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Meeting Date	April 4, 2018
Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Meeting Location	Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26 th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room

BURT LAZARIN
Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
District Manager

April 2018 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING	<p>BSA Special Permit Application for Physical Culture Establishment at 250 West 26th Street.</p> <p>No one signed up to speak. The hearing was closed.</p>
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Public Session	
Eric Doering	Associate Legal Counsel at John Jay College; opposes newsstand (item 14). Representing the administration of the institution, he is concerned that this is a public safety issue: they conducted a fire drill where the newsstand would be placed, which faces their child care center, they found that there wasn't enough space to wheel out cribs during a fire drill with the newsstand in place. This newsstand would also have a negative impact on the revenues of their food court, which is a significant revenue stream for the institution.
Maria Pacheco	Student at John Jay College; opposes newsstand (item 14). This is a health concern, newsstand would sell cigarettes and promote smoking. This newsstand would prevent ADA accessibility.
Mindy Bockstein	Executive Director for External Affairs at John Jay College; opposes newsstand (item 14). Would block the sight of public safety desk at 11th Avenue. This newsstand will encroach on the only Access-a-Ride drop-off space in the area. Ms. Bockstein is not against the newsstand, but its current proposed site.
Veronika Podoprijan	Student at John Jay College and Fellow at the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). Researches transportation alternatives and advocates for rider policy. Asks for feedback about CB4's transit priorities.
Tom Cayler	Represents the West Side Neighborhood Alliance; concerned about over-saturation of liquor licenses and requests denial of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Steve Belida	Chair of HK 50-51 Block Association; concerned about quality of life issues that come with late-night bar patrons. Concerned about over-saturation of bars and requests denial of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5). If approved, opposes 3AM closing.
Holly Kanfer	Vice President of 325 W 52 Corp. and member of HK 50-51 Block Association; concerned about Busted Matilda, requests denial of their proposed liquor license (item 5).
David Stuart	Co-chair of 45th Street Block Association; concerned about congestion due to taxi, Uber, and Lyft riders that drop off bar patrons. These bars create lines on the sidewalk causing pedestrians to step out into the bike lanes and perpetuating a public safety concern. Requests

	denial of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Christine Nruna	Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5). Operators are responsible and serve on their local Block Association.
Maureen Young	Was hit by a car on 43rd Street during the Holidays and by a bike last week. Encourages the board the revisit the pedestrian audio signals that have not been implemented yet.
Mikel Rowe	Concerned about pedestrian audio signals and asks the Board to revisit.
Carla Fine	Director of the Belleview Association; invites the community to a panel on the opioid crisis on Monday the 16th at the Atrium of Belleview Hospital.
William Anderson	Resident of 46th Street; appreciates Busted Matilda's security personnel. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Edward Boyd	Echoes William Anderson. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Eric Einstein	Co-owner of Busted Matilda and resident of Hell's Kitchen; stated that according to CB4's liquor license guidelines, the proposed location of Busted Matilda is not an over-saturated area of Hell's Kitchen. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Michael Borowski	Broadway Press Agent in Hell's Kitchen; works with many of the gay bars in Hell's Kitchen and praises Busted Matilda's owners for their community-focused operations. Praised their security personnel and community advocacy. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Michael Callan	Resident of 49th Street and 10th Avenue; has known one of the owners of Busted Matilda for several years. Praised their security personnel due to their ability to control crowds on the sidewalk and ensure street safety. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Brad Liberti	Staff member of Pieces and Hardware Bars; respects the opposition of Busted Matilda, but believes responsible bar owners are essential to the fabric of our community. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Ted Anton	Active patron of Pieces and Hardware Bars; echoes the comments of support for Busted Matilda. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Victor Borbolli	Long-time Hardware Bar staff member; believes Busted Matilda's management is the most responsible he's ever worked for. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Luke Fontana	Staff Member of Pieces Bar; Pieces and Hardware Bars are homes for the gay community. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Ian Joseph	Active patron of Pieces and Hardware Bars; Busted Matilda's management fundraises for good causes (i.e.: Puerto Rico relief, Toys for Tots). Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Lisa Wager	Director of Government and Community Relations at Fashion Institute of Technology; community members can donate pieces of garment for their Fashion Unraveled exhibition, must submit by May 7th. Held a special Native American Fashion curator-led tour. FIT will host a lecture for Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 17th. They will also be hosting an International Dance Festival at their Auditorium on April 18th. FIT hosted a Sustainable Business and Design conference in the spirit of Earth Day.
Trina Semorile	Resident of 46th Street; is constantly asking bar patrons to lower their voice. Concerned about losing small businesses and basic services due to bars utilizing local real estate. Requests

