text on line 15 to add the
28 underlined language: “alleged U.S. and international law violations arising out of an affiliation with the
29 Cornell-Technion partnership.” With that change, the Minutes of the May 2014 Full Board meeting were
30 adopted.
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32 **REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**
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34 **Diana Howard, for Borough President Gale Brewer**, thanked Board members who attended the
35 Borough President’s reception for community board members. She noted that Board members would be
36 receiving an email to sign-up for sessions of the upcoming leadership development series sponsored by
37 the Borough President.
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39 **Paul Sawyer, for Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal**, noted that the legislative session is wrapping up.
40 Tonight would be the final CB4 meeting attended by Mr. Sawyer. He stated that Assemblymember
41 Rosenthal was requesting a community hotline be set up to receive complaints about events on the piers.
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43 **Matthew Green, for Councilmember Corey Johnson**, noted that the first in the Councilmember’s
44 “Let’s Talk” series took place last week, focusing on domestic violence and other women’s issues.
45 Councilmember Johnson submitted testimony to the Environmental Protection Agency about the pilot
46 study examining PCBs in schools. The new M12 bus line along Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, from the
47 West Village to Columbus Circle, will be launched this fall. Councilmember Johnson has signed on to
48 legislation seeking to limit the number of after-hours construction variances. On June 18, there will be

1 an LGBT Pride Celebration at Cooper Union.

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3 **Tricia Shimamura, for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney,** stated that the Congresswoman had
4 introduced new legislation to fund research on firearms safety, gun violence, and its prevention. In May,
5 the House passed the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, of which Congresswoman Maloney was lead
6 Democratic co-sponsor.

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8 **Dan Campanelli, for Comptroller Scott Stringer,** discussed the series of Hurricane Sandy oversight
9 hearings being held by the Comptroller. He also described the Comptroller's report on affordability in
10 housing, copies of which were available at the meeting.

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12 **Ed Sullivan, for Public Advocate Letitia James,** discussed two important issues requiring increases in
13 the city budget: a universal school lunch program, which would make lunch available to every child
14 regardless of family income (thereby avoiding the stigma of lunches available only to poorer families);
15 and hiring 1000 more police officers than currently budgeted, primarily to address the 31% increase in
16 crime in public housing.

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18 **REPORT OF DISTRICT MANAGER ROBERT J. BENFATTO:**

19 District Manager Robert Benfatto reported that there would be a joint meeting of the Chelsea and the
20 Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committees next Thursday, June 12. He requested that Board members
21 review, fill out, sign, and return the conflict of interest and disclosure forms.

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23 **REPORT OF MCB4 CHAIR CHRISTINE BERTHET:**

24 Chair Berthet reiterated the request to return completed conflict of interest and disclosure forms. She
25 stated that two important efforts will reach their first milestone in June: the Business Licenses and
26 Permits Committee will vote on the recommendations of the Balanced Business Working Group and the
27 Housing Committee will vote on a housing master plan for CB4. She urged interested Board members to
28 attend these committee meetings.

29 Chair Berthet noted the training sessions for new and present Board members are being scheduled by the
30 Borough President.

31 On an administrative note, she stated that, although Board members do an admirable job and produce
32 outstanding results, the lack of punctuality in starting meetings could convey disrespect for the
33 community's time. She urged Board members to be on time for meetings so that they could begin when
34 scheduled.

35 Chair Berthet described the new water taxi service launched between West 44th Street and Wall Street
36 and the split phase signal recently installed at West 43rd Street and Ninth Avenue, which we have been
37 working on for seven years.

38 As reflected in a new policy, committee members may attend small meetings, which are then reported on
39 by the Chair. Chair Berthet reported on the following small meetings: four meetings led by Borough
40 President Gale Brewer regarding the design of the transfer mechanism for Hudson River Park air rights,
41 with all seemingly committed to a transparent and inclusive process; continued meetings on Harborview
42 to finalize a building design for affordable housing; a meeting with Douglaston to hear their plans for a
43 tower on West 29th Street and Eleventh Avenue; and a meeting with Covenant House to hear their plans
44 to consolidate some of their operations in a new building at West 40th Street and Tenth Avenue.

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46 Finally, Chair Berthet introduced Lowell Kern, who was attending his first meeting as a Board member.

