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Meeting Date	January 6, 2016
Meeting Time	6:30PM
Meeting Location	Roosevelt Hospital 1000 Tenth Avenue Conference Room B
Meeting Audio Recording	

DELORES RUBIN
 Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
 District Manager

January 2016 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING/ PRESENTATION	Presentation by Jessica Fiorello of the Office of the City Clerk regarding its Lobbying Bureau’s amnesty program. The program will be available from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. It allows lobbyists and clients to apply for amnesty from penalties that would be imposed for failure to register and file reports. More information can be found here .
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Christine Berthet Honored	Out-going chair Christine Berthet was presented with a proclamation honoring her work as chair and board member from each of four elected officials by their representatives. The proclamations were signed by Comptroller Scott Stringer, State Senator Brad Hoylman, Council Member Corey Johnson and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.
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Public Session

Susan Lahn	Thanked Christine and the board in general for their work. Also thanked member Burt Lazarin for his letter regarding small business matters and members Ernest Moderelli and Jay Marcus for help in getting the light at 60 th and Columbus reversed.
Carole Kopman	As a vendor at the Hell’s Kitchen flea market, she thanked the Quality of Life Committee for its help keeping the market open for another year.
Peter Farkas	Also a vendor at the market, he thanked the board for recommending that the market continue in operation for another year.
Eva Taraceler	She reiterated Peter Farkas’s remarks.
Jeffrey Frank	Gave thanks for letting the flea market serve the community and visitors from all over the world.
George Reid	A long-time vendor at the flea market, he gave his thanks to the board for allowing the flea market to continue serving the community.
Lourdes Comacho	Ms. Comacho spoke about a letter that she sent to Medicare in which she complained about being misled by a Medicare representative into believing that enrollment in Part D coverage was mandatory. She enrolled her elderly, disabled mother in Part D and found that there were less expensive ways to pay for drugs that she needs. Chair Rubin suggested that she speak to Council Member Johnson’s representative who still standing at the back of the room.
Lisa Wager	Lisa spoke about public programming at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Chelsea, noting some of the current exhibitions at the FIT Museum. One notable exhibition is all about the use of denim in clothing throughout the ages. Admission is free.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Robert Atterbury for Jerrold Nadler	Congressman Nadler joined Senators Gillibrand and Schumer in introducing legislation to establish a national park site near the Stonewall Inn honoring America's LGBT history. He also voted to extend the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act and to give FEMA assistance to broadcasters. Details can be viewed on the Congressman's website .
Andrew Lombardi for Gale Brewer	Manhattan BP Brewer submitted testimony regarding the proposed 20% rent increase at Clinton Towers stating that the landlord does not deserve the increase and should instead use other means to raise money. The Construction Safety Working Group will hold a meeting in late January to discuss public health issues related to construction sites. Upcoming info sessions include the Solid Waste Advisory Board and the Uptown Manhattan Youth Council. Read about them and RSVP here .
Eli Szenez-Strauss for Brad Hoylman	The Senator is sponsoring a forum later this week along with the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence and several other elected officials. The forum will deal with a form of domestic violence known as "revenge porn." The Senate is back in session today and the Senator remains hopeful that there will be progress made in ethics reform. Senator Hoylman gave testimony in December supporting a rent freeze for rent-controlled tenants like the one received by rent-stabilized tenants last year.
Erik Bottcher for Corey Johnson	Council Member Johnson has been in office now for two years and last year seven of his bills were passed and signed into law. The work of his office during 2015 can be found in this comprehensive Year in Review .
Gabriel Dann-Allel for Richard Gottfried	The Assembly is back in session today. On Monday, the Assemblyman met with the DOT at a meeting attended by Corey Johnson and representatives of CB4 regarding the inter-city bus system. They proposed adding stipulations to bus licenses by CB4 much like the ones that are added to state liquor licenses. Safety and background checks for drivers were also discussed. Assembly Member Gottfried's latest newsletter is in two parts: Part 1 and Part 2 .
Daniel Campenelli for Scott Stringer	The Comptroller conducted an audit of the Department of Homeless Services that produced a number of shocking results. The Audit Report notes, for example, that DHS has only 14 Program Analysts assigned to oversee 155 shelters housing 12,500 families. That means each analyst is responsible for 11 shelters and 900 families. The Comptroller also announced the creation of a new tool for consumers called Take It To The Bank . This tool "aims to empower consumers by providing the information they need to open an account for the first time or take a second look at their existing account."
Erica Overton for Linda Rosenthal	Assembly Member Rosenthal went back to Albany today where she will be focusing on a new set of bills. Among them are anti-Airbnb measures, animal cruelty laws, the tampon tax law and the formula used to set rents under rent control. She testified in November before the City Planning Commission regarding the Mayor's proposed citywide zoning programs. The Assembly Member's office will soon begin offering rotating SNAP clinics throughout the community.

