

1 **MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 4**

2 April 2, 2014

3 Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (58/59)

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5 **PUBLIC HEARING**

6 **Barry's Bootcamp at 135 West 20th Street** - an application for a special permit for a physical Culture
7 Establishment to legalize the extension on the premises. BSA CAL. #: 49-11-BZ

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9 **Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2015** - As mandated by the City Charter, the Board will
10 review and comment upon the Preliminary Budget.

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12	Public Session	Hugh Weinberg
13	Adoption of Agenda	Christine Berthet
14	Adoption of Last Month's Minutes	Christine Berthet
15	Manhattan Borough President	Diana Howard
16	Local Elected Officials	Various
17	District Manager Report	Robert J. Benfatto, Jr.
18	Chair Report/Committee Reports	Christine Berthet
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21 **Chair Christine Berthet called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.**

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23 She introduced Edward Winski, Commanding Officer of Midtown South Precinct. Captain Winski spoke
24 about beginning to implement the Mayor's Vision Zero goals. Manhattan has more people killed in traffic
25 accidents than victims of violent crime. The precinct has been doing its best to educate the public through
26 pamphlets, meetings, and lectures on street safety, to be followed by an aggressive enforcement
27 campaign. They've been handing out bike safety pamphlets on the bike lane and to businesses to educate
28 their deliverymen. They plan to aggressively enforce the rules of the road regarding bicyclists. They will
29 also be enforcing the law against electric bikes, which are illegal, and to protect pedestrians, half of whose
30 accidents are related to failure to yield violations.

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32 Midtown South is the second-most crime-ridden precinct in the city, with most of the crime being
33 property-related. Crime is down 6% so far this year, which will be the 21st consecutive year of crime
34 reduction.

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36 Captain Winski can be reached at 212-239-9806 or emailed at edward.winski@nypd.org. Community
37 Affairs Officer, Detective Paul Spano can be reached at 212-239-9846, or emailed at
38 paul.spano@nypd.org. A list of precinct and contact numbers are online. The precinct community council
39 meets on the third Thursday of every month at the New Yorker Hotel.

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41 Winski then answered questions from the public:

42 In response to a question about electric bicycles, he said officers will issue a summons and confiscate the
43 bicycle, starting immediately, since bikes are now banned.

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45 In response to a question about the procedure on enforcing truck traffic on non-truck routes, Winski said
46 that trucks are given a summons as it's a moving violation. The precinct has a traffic team with a sergeant
47 and eight police officers who know the less common summons. Complaints about specific streets should
48 be brought to the precinct's attention.

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2 In response to a question from Chair Berthet about the best way to make a quality of life complaint, like
3 noise and traffic, Winski advised community members to call 311. The precinct has a computer terminal
4 connected to it, and will dispatch police in response to complaints. Detective Spano keeps a list of 311
5 complaints, like hotel parking zones, and notes recurring ones. They then have a meeting with the
6 recurring location.

7 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

8 Chair Berthet introduced Betty Mackintosh to run the hearing on **an application for a special permit for**
9 **a physical Culture Establishment to legalize the extension on the premises, BSA CAL. #: 49-11-BZ.**
10 The application is an amendment to enlarge the use, expanding the facility to a vacant space. With no
11 comments, Ms. Mackintosh closed the hearing.

12 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

13 Chair Berthet then introduced Burt Lazarin to run the hearing on the **Mayor's Preliminary Budget for**
14 **Fiscal Year 2015.** Mr. Lazarin tried very hard to solicit comments but closed the hearing with none.

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16 **GENERAL PUBLIC SESSION:**

17 1st Vice Chair Hugh Weinberg called on the members of the public who signed up to speak.