1 **COMMITTEE LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**
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3 **Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)**

4 The following items were bundled: 1, 3 and 4 (**APPROVED**)

5 Item 1: Letter to BSA re special permit for a PCE (Brick Gym) at 257 West 17th Street

6 Item 3: Letter to LPC re 407 West 21st Street – elevator bulkhead

7 Item 4: Letter to LPC re 220 Twelfth Avenue – rooftop mechanical
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9 As noted above, Item 2 was tabled.

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11 *With respect to Item 3, Betty Macintosh noted that the street numbers were incorrect. That will be*
12 *corrected.*

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14 *With respect to Item 1, Martin Treat asked why the draft letter proposed deferring on the matter pending*
15 *judicial resolution, rather than denying outright. Lee Compton responded that the committee thought it*
16 *was preferable to defer until the court could rule and then reconsider the matter at that time.*
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19 **Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)**

20 Item 5: Letter to DCP re Irish Arts Center’s proposed expansion at 726 Eleventh Avenue
21 (**APPROVED**)
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23 *Mr. Noland stated that the Irish Arts Center had come before the C/HKLU Committee approximately five*
24 *times over the past six to seven years and that he believed there has been a very positive process among*
25 *the Irish Arts Center, CB4, and the community working on this project. He thanked all involved for their*
26 *collaboration.*

27 *Mr. Restuccia suggested that the letter make clearer that the recommended disposition applies to both the*
28 *ICA and the Clinton Housing Development Company, which will be done.*
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30 *On a roll call vote conducted by Co-Secretary Holozubiec, there were 39 “yes” votes and 1 vote of*
31 *“present but not eligible.” Ten Board members were absent. The letter was approved.*
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34 **Waterfronts, Parks and Environment Committee (WPE)**

35 Item 6: Letter to DPR re May Mathews-Palmer Playground – final design comments (**APPROVED**)

36 Item 7: Letter to HRPT/Live Nation re Pier 97 Summer Concert Series (**APPROVED**)
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38 *With respect to Item 6, Lisa Daglian suggested adding the address of the playground. With respect to*
39 *Item 7, Ms. Daglian suggested moving our concerns up to an earlier point in the letter.*
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41 *Maarten de Kadat, co-chair of the WPE Committee, stated that a number of word-smithing changes had*
42 *been made to the drafts, including referencing ADA concerns.*
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44 *Jay Marcus asked whether the letter should be contingent on getting approval from the Transportation*
45 *Committee. Transportation Committee co-chair Ernest Modarelli responded that the parties had*
46 *appeared before the Transportation Committee and that that committee was satisfied.*
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1 **Quality of Life: ACES Committee (QoL)**

2 Item 8: Letter to SAPO re Manhattan Plaza Block Sale – Saturday September 20, 2014 on West 43rd
3 Street between Ninth & Tenth Avenues (**APPROVED**)

4 Item 9: Letter to SAPO re Rubin Museum Neighbor Celebration – Sunday July 20, 2014 on West 17th
5 Street between 6th & 7th Avenues (**APPROVED**)

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8 **Business Licenses and Permits Committee (BLP)**

9 Item 10: Letter to DCA re: 85 Tenth Avenue – Willow Road (Ratification) (**APPROVED WITH**
10 **FOLLOW-UP MODIFICATION AS BELOW**)

11 Item 11: Letter to DCA re: 407 West 42nd Street – West Bank Café (**APPROVED AS AMENDED**)

12 Item 12: Letter to DCA re: 628 Tenth Avenue – The Marshall (**APPROVED**)

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14 *Mr. Holozubiec, co-chair of the BLP Committee, addressed Items 10-12 as a group, explaining that all*
15 *three involved applications for sidewalk cafes. Although city regulations permit sidewalk cafes to be*
16 *open until 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 12:00 midnight on the other days of the week, CB4*
17 *regularly requests that applicants agree to close sidewalk cafes earlier -- at 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and*
18 *Saturdays and 10:00 p.m. on the other days of the week. Two of these applicants agreed to close at the*
19 *recommended CB4 hours, one after lengthy discussion with the BLP Committee. With respect to the third*
20 *applicant, West Bank Café (Item 11), the BLP Committee voted to allow the applicant to stay open until*
21 *11:00 p.m. every day -- one hour later on weekdays than the CB4-recommended time. Factors in favor of*
22 *this departure included that the West Bank Café has been operating at this location for over 35 years and*
23 *that the sidewalk café application was supported by nearby residents, including the Manhattan Plaza*
24 *Tenants Association and the West 44th Street Better Block Association.*