	denial of Busted Matilda's proposed liquor license (item 5).
Chris Rosa	Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at CUNY; opposes newsstand (item 14). Touted John Jay College for opening their doors to CUNY students with disabilities. Concerned that the placement of the proposed newsstand would be harmful for access to students with disabilities due to the Access-a-Ride drop off being in that space.
Chris Lebron	Chris is a member of CB4 who spoke on behalf of neighbors on 47th Street between 8th and 9th Avenue in reference to Busted Matilda's liquor license application. The group he represents would like to see a diversification of business in the neighborhood. If the community board votes to approve, they request the business to be ADA accessible and provide beautification to the surrounding area.
Steve Fonto	President of 46th Street Block Association; echoes the comments in opposition to Busted Matilda's liquor license application. Requests denial of Busted Matilda's proposed liquor license (item 5).
Justin Buchanan	Co-owner of Busted Matilda; proposed space for Busted Matilda is vacant with no residents living upstairs, will be ADA compliant, and will maintain neighborhood clean. Is a long-time Hell's Kitchen resident and hires locally. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).
Larry Peoples	Resident of 48th Street and 9th Avenue; very active member of Pieces & Hardware bar. Speaks highly of Busted Matilda's owners and touted them as community activists. Supports the approval of Busted Matilda's liquor license (item 5).

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Congressman Jerrold Nadler	Congressman Nadler was appointed Ranking Democrat of the Judiciary Committee, if Democrats take the majority next year he would become Chairman. He and a group of other elected officials are suing the federal government for asking questions regarding citizenship status on the Census. This will affect the number of households that answer the Census and will lead to a "massive undercount of people." Budget season is underway in Washington, President Trump has proposed massive cuts to non-military discretionary spending which Democrats oppose. The President is opposed to the Gateway Tunnel Project.
Assemblymember Richard Gottfried	Assemblymember Gottfried informed the Board that the state legislature voted to pass the state budget. Some key budget updates include: more funding for the MTA, more funding for schools and school health centers, and maintained funding for Medicaid. The state legislature passed legislation to strengthen regulations regarding sexual harassment for state employees and corporations with government contracts, gun control legislation to prevent firearm purchases by those convicted of domestic violence, and Penn Station redevelopment legislation (which the Assemblymember opposes.)
Afraz Khan for Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer	Mr. Khan informed the Board that the Borough President signed on to the letter asking the MTA to explain their methodology for the study conducted regarding L-train shutdown contingency measures. Coordinated a joint meeting with DOT and the Midtown South Community Coalition regarding newspaper dispensers. If enough community members file 311 complaints the DOT will send staff to monitor dispensers. Mr. Khan took a group of four students to March for our Lives in DC. The Borough President joined the NYC Black Lives Matter chapter for a march on 125th Street for the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's assassination. New community board members will join in May.

Eli Szenes-Strauss for State Senator Brad Hoylman	<p>The state budget has passed: more funding for MTA, more funding for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs), good sexual harassment legislation was passed, \$50 million allocation for Hudson River Park. Alana Meyer will be State Senator Brad Hoylman's new Chief of Staff effective in January.</p> <p>This was Eli's last meeting. He is joining the team at Planned Parenthood-NYC as their Political Director. Congratulations from CB4!</p>
Gabriel Lewenstein for Public Advocate Tish James	<p>The Public Advocate's Office hosted resource fairs for Hurricane Maria relief targeted toward victims who relocated to New York City after FEMA funding ran out. The Public Advocate also encouraged community members and organizations to divest from hosting NRA fundraisers in Brooklyn. They released report that showing that the wage gap in NYC government is pervasive.</p>
Mike Stinson for Comptroller Scott Stringer	<p>The Comptroller released report about traffic crashes after children were hit by cars in Brooklyn. The report showed that over 121,000 vehicles have racked up 5 or more violations for speeding through school zones or driving through a red light, this is equivalent to 1 potential accident every 78 seconds. On Monday April 16th, the Comptroller will host a shred day at Penn South. There will be a Greek Community Breakfast in Astoria at 8:30AM 22-51 29th Street.</p>
Brennan Ward for State Senator Marisol Alcantara	<p>The budget was passed, key points from Senator Alcantara: an additional \$250 million will be allocated toward NYCHA, \$1 million allocation for the teacher loan forgiveness program, the Department of Health will conduct a study on childhood asthma, \$1 million were allocated to the Department of Labor for wage theft investigations. New York Presbyterian Hospital is fighting to keep mental health facilities open. The Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) has dissolved.</p>
David Leeds for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney	<p>The House of Representatives passed an anti-sex trafficking law introduced by Rep. Maloney. Rep. Maloney is leading the Idea Act which would authorize more money for the Census and would require 3 years to include a new question into the Census. The Congresswoman will be having a press conference about a National Instant Background Check System.</p>
Kevin Jean-Baptiste for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance	<p>The District Attorney marched in Washington at March for our Lives and launched his Gun Control Advocacy Fellowship; looking for 2 interns to participate in this summer gun control program. Apply via www.manhattanda.org. On Saturday April 14, the DA's office will hold a Youth Empowerment Summit covering topics like: college access, STEM, and self-defense.</p>