- 18 1. **David Czyzk**, formerly of Assemblymember Gottfried's office, came to say goodbye. He stated
19 that it's been an honor, privilege, and pleasure to work with everyone and he's here to thank
20 everyone.
- 21 2. **Ashley**, with the West 44th St Better Block Association and Friends of Pier 84, supports the
22 decision of the BLP committee to deny the request to change the hours of Bea Restaurant, which
23 he would like to extend until 3 am. This is inappropriate, as it's on a residential street. The
24 owners' claims of financial hardship can be remedied by opening for lunch some days.
- 25 3. **Justin Buchbinder** is an employee of Stage 48, which would like to extend hours until 4 am. It
26 would allow employees to work longer and make more money. He is a neighbor of Stage 48 and
27 has never had a problem with noise. He believes any club activity helps make the street safer.
- 28 4. **Betty Mackintosh** spoke to tell the community about the Hell's Kitchen Farm Project, at 410 W
29 40th St. The farm increased its yield last year, but all the plants died over the severe winter.
30 Volunteer times are Thursday and Saturday mornings, and all hands on deck are needed. No
31 gardening experience is needed.
- 32 5. **William Arboleda** the new community relations coordinator at the Ryan Chelsea Clinton health
33 center. He can be reached at 212-484-5807.
- 34 6. **Ashleigh Ebanus** spoke representing Clinton Housing/Cultivate HKNY. Every Thursday in May,
35 starting May 8, Cultivate HKNY will be having an evening Garden Series for the community to
36 gather in the key gardens they've developed. Community members can purchase a key for \$2
37 from the Community Board for access to their various gardens.
- 38 7. **Megan Muoio** is from Mocu Mocu, a new Japanese bakery at 746 Tenth Avenue. She stated that
39 they have sent letters to residents in their building and they intend to install sound-proofing. They
40 believe they've addressed the community board's concerns.
- 41 8. **Gary Martin** is a producer for the Folsom Street East street fair. They have worked to address
42 the community board's concerns. They've done a lot of community outreach on 27th St, including
43 contacting specific buildings, and leafleted and emailed community members. They have gotten
44 support from the High Line and the HotelAmericano and are working on having barricades for
45 the fair. They want to have a successful event.
- 46 9. **Jenny Gerstein**, the Executive Director of Friends of the High Line, wanted to announce that the
47 elevator at 23rd St, which was flooded by seawater by Hurricane Sandy, should be reopen by June
48 2014. They have been working with various city agencies to move the timeline up as soon as
49 possible.

- 1 10. **Christian Bray** spoke to thank us for our draft letter on Vision Zero, which he says is thoughtful
2 and detailed. He's affiliated with organizations that provide services to seniors and is also a
3 member of another community board, but is speaking on his own behalf. He likes the letter
4 because it addresses concerns about traffic on seniors. We've heard a lot about children being
5 hurt in the streets but the vast majority of casualties are seniors. He suggests that the letter should
6 ask for more enforcement in areas where seniors work, and also outreach and education at senior
7 work locations.
- 8 11. **Donald Bernstein**, attorney for Stage 48, spoke on an alteration application. The proposed
9 alteration is to put a temporary enclosure on the roof at various times. The client will get more
10 use out of the roof and it should also help the community by decreasing noise. The block is not
11 residential. The Ink 48 Hotel, which is the only one affected by the rooftop change, is in support,
12 as is the local block association. Stage 48 hired Alan Fierstein of Acoustilog and they'll adhere to
13 all his recommendations. They will take sound readings from the hotel.
- 14 12. **Linda Chin**, the GM of Ink 48 Hotel, supports Stage 48 in adding its retractable roof enclosure.
15 Their relationship has been rocky, but over the past 6-7 months Stage 48 has been a very good
16 neighbor, very responsive, and have fully disclosed their plans for the rooftop.
- 17 13. **Lisa Wager** of the Fashion Institute of Technology announced two exhibitions at their museum:
18 Elegance in an age of crisis: Fashion in the 1930s and Trendology (closing April 30). Special
19 community tours are scheduled in the next 2 weeks. Tours are free at 6 pm on Mondays and are
20 led by curators of the exhibition. There are 10 spots left on each of the next tours in the next two
21 weeks. Ms. Wager also stated that FIT supports the idea of a split-timing traffic light at 28th and
22 8th, where their students walk between their dorms and campus, and will write a letter in support.
- 23 14. **Roberta Gelb**, lives on West 16th St. They are facing a massive development on the block. The
24 development was originally was going to be 6 stories and now will be up to 11 stories. It's going
25 to block light and air and lead to more development on the block. She wants the community's
26 support in fighting the kind of development that's out of character in the neighborhood. Only
27 avenues should have high-rise buildings.
- 28 15. **Dahlia Duperrior** wants help for Clinton Towers. The building is trying to beautify storefronts
29 on 54th-55th St and make a plaza in front of the building, with tables. She believes that this will be
30 too much pedestrian traffic. In addition, she feels that 54th and 55th St need some sort of traffic
31 signal, as people speed by on both streets.
- 32 16. **Donald Bernstein** spoke again on behalf of another client, Bea Restaurant at 403 W 43rd St. He
33 stated that the restaurant had originally negotiated a closing time of 12:30 am on weeknights and
34 1 am on weekends, with a specific agreement that the restaurant would come back after 4 months
35 of operation. The applicant is seeking an additional two hours each night, and was willing to
36 compromise on an additional hour. He had collected signatures of support and even the residents
37 who opposed the change had no problems with the applicant. The BLP committee voted to deny
38 the extension and asked the applicant to come back in 8 months. Bernstein does not believe that
39 the decision was fair, considering that there was no method of complaint about the operation,
40 which had lived up to every stipulation that agreed to last year. Extending the hour from 1 am to 2
41 am is minimal and it's unfair to make the applicant wait longer. There wasn't a quorum at the
42 time that the BLP voted, so it's technically new business and the Full Board has to vote.