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26 *Ms. Daglian noted that, at the May BLP meeting, Item 10 (Willow Road) had preceded Item 11 (West*
27 *Bank Café) on the agenda, that Willow Road had also sought longer hours, and that the committee had*
28 *denied that request based on the CB4- recommended closing times. Had the Willow Road application*
29 *followed the West Bank Café application at the BLP meeting, Ms. Daglian believed that a similar*
30 *exception regarding hours might have been made for Willow Road.*

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32 *Yoni Bokser agreed that the Willow Road outcome at the BLP Committee might have been different had it*
33 *followed the West Bank Café application and the longer hours approved for that applicant.*

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35 *Mr. Lazarin stated that, at the time of the BLP meeting, the BLP Committee did not know the operating*
36 *hours of sidewalk cafes in the surrounding blocks. Since that meeting, he has learned that four sidewalk*
37 *cafes on Tenth Avenue between West 14th and 23rd Streets are open until 11:00 p.m. without complaints.*

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39 *Mr. Marcus stated that we need a good reason to depart from the CB4-recommended hours, and those*
40 *reasons had been presented for West Bank Café. He asked if there were reasons for a similar departure*
41 *from policy for Willow Road.*

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43 *Walter Mankoff stated that the reasons we are recommending approval of longer hours for West Bank*
44 *Café should be stated in the letter. That will be done.*

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46 *Ms. Daglian stated that reasons supporting longer hours for Willow Road included that they were on a*

1 non-residential block with no nearby residents to bother. She added that, because there were no nearby
2 residents, there was no equivalent to the community support in favor of West Bank Café.

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4 Mr. Holozubiec noted that, although there were no residents on the immediate block containing Willow
5 Road (Tenth Avenue, midblock between 15th and 16th Streets), the sizeable apartment complex the
6 Caledonia was half a block away, across Tenth Avenue spanning the West 16th-17th Street block.

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8 Mr. Restuccia stated that residential development will be happening in this area and, given that sidewalk
9 cafes will soon be allowed in the West Chelsea Special District, we have to careful about their hours and
10 the effect on residential quality of life.

11 Paul Seres, co-chair of the BLP Committee, noted that there can be no residential development on the
12 side of the block occupied by Willow Road.

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14 Chair Berthet noted that the Willow Road letter had already been sent in order to meet the DCA deadline
15 and that this was a ratification.

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17 Delores Rubin proposed that Willow Road be allowed the same hours as West Bank Café, with the Willow
18 Road sidewalk café be closed no later than 11:00 p.m. nightly.

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20 Given Ms. Rubin's proposal, Chair Berthet suggested that a letter be sent to Councilmember Corey
21 Johnson stating that, following full Board discussion, CB4 now would support 11:00 p.m. closing hours
22 nightly for Willow Road and that that recommendation should be taken into account when the Willow
23 Road application is presented to the City Council. The Board voted to approve that letter and to ratify
24 the previously-sent letter.

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27 The following items were bundled: 13-15 (**APPROVED**):

28 Item 13: Letter to SLA re 10 Columbus Circle, Suite SC101A – Whole Foods Market Group, Inc

29 Item 14: Letter to SLA re 307-309 West 17th Street – Pizza Italia

30 Item 15: Letter to SLA re 70 Seventh Avenue – Big Smoke Burger

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33 **Transportation Committee (TRANS)**

34 The following items were bundled: 16-18 (**APPROVED**):

35 Item 16: Letter to DOT re Hotel Loading Zone for Best Western - 522 West 38th Street

36 Item 17: Letter to DCA re Newsstand - SW corner Tenth Avenue and West 20th Street

37 Item 18: Letter to MTA re Pedestrian Underpass at West 14th Street and Seventh Avenue

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40 **Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HH&HS)**

41 Item 19: Letter to Saint Joseph Residences, 425 West 44th Street, re rent increases (Ratification)
42 (**APPROVED**)

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44 As noted above, Item 20 was tabled.

1 **New Business (NewBus)**

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3 Item 21: Letter to DCP re Greek Kitchen at 885- 889 Tenth Avenue – enclosed sidewalk café renewal.
4 **(APPROVED)**

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7 **The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.** Scribed by Frank Holozubiec.

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