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Meeting Date	March 6, 2019
Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Meeting Location	Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room

BURT LAZARIN
Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
District Manager

March 2019 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS	<p>Public Hearing: Manhattan Community Board 4 Response to the Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget</p> <p>Jefferey LeFrancois, chair of the Budget Committee, summarized the work of the committee and the Board’s response set forth in Agenda Item 18. No one from the public came forward to speak.</p> <p>Public Hearing: Citywide Mechanical Voids Text Amendment</p> <p>J.D. Noland, chair of the Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee, reviewed the Board’s response to the CPC’s proposed zoning resolution text amendment contained in Agenda Item 1. A representative of City Council Member Ben Kallos voiced his support of the proposal.</p>
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Public Session	
Ethan Goodman	Mr. Goodman is a representative of the firm Fox Rothchild, the architects who designed the parking garage that is the subject of Agenda Item 1. He made comments further to those made at the Chelsea Land Use Committee meeting regarding what he believes is a mischaracterization of the impact that the garage will have on pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the garage. He noted that a required finding for approval of the garage is that pedestrian flow not be impeded by the presence of the garage on 18th Street. He stated that the estimated 7,600 pedestrians cited in the Board’s proposed letter are not accurate because most pedestrians would in fact be walking on the opposite side of the street. He also mentioned that the garage is meant to fulfill a need in the community for additional parking due to the recent construction of residential buildings that have not included accessory parking.
Sally Carlson	Ms. Carlson, a resident of the building located at 360 9th Avenue where New Mates Global is seeking a liquor license, voiced her concerns about the application. She stated that the applicant was slow to fulfill its promise to perform acoustical testing within the premises and she worries that it might not live up to its other obligations.
Peggy Kauh	Ms. Kauh represents a large building on 14th Street that has lost curbside access to its secondary entrance due to work being done in connection with the L Train repairs. The entrance is used for services and deliveries. She thanked the board for its continuing support in addressing the needs of the many seniors and disabled children who live in her 350-unit building.

Michelle Jackson	Ms. Jackson runs an initiative called Seeds to Soil located in the cooperative space at 424 West 54th Street. This summer they are building a rooftop residents' garden in the form of a labyrinth. A fundraiser is being held on Saturday, March 9th from 8 -11 pm at Prime Produce, 424 West 54th Street.
Julia Knight and Samantha Hirsh	Ms. Knight introduced Poster House, the only museum in the country devoted exclusively to posters. It is dedicated to presenting the impact, culture, and design of posters, both as historical documents and methods of contemporary visual communication. Poster House, located at 119 West 23rd Street, is scheduled to open in mid-June, with a community day event happening on June 1st.
Lisa Wager	As the Director of Government and Community Relations at the Fashion Institute of Technology, Ms. Wager reviewed current news and upcoming events at FIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Mayes, a 1981 alumnus of FIT in Fashion Design, served as head tailor on the film production of <i>Black Panther</i> for which Ruth Carter won an Oscar for costume design. She was the first person of color – male or female – to win this award. • There is an exhibition called “Hattitudes” being held in the Art and Design Gallery at the corner of Seventh Avenue and 27th Street – Friday will be its final day. It was curated by forty-two students who took hats from the collection of Nina Kurtis and created individual 360-degree displays featuring a hat from a distinctive time period or fashion trend. • FIT has been included – for the first time ever – in the list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the highest number of 2018-2019 Fulbright U.S. Scholars. The awards went to: Deirdre Sato, dean for International Education; Joseph Antee, associate professor of Fashion Business Management; and, Brenda Cowan, associate professor of Exhibition and Experience Design.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Brian Lewis for BP Gale Brewer	Mr. Lewis made the following announcements on behalf of the Borough President: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that the Community Board Application period is closed, new applicants should have received an email invitation to sign up for one of the interviewing sessions. There will not be any interviewing of reapplicants this year. • The Borough President held her State of the Borough address on Sunday, February 24th at NYU Skirball Center on the theme “What is Urban Policy Now.” She touched on issues such as expanding broadband access, improving bus service, addressing gentrification, and improving immigration graduation rates. One highlight was a panel discussion with former Counsel to Mayor de Blasio Maya Wiley, former Daily News columnist Juan Gonzalez, Center for an Urban Future chief Jonathan Bowles, and Asian American Federation leader JoAnn Yoo. • The office has launched an Accessibility Taskforce that will handle outstanding transportation and urban design accessibility issues as well as workforce discrimination and development, education, and much more. The taskforce will meet regularly in the months to come and will be comprised mostly of accessibility advocates. • As congestion pricing continues to be debated by state legislators, the Borough President will be convening a public hearing on March 21st that will feature testimony from Ms. Brewer, elected officials, transportation professionals and advocates, and community stakeholders. • On Wednesday, March 20th, the office will host its Women’s History Month Celebration at 6 pm at Gibney Dance on Chambers Street. The focus will be on