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44 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2014 FULL BOARD**
45 **MEETING:**

46 The Agenda was adopted with amendments. Two items were added: Item 26, the sale of development
47 rights on Dyre Avenue and Item 27, a letter to Related informing them of our efforts related to bus
48 parking and garages.

49 The Minutes of the March 2014 Full Board Meeting were adopted without amendment.

1 **REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

2 Chair Berthet introduced **Assemblymember Richard Gottfried**. He introduced Eli Strauss, the new
3 representative from his office for Community Board 4. He previously worked for Gale Brewer. Gottfried
4 reported on the effort to get more cameras in the city to enforce red light laws and speeding laws.
5 Currently, the state allows 20 speeding cameras and only in the vicinity of a school. Gottfried supports
6 legislation allowing cameras wherever the City wants. Speaker Silver introduced a bill, which the
7 Assemblymember is a cosponsor on, to allow the number of speeding cameras to go up to 160, and
8 Gottfried expects that that will become law shortly. The Assemblymember was also a strong supporter of
9 Mayor de Blasio's effort to pay for Universal Pre-K and after-school programs for middle-school students
10 by implementing a small surcharge on the rich. The conclusion of the effort was that we got the money
11 for the City, but not for the rest of the State. He thought it was unfortunate that we took it away from the
12 state budget instead of via the tax. If you go to assembly.state.ny.us and click on Gottfried, you can watch
13 videos of him speaking on the floor, especially his remarks on passing a resolution honoring the life of
14 Pete Seeger, and his remarks on taxes and the state budget. Chair Berthet asked about Governor Cuomo
15 raiding the transit budget. Gottfried said the Governor took \$40 million from the MTA budget for transit
16 services and used it to help pay the MTA's bonds, unfortunately.

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18 **Corey Johnson, Councilmember**, wanted to thank Community Board members that came out last
19 Tuesday night for the Town Hall forum with City agencies. He supports the Vision Zero initiative, whose
20 goal is to have zero fatalities related to cars, truck and other vehicles. The Department of Transportation
21 wants to hear from the community on what might be helpful to control traffic, like speed bumps, etc. The
22 Eleventh Avenue bus is going to expand service from Columbus Circle to the West Village. On March
23 20th, the Council passed a law expanding paid sick days to businesses that have more than 5 employees so
24 that an additional 400,000 people will now be covered. It's going to have a grace period so that small
25 businesses have time to be educated, which ends October 1. The Councilmember is happy to take
26 questions from small businesses on the new law. Johnson is opposed to the proposed development on
27 West 16th St in Chelsea, which is being built using air rights and doesn't have to go through community
28 board review. NYC has a \$71 billion budget, whose deadline is in June. Johnson is making sure projects
29 on the west side are funded, that we're taking care of nonprofits and hospitals, and he's happy to work
30 with the community board on the statement of district needs.