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	Agenda and December minutes approved with a change noting that Google was seeking a beer and wine license, not a full liquor license.
District Manager Report	Attended a number of meetings for the Board, including: the Harborview Open Space Working Group, the Hudson River Park Trust and the Chelsea-Elliott Tenants Association. Held the monthly district services meeting. Gave thanks to

	<p>Corey Johnson for his work allocating extra funds for sanitation worker overtime pay that will allow for an increase in the number of trash basket pickups along 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Avenues in Chelsea and Hell’s Kitchen. Reminded everyone to complete their Board renewal applications if they wished to continue serving. Noted that the Quality of Life Committee will now be meeting at the larger venue provided by the Hotel Trades Council located at 305 West 44th Street. The Chelsea Land Use Committee will meet on Tuesday January 19th because of the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday. As to ongoing projects, the office continues to work with the co-chairs of CLU and our planning fellow in tracking unused transferrable development rights in the district. They have also been tracking a number of construction sites that have been of concern to us. Namely, the demolition sites at 319 West 38th Street (Item 16 on the Agenda), 485 – 497 9th Avenue and 132 West 26th Street.</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>The chair reported on the activities of the previous chair, Christine Berthet: she attended a meeting of the Manhattan BPs Construction Safety Task Force, but the DOB declined an invitation to attend and further attempts will be made to engage them in the future; she surveyed with other committee members possible locations for new bus stops; she met with EDC and HPD regarding the Covenant House RFP; she attempted with other members to speak at the CPC meeting on the new zoning resolution proposal, but over-crowding prevented it; and, she is currently working with city officials on inter-city bus issues. Delores would like the members to complete a survey that is coming out in a few days regarding skills and interests as they relate to committee choices. Christine returns to the Transportation Committee as co-chair. Delores will be replaced as co-chair of the Waterfront Parks & Environment Committee by Lowell Kern.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 369 W. 51st Street (8/9) – 7 Washington Lane Corp.	All matters 1-10 bundled.	Passed
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 161 W. 16th Street a.k.a. 101 7th Avenue (6/7) – BNY Catering, Inc. – Basement Level – 2nd Floor		Passed
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 161 W. 16th Street a.k.a. 101 7th Avenue (6/7) – Barney’s, Inc. d/b/a Fred’s – Third Floor		Passed
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 524 9th Avenue (39/40) – 542 Taco LLC d/b/a Taqueria Diana		Passed
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 725 8th Avenue (45/46) – WB Times Square LLC d/b/a Wahlburgers		Passed
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 598 9th Avenue (42/43) – Sticky’s Finger Joint		Passed
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 75 9th Avenue (15/16) – Filaga Pizzeria		Passed
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 185 7th Avenue (21) – Momoya Chelsea		Passed
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 150 8th Avenue (17/18) – Thai Sliders		Passed

Item 10: Letter to SLA re 320 W. 46th Street (8/9) - Frankie & Johnnie's		Passed
Quality of Life (QOL)		
Item 11: Letter to SAPO re Hell's Kitchen Flea Market – For Ratification		Passed
Item 12: Letter to IL Bastardo 191 7th Avenue re need for better crowd control and occupancy issues	Friendly amendments accepted.	Passed
Transportation (TRANS)		
Item 13: Letter to MTA re M5 route change proposal	Friendly amendments accepted.	Passed
Item 14: Letter to Manhattan Mini Storage re: Pedestrian Safety Concerns on 29th St. and 11th Ave	Friendly amendments accepted.	Passed
Item 15: Letter to DOT re: M23 SBS proposal	Friendly amendments accepted.	Passed
Executive (EXEC)		
Item 16: Letter to DOB re 319-321 West 38 Street Demolition Protections	Friendly amendments accepted.	Passed
Item 17: Revised Affordable Housing Plan for CD4		Passed
Item 18: CB4's Business Diversity Task Force Strategy Report	Friendly amendments accepted.	
Item 19: Letter to DEP re Shaft Site at West 48 Street and 10th Avenue		Passed

Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU), Waterfronts, Parks and Environment Committee (WPE), Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HH&HS) and Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
No items		

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	8:21 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30PM February 3, 2016 Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 9 th Avenue