	<p>the topic of incarcerated women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 7th, the office will be hosting an open house at the Northern Manhattan Office for jobs with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparation for the 2020 Census. It will run from 4-6 pm and members of the Bureau will be on site to answer questions and provide assistance.
Chris Nickell for State Senator Robert Jackson	<p>Mr. Nickell made his first appearance at a CB4 board meeting representing newly-elected Senator Jackson who shares representation of parts of the MCD4 district with Brad Hoylman. Mr. Jackson's district runs from the top of Washington Heights down to Chelsea along the far West Side and happens to be the most gerrymandered district in the state. The Senator's local office is near 214th Street, but he is exploring an office-sharing arrangement with other elected officials in our district to provide greater access for constituents.</p> <p>The Senator is co-sponsoring a parallel bill to the City's proposal relating to mechanical voids which will have a State-wide reach and be a bit more restrictive. Another one of the Senator's bills deals with transparency in charter schools, compelling charter schools to abide by the same standards of accountability and transparency as New York public schools. The Senator is also fighting for full public funding for education, as he has since launching his Campaign for Fiscal Equity in 1993 that resulted in a \$16 billion payout for the City's public schools. He is a big proponent of the universal rent control package that is being put forward by the Housing Justice for All Alliance. Mr. Jackson is opposing Governor Cuomo's attempt to lower the lobbying threshold because it would ensnare even the smallest grassroots citizen groups that would be forced to register as lobbyists.</p>
Matt Tighe for Assembly Member Dick Gottfried	<p>While Mr. Gottfried supports the City Planning zoning text amendment proposal on mechanical voids, he has also co-sponsored a bill with Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law as it relates to building heights – a missing component of the text amendment. The bill will require that all void space exceeding either 5% of the total building height or 20 feet be counted toward total floor-area-ratio (FAR). After that, each additional 12 feet of void space height will be counted as an additional floor for the purposes of calculating total FAR. Further, the legislation will count any ceiling height in excess of 12 feet as an additional floor. And, the legislation will also ensure that open space, such as balconies and terraces not bordered by four walls, be counted toward total FAR.</p> <p>Mr. Gottfried's New York Health Act, the single-payer health insurance plan, will be re-introduced in the Assembly with the new addition of long-term care as part of the system. The bill now covers care for all adults, senior citizens, and those with disabilities. The bill was voted out of the Health Committee with a 17-to-8 vote and now moves on to other committees, a full vote, and then to the Senate where the new Democratic majority may finally approve the law.</p> <p>New legislation that the Assembly Member has introduced includes a bill to decriminalize adult sex work in New York. He believes that stopping sex work should not be the work of the criminal justice system, which should focus its efforts on stopping sex trafficking.</p> <p>Tomorrow, March 7th, the MTA will be holding an open house on the new L Train plans. It will take place from 6 – 8 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, located at 328 West 14th Street.</p>
Kevin Jean Baptiste for D.A. Cyrus Vance	<p>The 2019 High School Internship Program began accepting online applications in February and will continue to do so until March 11th. The program is open to high school students who live or attend school in Manhattan. Applicants must attach a one-page resume, 300-word essay and a letter of recommendation.</p> <p>The D.A.'s Office also announced the Summer 2019 Gun Violence Prevention</p>