31 **State Senator Brad Hoylman** spoke on the lowlights of the budget. We didn't get comprehensive
32 campaign finance reform, but got a pilot program for the State Comptroller's race only, a race which has
33 already begun. Hoylman said on the floor that we don't need a pilot project because we've had one in
34 New York City for years. They're still looking to pass a bill this session that would make campaign
35 finance reform apply to every office in New York. Another unfortunate policy piece that passed in the
36 budget is the loss of local control over the co-location of private schools. It's his fear that traditional
37 public schools will become more crowded as we have to accommodate public schools and that we're
38 institutionalizing the battle between public and charter schools. We also didn't see in the budget local
39 control over traffic safety issues, including Vision Zero. The Senator reported that a good piece of news is
40 that there will be a 30% rent cap for people with HIV/AIDS if you're low income and the Governor has
41 launched a plan to end AIDS in New York with the goal of bringing viral loads down to virtually zero.
42 Also, SCRIE eligibility will be increased from people with incomes of \$29,000/year to \$50,000/year.
43 There was also a live theater tax credit in the budget for shows that are produced in NYC and then go
44 upstate. Hoylman was disappointed that funding for the Moreland Commission was eviscerated, but he's
45 continuing to work on campaign finance reform and cleaning up Albany. The Senator has been speaking
46 with folks as ESD and the Moynihan Station Redevelopment, echoing CB4's concerns. He sent a letter
47 with other electeds regarding the need for local community input and will keep pushing it.

48 **Councilmember Helen Rosenthal** biked up here on the Greenway. She's having her first town hall
49 meeting on April 30th with City Agencies. If you have specific questions, go on her website and submit

1 them so agencies will be prepared with answers. The City Council has been working on the budget and
2 will come up with its response soon. She wants to make sure it helps middle-income people and that we
3 have a strong safety net for those who need services. The Council held a hearing yesterday on TF
4 Cornerstone, which CB4 wrote a “very helpful letter” on. This project will bring nearly 1,100 apartments
5 across from the Helena and catty-corner from the new Durst building. The developer is making larger
6 apartments, with more 2 and 3 bedrooms, which means more families. Two particularly concerning
7 issues: this building will bring at least 3,000 new residents (5,000 including the Durst building) but
8 there’s no planning in terms of city services, which means that the subway station at Columbus Circle
9 will be overcrowded, libraries will be overcrowded, and there will be a need for a new school. Affordable
10 homes will be for people who are at 60% or below AMI, but not for middle-income families because our
11 public policy financing doesn’t support that. Rosenthal has asked the developer to add affordable housing
12 for middle-income families. She’s very skeptical about where she’s going to come down on this proposal
13 and isn’t sure it’s a yes. She wants the community’s opinions and feedback.

14 **Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal** spent most of March in Albany. Albany passed a renter’s tax credit
15 in the budget: if you make less than \$200,000/year, you’d be eligible, with different gradations. There’s a
16 similar tax credit for homeowners. The City and the State had withdrawn funding for the Advantage
17 program, causing lots of people to become homeless again. The budget frees up money for use for
18 homeless housing, and the Department of Homeless Services is going to figure out how to implement it.
19 EPIC income eligibility, which helps seniors pay for prescriptions, was raised. Rape crisis centers, which
20 hadn’t had an increase since 2007, got an additional \$1.8 million. The environmental protection fund got
21 an additional \$9 million. In non-budget issues, Rosenthal has a bill that rent-regulated tenants can use
22 amenities that market-rate tenants get, for a fee. She also supports closing schools on Election Days,
23 including primaries, though the feasibility still needs to be worked out.

24 **Diana Howard, for Borough President Gale Brewer**, is the new Community Liaison for the office.
25 Diana was an intern for her City Council office. Brewer has a one-page document with 10 key points
26 about paid sick days. She is actively working with the City Council to pass over 35 bills ranging from
27 pedestrian safety signals at street crossings to making the City more youth-friendly by allowing 16 and
28 17-year-olds to serve on community boards. She is having housing and tenant activists and housing and
29 policy experts in the development community scan new development sites for affordable housing.