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda and February minutes were approved unanimously.
District Manager Report	<p>Highlights of events the District Manager or Staff attended on behalf of the board and upcoming events:</p> <p>During the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Actor's Fund Senior Community Advisory Committee • Helped organize and attended a meeting at Speaker Johnson's Office regarding the renovation 345-347 West 19th Street • Attended the 34th Street Partnership Spring Meeting • Coordinated the monthly donation of 40 bouquets of flowers for Project Find Senior Center.

	<p>April Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p> <p>Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU) & Housing, Health and Human Services Committee (HH&HS) Tuesday, April 17th, 6:30pm Hudson Guild Elliot Center, 441 W. 26th Street, Dan Carpenter Room A/B</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>The Chair had a meeting regarding the relocation of EMS facility on 23rd street and are getting closer to choosing a site.</p> <p>The Port Authority Bus Terminal Working Group had a walking tour alongside the Hell's Kitchen South Coalition to survey land owned by Port Authority that could be used for expansion.</p> <p>Hartley House, CB4, and Speaker Johnson met to find alternate solutions to sale.</p> <p>The Community Board gave testimony to the city planning commission on Block 675 and landmarks commission in opposition to their proposal to close the public review process.</p> <p>CB4's 2nd Vice Chair attended community officers of the 10th precinct meeting at Manhattan Plaza.</p> <p>Met with Assemblymember Deborah Glick about the Board's position on development at Hudson River Park.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 786 9th Avenue – (52/53) – Zeren LLC	Bundle 1 - 9, not including 5 & 6	Passed Unanimously
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 790 9th Avenue (52/53) – Ness Food LLC d/b/a Poulette		Passed Unanimously
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 610 9th Avenue (44/43) – WDI New York LLC d/b/a Tim Ho Wan		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 787 8th Avenue (47/48) – First and Last Inc.		Passed Unanimously
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 674 9th Avenue (46/47) – Busted Matilda Corp.	30 For, 3 Opposed, 1 PNE	Passed by Majority Vote
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 501 W 51st Street (10/11) – Sixsily LLC	32 For, 1 Opposed, 1 PNE	Passed by Majority Vote
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 10 Columbus Circle, Unit 301 – Momo NB 3 LLC d/b/a Momofuku Noodle Bar		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 500 W 32nd Street (10/11) – Hudson Yards by Rhubarb LLC d/b/a Journal		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 1000S 8th Avenue (59th St Columbus		Passed

Circle Subway Station –MGTS Corp. d/b/a Merchants Gate		Unanimously
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)		
Item 10: Letter to Speaker Johnson re Intro 135 – Ban on Polystyrene	Passed with Friendly Amendment; Bundle 10 & 11	Passed Unanimously
Item 11: Letter to Mayor de Blasio re Pier 76 – Tow Pound		Passed Unanimously
Transportation Committee (TRANS)		
Item 12: Letter to DOT re Street Seat Application for 456 W. 37th Street (9/10)	Bundle 12-15 33 For, 1 PNE	Passed by Majority Vote
Item 13: Letter to DOT & HYHK Alliance re 10th Avenue Bike Lane Proposal (30-42nd St.)	33 For, 1 PNE	Passed by Majority Vote
Item 14: Letter to DCA re Newsstand at NEC 11th Avenue and W. 58th Street	32 For, 2 Abstentions	Passed by Majority Vote
Item 15: Letter to DOT re Loading Zone for 435-445 W. 23rd Street (9/10)		Passed Unanimously
Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)		
Item 16: Letter to Hartley House re closing of West 46 Street Settlement Houses		Passed Unanimously
Item 17: Letter to NYC HRA and DHS re Clinton Housing Development Company and Hudson Guild’s Department of Homeless Services Social Services Contracts	33 For, 1 PNE	Passed by Majority Vote
Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)		
Item 18: Letter to DCA and The Shed re: Open Space at Hudson Yards - Withdrawn		
New Business		
Item 19: CLU Letter to BSA re Special Permit for Application for Physical Culture Establishment at 250 West 26th Street		Passed Unanimously

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	9:22PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 PM May 2, 2018 Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room B

As recorded by I. Medelius