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Meeting Date	June 7, 2017
Meeting Time	6:30PM
Meeting Location	Mt. Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue Conference Room B

DELORES RUBIN
 Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
 District Manager

June 2017 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING	Board member Lee Compton opened the meeting for comments from the public regarding the Environmental Impact Statement scoping of Block 675, the area that lies between 29th and 30th Streets and 11th and 12th Avenues. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.
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Public Session	
Jane Carey	Ms. Carey is the Community Affairs Officer for the Whitney Museum. She spoke about upcoming exhibits, community-based programs and activities designed for children and teens. The museum will be open seven days per week from July 4th through late August.
Katie Henry	Ms. Henry manages school and family programs for Friends of the Highline. She brought calendars for distribution at the meeting which describe various events and activities held near the Highline and in Lower Manhattan.
Sean Dougherty	Mr. Dougherty is a member of the group Lawyers Helping Victims of Child Abuse. He stated that he is a victim himself of abuse by a Catholic priest when he was a child. He noted the legislation related to his cause that has been introduced by Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal that is supported by State Senator Brad Hoylman. It must now get through the State Senate and be approved by the Governor. Mr. Dougherty's primary goal is to have as many people as possible register in the NY Archdiocese Reconciliation and Compensation Program by the cutoff date of July 31st. That can be done through the website http://www.childsexabuse.org/ .
John Sharp	Mr. Sharp, who is a Board member, spoke as a member of the community in announcing his new role as the representative for the Democratic Party in New York State from 75th Assembly District. He urged members of the community to become more involved in the political process by joining a local political club and to reach out to any of their neighbors who have not registered to vote. He brought flyers and voter registration forms to the meeting for that purpose. He also reminded everyone that ballot petitioning is beginning next month and that they should take the time to sign a petition when it is presented to them on the street.
Chris Kristoff	Mr. Kristoff voiced his opposition to the liquor license application that is the subject of Agenda Item 2. He asked the Board to recommend denial of the application to the SLA based on his assertion that the operators have had problems, including arrests, at their other establishments. He was advised by Frank Holozubiec, co-chair of the BLP committee, that the operators in question have had no issues at their only establishment in the MCD4 district. He further noted that the Board does not mention arrest histories without documentation and that the proper place to voice an objection is at the applicant's SLA hearing.
Betty	Ms. Mackintosh, another Board member speaking as a farmer at the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project, had two announcements: 1) the Green Festival Expo will be held this coming

Mackintosh	Saturday and Sunday at the Javits Center where free samples are given out; and, 2) there will be a Booth Fair on the roof of the Metro Baptist Church, located on West 40th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, where the Farm Project is a semi-finalist in the competition for a cash prize of \$3,000 that can be used to fund the Farm's next program and the Urban Farm Intern Program which serves to educate young people in the art of farming. She asked everyone to attend and cast a vote.
David Warren	Mr. Warren, also a Board member, spoke on behalf of a friend and colleague at the NYCFD whose brother was killed on 9/11 while serving as a NYC fire fighter. His name is John Chipura. There is a petition that was started by Mayor de Blasio on Change.org (search Chipura) to have a new Staten Island Ferry named for him. Mr. Warren is hoping for enough signatures to get the naming accomplished.
Jeffery LeFrancois	Mr. LeFrancois is another Board member but he spoke as a member of the newly-formed Hell's Kitchen Democrats club. He wanted everyone to know that the club was supporting Marisa Redanty, who happens to be a new Board member, and Tom Shanahan for District Leader. Jeffery and other club members will be petitioning for them in July.
Lisa Wager	<p>Ms. Wager, Director of Government and Community Relations at FIT, spoke about the Excelsior Scholarship that was recently rolled out by Governor Cuomo. It provides free tuition for all qualified New Yorkers to attend SUNY or CUNY. It is for those in households that earn up to \$100,000. The scholarship covers the "last dollar" of tuition, which means that it will only be used to fill a gap that may arise when a student receives other grants that do not fully cover tuition costs. Applications are available online and are due by July 21st.</p> <p>There is a new exhibition at the FIT Museum called "Force of Nature" that can be viewed five days a week until 8 P.M. through November 18th. The theme of the exhibition examines how the forces of nature have influenced fashion over the centuries.</p> <p>Ms. Wager reminded everyone about the summer program for high school and middle school students that is taught by FIT faculty in a wide array of topics covering business, fashion design jewelry design and international trade.</p>