30 **Jackie Blank, representing Congressman Nadler**, spoke about new legislation that would prevent
31 companies from concealing evidence of wrongdoing that would put the public at risk. She also spoke
32 about the Better Off Budget, which is the House Progressive Caucus budget. It calls for funding food
33 stamps and unemployment insurance and raising the minimum wage. She also wants to stop the NSA
34 from having our phone records.

35 **Dan Campanelli, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer**, announced that the Comptroller recently
36 released two Audits. He found that the Department of Finance improperly classified over 300 lots as
37 vacant, but they weren’t and should have had taxes collected on them. They’ve now been reclassified
38 appropriately. They also released a report on Department of Education’s milk distribution contracts,
39 which found that the three bidders were colluding with each other. The Comptroller has also appointed a
40 first Chief Diversity Officer to ensure that more city procurement goes to M/WBEs.

41 **Eric Belcher, representing Governor Cuomo**, wanted to let us know about the Emergency
42 Preparedness Training Program, a 2-hour presentation delivered by the National Guard. They tell you
43 how to prepare for emergencies now, and at the end of the presentation they distribute Go Bags for things
44 you should have to be prepared. Their goal is to train 100,000 people/year.

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

47 The NYPD is holding a Career Day on Saturday, May 3 from 11- 4pm at 2630 Benson Ave in Brooklyn.
48 You can apply for Pre-K for September 2014, but the deadline is April 23. An application is online.

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

3 Chair Berthet handed out attendance reports. Members should report to the office if their attendance is
4 wrong. She testified at City Council on TF Cornerstone and at CPC on Site 7, which CPC said was
5 absolutely state-of-the-art. There will be a Town Hall on Vision Zero, which will have maps where you
6 can point out dangerous intersections and streets. Chair Berthet has met with 2 of our 4 precincts about
7 our priority issues, but is waiting for Midtown North to have a new Commanding Officer. She is
8 continuing to advocate for the extension of the number 7 to NJ. The Port Authority is taking steps to build
9 a bus garage, because our neighborhood has been overwhelmed with buses for a long time. The
10 Community Board task forces have not met and the Executive Committee is reviewing their draft
11 recommendations. Chair Berthet attended a few small meetings about 15th St and 10th Ave, and 29th St and
12 10th Ave, and told the developers that we're not changing guidelines in our zoning that limits height.
13 Finally, eight new members are going to join us next month to replace people who have left in the past.

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15 **COMMITTEE LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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17 **Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)**

18 Item 1: Letter to BSA re special permit for a PCE (gym) extension for Barry's Bootcamp at 135 West
19 20th Street (**APPROVED**)

20 Item 2: Letter to LPC re 210 Eleventh Avenue - Master Plan for window replacements (**APPROVED**)

21 Item 3: Letter to ESDC re Need for a comprehensive plan before the sale of air rights from the Farley
22 Post Office for Phase 2 of the Moynihan Station (**APPROVED, combined with Item 4**)

23 *Betty Mackintosh explained that this letter said the issuing of the RFP is premature and we need a*
24 *comprehensive funding and development plan. If air rights are the only source of money we're concerned*
25 *that the ESDC won't choose the best site.*

26 **Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use (C/HKLU) jointly with Chelsea Land Use (CLU)**

27 Item 4: Letter to ESDC re RFP for a broker to plan the sale of air rights from the Farley Post Office for
28 Phase 2 of the Moynihan Station

29 *JD Noland explained that this letter asked for community to be included in all discussions of air rights.*

30 *Joe Restuccia moved that we combine the two letters. Motion PASSED.*

31 **Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use (C/HKLU)**

32 Item 5: Letter to PANYNJ re RFP for development at Dyer Street (between West 33rd and West 34
33 Streets) DEFERRED TO MAY 7TH FULL BOARD