	<p>Fellowship that provides young people with an opportunity to strategize on ways to prevent gun violence in Manhattan communities. Applicants can be current college students, or young adults on track to graduate high school or complete their GED by Summer 2019. They must be personally affected by gun violence in their communities, or families. All applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on March 28th.</p> <p>In February, the D.A. secured a conviction in the first ever prosecution of murder as an act of terrorism. It involved the stabbing death of a man on a sidewalk in Hell’s Kitchen by a white supremacist who was attempting to start a race war. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.</p> <p>The D.A.’s Manhattan Construction Task Force will be making a presentation on April 10th before the Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee.</p>
<p>Jessie Kay for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney</p>	<p>Ms. Kay reviewed some of the Congresswoman’s recent priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has been working to fully fund the Victims Compensation Fund as a result of the recent announcement that funds were going to be cut due to budget shortfalls. In response, she joined other legislators in submitting bipartisan legislation called the Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act. It will restore any cuts to awards, ensure that any future victims will be fully compensated, and make the VCF permanent. • She has also been working on census outreach and held her first Town Hall in Manhattan with Council Member Carlina Rivera to discuss how they are working to ensure a fair and accurate Census count. And following the Supreme Court’s decision to hear an appeal by the Trump Administration of a district court order that removed a citizenship question from the 2020 Census, she stated: “Our constitution clearly mandates that every single person living in this country must be counted every 10 years. The Supreme Court must recognize this clear constitutional requirement to count everyone and reaffirm that the citizenship question violates that mandate.” • A bill was passed in the House that would require universal background checks for all gun sales, thereby closing the so-called gun show loophole. • The Congresswoman will be hosting her State of the District address at Hunter College on Sunday, March 10th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Board Reports & Business	
<p>Adoption of Agenda and Minutes</p>	<p>The Agenda, as amended to include new Items 25 and 26, and the February minutes were unanimously approved.</p>
<p>District Manager Report</p>	<p>Highlights of events the District Manager or Staff attended on behalf of the board and upcoming events:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Meetings\Events attended by CB4 staff on behalf of the board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Manager provided testimony in front of the Government Operation Committee of City Council <p style="padding-left: 40px;">March Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLU and HHHS Committees are holding a joint meeting on Monday, March 18th at 6:30 pm at 353 West 30th Street • All other committees will be meeting at their regular times and

	locations
Board Chair Report	<p>There were several small meetings over the course of the month dealing with the replacement of the Women’s Detention Center at the corner of 20th Street and 11th Avenue. Even though there has been a proposal and discussion between City and State officials, the project is still very much a work in progress.</p> <p>Mr. Lazarin noted that March is the month when community board memberships expire. Some members choose to reapply for another term, while others choose to retire. This year, three members have chosen not to reapply and were given the opportunity to say a few words about their plans. Andrea Bernard, Austin Ochoa and Barbara Davis each gave brief statements.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)		
Item 1: Joint Letter with CLU to DCP re Proposed Citywide Voids Text Amendment		Passed with 37 in favor, 1 abstention, and 1 PNE
Item 2: Letter to DOB re MCB4 Meeting on Special District Demolition text		Passed Unanimously
Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
Item 3: Letter to CPC re 515 West 18 th Street – Parking Garage Special Permit		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to LPC re 123 West 18 th Street Certificate of Appropriateness for Flag Pole		Passed Unanimously
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 347 W 46th Street (8/9) – HLD 46th LLC d/b/a Sushi of Gari 46	Items 5 -13, excluding Item 7, were bundled	Passed Unanimously
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 265 W 23rd Street – Pechprasit Corp. d/b/a I Rin Thai Cuisine		Passed Unanimously
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 360 9th Avenue (30/31) – New Mates Global Inc.	Amended to deny for failure to comply with commitments made to the BLP Committee	Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 650 9th Avenue (45/46) – The Field Inc.		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 506 9th Avenue (38/39) – Gloria LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 10: Letter to SLA re 277 W 22nd Street (22) – Entity to be formed by Bobby Khorrami		Passed Unanimously