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives

Eli Szenes-Strauss for Senator Brad Hoylman	<p>Senator Hoylman released a report in May entitled "Bleaker on Bleecker" that deals with the high retail vacancy rates affecting areas of Greenwich Village and Chelsea. High rents in these areas have resulted in a proliferation of vacant storefronts that remain that way until the landlord is able to find a business that can afford to pay the rent, usually a large chain store. This has meant the loss of many independent businesses and mom-and-pop stores that have been long-term tenants in their neighborhoods. The report, which can be found here https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/press-release/attachment/bleaker_on_bleecker_0.pdf proposes a number of solutions, one of which is to enact state legislation that would allow the City to create special formula-based retail zoning restrictions that would place limits on chain store uses.</p> <p>The Senator is urging Governor Cuomo to fill a vacancy on the Court of Appeals with one of the two judges on the short list provided to him by the Commission on Judicial Nominations. Those two judges are openly Gay, and if one were chosen, would be the first from the LGBT community to serve on the Court.</p> <p>Senator Hoylman has sponsored a bill to amend the State Constitution to lower the voting age in State and Local elections.</p>
Erica Overton for A/M Linda Rosenthal	Assembly Member Rosenthal is the sponsor of the Child Victims Act, which was passed today by the State Assembly. The Senate version of the Act, sponsored by Senator Hoylman, is currently in committee without any date set for a vote. The bill that passed in the Assembly allows civil claims to be filed by survivors of sexual abuse up until they turn

	<p>50 years of age. It also provides that the statute of limitations for criminal offenses against a child under the age of 18 shall not begin to run until the victim is 23 years of age.</p> <p>A/M Rosenthal wrote a letter to DOT and requested a meeting with the MTA asking for an increase of the number buses on the M104 route.</p> <p>She is holding SCRIE and DRIE meetings at the NYC Department of Finance on Friday the 9th from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. and Sunday the 16th from 11:00 to 2:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Andrew Lombardi for BP Gale Brewer</p>	<p>Mr. Lombardi gave an update on the Garment Center Steering Committee which met on May 25th to discuss preserving the Garment Center space and expanding the Garment Center manufacturing sector.</p> <p>The Borough Office is holding two LGBT related events in June. RSVP online at http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/news/events.shtml .</p> <p>Andrew announced his last day with the BP's Office coming on July 14th, making today his final appearance at a CB4 meeting. He will be attending graduate school in the Fall to study government planning and policy.</p>
<p>Matt Green for Council Member Corey Johnson</p>	<p>Mr. Johnson is proud to announce the passage by the Council of the City's \$85.5 billion budget. Details of its impact on Council District 3 will sent by email later in the week.</p> <p>On May 9th, the Council Member held his third annual West Side Summit where he gave his State of the District speech. He also announced the winners in this year's Participatory Budgeting Program.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson allocated \$100,000 of capital funding to the Hudson River Park Trust in support of its composting project. He also played a significant role in the passage of a package of fair workweek bills in May.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson's monthly newsletter is here http://mailchi.mp/council/march-with-me-in-pride-composting-101-fair-workweek-bills-june-events-more?e=4ce006febd .</p>
<p>Gabriel Lewenstein for Public Advocate Letitia James</p>	<p>Mr. Lewenstein highlighted some of the City Budget items that Ms. James advocated for: The Universal Lunch Program was expanded by \$15.5 million; an expansion in funding for the Adult Literacy Program; and, an expansion by \$2.5 million for the Human Rights Commission.</p>

Board Reports & Business

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<p>Adoption of Agenda and Minutes</p>	<p>The Agenda and the May minutes were approved unanimously.</p>
<p>District Manager Report</p>	<p>Mr. Bodine introduced Janine Prudente, the recently approved Board Associate whose hiring will be voted upon later in the meeting. He also announced his new position as the Manhattan Community Board Coordinator for all twelve Manhattan community boards during the upcoming budget consultation process. He reminded committee members that their input should be completed in time for submission in September.</p> <p>He mentioned the Board's continuing work with NYC Business Solutions, which assists members of the community in their efforts to start a new business or resolve issues with an existing business. The next "Office Hours" event will be held on June 26th from 4pm to 6pm. Representatives from NYC Business</p>