34 Item 6: Letter to DCP re Silverstein Properties development at West 41st Street and Eleventh
35 Avenue WITHDRAWN

36 **Executive Committee (EXEC)**

37 Item 7: Letter to PANYNJ re support for Galvin Bus Annex (**RATIFIED**)

38 *Ernest Modarelli and Joe Restuccia pointed out that there is no discussion for where to relocate the dog*
39 *park and garden. The Port Authority has already agreed to do so to across the street.*

40 **Budget and Jobs Task Force (B&J)**

41 Item 8: Letter to Mayor de Blasio re FY15 Preliminary Budget Response (**APPROVED**)

1 *Maarten de Kadt complimented the great work of the Task Force. He felt that it should be clearer on*
2 *what the Board's asking for in terms of income bands. He also thought that the school seat number seems*
3 *absurdly low and we should try to have it changed.*

4 *Mr. Lazarin accepted as a friendly amendment that we would be more specific about asking for an*
5 *evaluation.*

6 *Mr. de Kadt doesn't like the charter school comment and thinks it should be removed; we haven't had the*
7 *discussion as a Board. We should be talking about schools as whole environments and talk about what*
8 *the nature of a quality education should be. In addition, on page 17, there's a discussion about storm*
9 *barriers. The Waterfront committee about what the storm barrier would look like and would like the letter*
10 *to reflect other storm barrier possibilities. Mr. de Kadt also wants a paragraph requesting a study of the*
11 *management of sewage, and how infrastructure needs to change based on all the new development going*
12 *on.*

13 *Chair Berthet felt that we shouldn't include new positions that the Board hasn't take a position on yet, but*
14 *should in the next year so we can do it for the next document.*

15 *Delores Ruben wanted to highlight requests from Hudson River Park Trust. Mr. Lazarin agreed to add*
16 *them.*

17 **Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)**

18 The following were bundled along with 18, 19, 20. (APPROVED)

19 Item 9: Letter to SLA re 263 West 19th Street - Anemacore

20 Item 10: Letter to SLA re 735 Tenth Avenue (50) - Meemo Tapas Sport

21 Item 11: Letter to SLA re 315 West 46th Street - Station House

22 *Frank Holozubiec explained that these applications included only one previously unlicensed*
23 *establishment, which was only applying for a beer and wine license.*

24 *Mr. de Kadt asked if Item 11 falls under the 500 foot rule. Mr. Holozubiec responded that it does, but it's*
25 *on restaurant row, where many other restaurants are.*

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27 Item 12: Letter to SLA re 605 West 48th Street - Z Live, Stage 48 and Z Bar (APPROVED)

28 *Mr. Holozubiec reported that the bar wants to enclose the roof and stay open until 4 am when the roof is*
29 *closed. They submitted an acoustical report which says the sound will be reasonable and they won't have*
30 *live music on the roof. The committee had concerns about how effective the roof enclosure will be for*
31 *sound, but the Ink 48 Hotel and the block association supported the application. The vote at BLP was 3 in*
32 *favor, 2 against and 1 abstaining.*

33 *Mr. Noland reported that the owners of the club go to all the block association meetings and all the*
34 *precinct community council meetings, that they fully informed the block association about the roof, and*
35 *generally did everything you would want a neighbor to do. Mr. Noland is concerned that committee*
36 *members would say no when the block association has been working so constructively with them and*
37 *really feels that the committee should listen to the local organizations that live there.*

38 *Mr. Restuccia to know if the building will comply with the height limit.*

39 *Paul Seres explained that it is a three-story building.*

1 *Martin Treat wanted to know if there will be a live band.*

2 *Mr. Holozubiec clarified that there will be no live music at any time and only recorded music when the*
3 *roof is closed.*

4 *James Wallace said that he agrees with Mr. Noland that community support should be considered, but is*
5 *concerned that there will be an increase in the total square footage that people will be able to use until 4*
6 *am. Total capacity technically isn't changing but average capacity will go up. Although there have been*
7 *no complaints up until now, there might be more in the future.*

8 *Mr. Holozubiec made it clear that there have been a huge number of complaints about the place in the*
9 *past but it's now running smoothly and has the support of the Ink 48 Hotel.*

10 *Mr. Wallace said his block association does not support the application because they are worried about*
11 *the cumulative effect of more nightlife in the neighborhood.*