Item 11: Letter to SLA re 318 W 51st Street (8/9) – Uogashi New York Inc.		Passed Unanimously
Item 12: Letter to SLA re 359 W 39th Street (8/9) – Otani Inc.		Passed Unanimously
Item 13: Letter to DCA re 626 10th Avenue (44/45) – Le Prive		Passed Unanimously
Arts, Culture, Education and Street Life Committee (ACES)		
Item 14: Letter to CEC re Admission Process for Specialized High Schools		Passed Unanimously
Item 15: Letter to Manhattan Leadership Council re School Mental Health Resolution	Friendly amendments accepted	Passed Unanimously
HHHS and CLU Joint Meeting		
Item 16: Letter to CPC and HPD re ULURP for 201-207 7 th Avenue - TABLED		
Executive Committee (EXEC)		
Item 17: Letter to 2019 Charter Review Commission re MCB4 Charter Recommendations	Friendly amendments accepted	Passed Unanimously
Item 18: Letter to Mayor’s office re Response to Mayor’s Preliminary Fiscal Year 2020 Budget	As amended	Passed Unanimously
New Business		
Item 19: Letter to MTA and DOT re L Train Project and M7 Bus Reroute	Items 19 – 24 were bundled and a friendly amendment was accepted as to Item 23	Passed Unanimously
Item 20: Letter to DOT re CityBench at 566 10th Avenue		Passed Unanimously
Item 21: Letter to Letter to DOT re Parking Regulation Change outside Kamco Supply – 20th and 21st Streets (10/11)		Passed Unanimously
Item 22: Letter to DCA re Newsstand Proposal for N/W/C 10th Avenue and 30th Street		Passed Unanimously
Item 23: Letter to NYPD re Cyclist Fatality at 45th Street and 8th Avenue		Passed Unanimously
Item 24: Letter to City Council re Bills on Parking Placard Usage on City Streets		Passed Unanimously
Item 25: Letter to CPC and HPD re Special Garment District Rezoning Commitments		Passed Unanimously
Item 26: Proposed letter to be written re naming of Hudson		Passed

Boulevard Park		Unanimously
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Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	8:50 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 PM April 3, 2019 Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room B

As recorded by M. Noble

VOTING KEY Y=Yes N=No A=Abstain PNE=Present, not eligible 'A-- = No vote ATTENDANCE KEY P=Present Ab=Absent E=Excused	ATTENDANCE										
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A'--	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
PNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrea Bernard	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christine Berthet	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gwen Billig	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yoni Bokso	P	A'--	A'--	A'--	A'--	A'--	A'--	A'--	A'--	Y	Y
Viren Brahmhatt	A										
Patricia Carnevale	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jessica Chait	A										
T. Elzora Cleveland	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lee Compton	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Angel Cortes	A										
Dale Corvino	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--
Judith Dahill	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barbara Davis	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maarten de Kadt	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Paul Devlin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pete Diaz	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--
Tina DeFelicianantonio	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeffrey Ellis-Lee	A										
Brett Firfer	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wendy Gonzalez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Holowka	A										
Frank Holozubiec	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Inge Ivchenko	P	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lowell Kern	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--	A
Burt Lazarin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christopher LeBron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeffrey LeFrancois	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bruce MacAffer	A										
Betty Mackintosh	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Morgan McLean	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Italo Medelius	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Noble	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J.D. Noland	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Austin Ochoa	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maria Ortiz	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allen Oster	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brad Pascarella	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rhonda Patillo	A										
Joe Restuccia	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A'--
Sabrina Reveron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Delores Rubin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brian Sokal	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Solnick	A										
Ken Stewart	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin Treat	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Wallace	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Warren	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y