	<p>Solutions will be presenting their proactive agency inspection program at this month's BLP committee meeting on June 13th.</p> <p>Mr. Bodine went on to note several committee meeting changes that can be found on the Board's website.</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>Ms. Rubin began by asking the Board's four new members to introduce themselves and provide a bit about their backgrounds and where they live in the community. She also announced new changes that will soon be made to the CB4 website that include member bios – for those who choose to opt in – and highlights of recent work accomplished by each CB4 committee.</p> <p>Ms. Rubin ended on a social note, indicating that the Board was in the process of finding a venue for a summer outing that will be held sometime close to the general meeting at the end of July.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 889th Avenue (9/16) – Maritima LLC d/b/a La Sirena	Items 1 and 3-11 bundled.	Passed with 1 abstention and 1 present, not eligible
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 618 W. 46th Street (11/12) – Frequency Holding LLC d/b/a Freq		Passed with 37 in favor, 2 opposed, 4 abstentions and 1 present, not eligible
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 657 W. 57th Street (11/12) – Cinema Beverages Holding Company, LLC d/b/a Landmark Theatres		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 500 W. 33rd Street Unit RU415 a.k.a. 20 Hudson Yards (34/10) – D&D Hudson Yards LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 186 9th Avenue (21/22) – Pastaiat Inc. d/b/a Pastai		Passed Unanimously
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 320 W. 36th Street (8/9) – The Great American, LLC d/b/a The Great American		Passed Unanimously
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 660 12th Avenue (48/49) – 660 12th Avenue Subsidiary LLC d/b/a The Glasshouses		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to DCA re 265 W. 20th Street (7/8) – Be Bamba Group LLC d/b/a La Mano – For Ratification		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to DCA re 688 10th Avenue (48/49) – 688 10th		Passed

Avenue Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Havana Social		Unanimously
Item 10: Letter to DCA re 826 10th Avenue (54/55) – Catered by Pergola LLC d/b/a Gardenia Terrace – For Ratification		Passed Unanimously
Item 11: Letter to DCA re 184 8th Avenue (19/20) – Tavern on 8th Avenue Corp.		Passed Unanimously
Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES)		
Item 12: Letter to SAPO re Block Party by Infirmary on West 26 th Street (9/10 Ave) on July 1 st		Passed Unanimously
Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)		
Item 13: Letter to DCP re Manhattan West Phase III Text Amendment, (9th-10th Ave. West 31-33rd) Text Amendment – For Ratification		Passed Unanimously
Item 14: Letter to HPD re future affordable housing sites at 806 9th Avenue (MTA property) and 705 10th Avenue (DEP property)	Items 14 & 15 bundled	Passed Unanimously
Item 15: Letter to EDC re Slaughterhouse (495 11 th Ave) Development		Passed Unanimously
Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
Item 16: Letter to DCP re West 19 th Street Highline Text Amendment		Passed with 1 present, not eligible
Item 17: Letter to LPC re 115 West 18 th Street Signage		Passed Unanimously
Item 18: Letter to DCP re Block 675 East (West 29-30 th St. 11 th -12 th Ave) EIS Scoping – For Ratification		Passed Unanimously
Item 19: Letter to DOB and HPD re Improper Demolition of 253 10 th Avenue	The letter was amended after discussion.	Passed Unanimously
Transportation Committee (TRANS)		
Item 20: Letter to DOT re 11 th Ave Safety improvements		Passed Unanimously
Item 21: Letter to DOT re Support for HY\HK Alliance West 37 th Street pedestrian improvements		Passed with 1 present, not eligible
Item 22: Letter to SBS re Support for HY\HK Alliance re Technology Grant		Passed with 1 present, not eligible
Item 23: Letter to EDC re Need for Study of Westside Ferry Service		Passed Unanimously
Item 24: Letter to DOT re prohibiting Commercial Loading zone on West 44 th Street between 10 th /11 th Ave.		Passed Unanimously
Item 25: Letter to DOT re Intro. 1177 re Barnes Dance Study		Passed Unanimously

Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)		
Item 26: Letter to HPD re 517-525 West 45th Street CURE – Referred back to Committee		Passed Unanimously
Executive Committee (EXEC)		
Item 27: Letter to Letter to MBPO and OMB re approval to hire Community Associate		Passed Unanimously
Item 28: Approval of CB4 West Clinton Land Use/Business License policy amendment		Passed Unanimously
New Business		
Item 29: Letter to DOT re NYC DOT Smart Truck Management Plan	A friendly amendment was accepted.	Passed with 41 in favor and 3 opposed
Item 30: Letter to HRPT re Pier 66 Boathouse	A friendly amendment was accepted	Passed with 4 abstentions

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	8:55 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 PM July 26, 2017 Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26 th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room A/B

As recorded by M. Noble