12 **Transportation Committee (TRANS)**

13 The following items were bundled: 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 (**APPROVED**)

14 Item 13: Letter to DOT re High Line Hotel Loading Zone Request

15 *Ernest Modarelli wants to make sure that the sign was installed. Apparently it was.*

16 Item 14: Letter to DOT re Down to Earth's Farmer's Market no parking signage request

17 Item 15: Letter to DOT re Split Phase signal request in Chelsea (West 25th, West 29th and Eighth
18 Avenue)

19 Item 16: Letter to NYPD re West 19th Street/Eighth Avenue - Illegal Truck Route

20 Item 17: Letter to DOT and NYPD re Vision Zero

21 *Mr. Modarelli accepted a friendly amendment to remove the second-to-last paragraph, which was said to*
22 *contradict the rest of the letter.*

23 **Housing, Health & Human Services; Waterfronts, Parks and Environment (WPE) and Quality of**
24 **Life: ACES (QoL) Committees**

25 No items to report

26 **New Business (NewBus)**

27 Items 18, 19, and 20 were previously bundled with the other BLP letters. (**APPROVED**)

28 Item 18: Letter to SLA re 425 West 15th Street - Bar Suzette

29 Item 19: Letter to SLA re 75 Ninth Avenue (15/16) - Mokbar

30 Item 20: Letter to SLA re 746 Tenth Avenue (50/51) - MOCU-MOCU

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32 Item 21: Letter to SLA re 403 West 43rd Street – Bea (**APPROVED**)

33 *Mr. Holozubiec explained that there was a lot of community opposition to the initial application, and the*
34 *applicant had agreed to close at 12:30 and 1 am in response. "He wanted to clarify that we didn't say*
35 *they would be approved for later hours if they came back in four months, but simply that they could apply*
36 *again in 4 months (as any applicant could do at any time)." There was a lot of opposition at the BLP, as*
37 *this location has been a restaurant for a long time and nobody has ever been open as late as 3 am. There*
38 *are no 3 am bars on this block.*

1 *David Pincus said that we had suggested that they meet with the head of Manhattan Plaza Tenants*
2 *Association. Have they met?*

3 *Mr. Bernstein said they'd emailed but hadn't met. He clarified that they're now asking for 2 am for 7*
4 *days/week.*

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6 ~~Item 22: Letter to SAPO re C.E.R.T. CB 4 Block Party July 4, 2014 on West 52nd Street between Tenth~~
7 ~~Avenue and Eleventh Avenues DEFERRED TO MAY 7th FULL BOARD~~

8 ~~Item 23: Letter to SAPO re Nazareth Nursery Montessori School International Day June 7, 2014 on West~~
9 ~~15th Street between Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenues DEFERRED TO MAY 7th FULL BOARD~~

10 ~~Item 24: Letter to SAPO re 46th Street Block Association Block Party June 29, 2014 on West 46th Street~~
11 ~~between Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenues DEFERRED TO MAY 7th FULL BOARD~~

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13 Item 25: Letter to SAPO re 16th Annual Folsom Street East Fair -June 22, 2014 on West 28th Street
14 between Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenues (**APPROVED**)

15 Item 26: Sale of Land and Development Rights on Dyer Avenue and 33rd Street Request for Proposal No.
16 36900 (**APPROVED with amendments**)

17 *Mr. Noland explained that we're dealing with many RFPs and trying to respond as quickly as we can. He*
18 *apologized for the lateness of the letter.*

19 *Chair Berthet wanted to tone down the letter; we're being aggressive considering that the RFP is out. Mr.*
20 *Noland accepted the amendment.*

21 *Walter Mankoff suggested that we make it clear that changes are being requested in the RFP. Mr. Noland*
22 *accepted.*

23 *Brad Pascarella requested more community space or low-rent office space. Mr. Noland explained that*
24 *we'll discuss the applications as they come before us.*

25 Item 27: Not yet written. This will be a letter to Related explaining that we're working on moving long-
26 distance buses which they can show to potential tenants. (**APPROVED**)

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28 **The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.** Scribed by Miranda Nelson