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Meeting Date	May 2, 2018
Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Meeting Location	Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room B

**BURT LAZARIN**  
Chair

**JESSE R. BODINE**  
District Manager

**May 2018 Full Board Meeting Minutes**

<b>PRESENTATION / PUBLIC HEARING</b>	There was no presentation or public hearing this month.
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<b>Public Session</b>	
<b>Jason Toledano</b>	Scout Toledano spoke about the Boy Scouts program and the role it plays in the community. He said its aim is to teach leadership and confidence by providing unique outdoor experiences. Many of the young people living in the CB4 community currently do not have access to the opportunities offered by the Boy Scouts. Mr. Toledano provided flyers that outline ways to get a scout troupe established in MCD4.
<b>Jeffrey LeFrancois</b>	Speaking on behalf of the Meatpacking BID, Jeffrey announced a joint event with the Lower Eastside Ecology Center that will be held on May 11th at 14th Street and Eighth Avenue where people will be able to dispose of unwanted electronic devices for recycling.
<b>David Tillyer</b>	Mr. Tillyer noted the upcoming meeting of the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee where issues concerning Clinton Park will be discussed. He offered members of the committee and the community the opportunity to walk through the park with him to observe the areas where he believes remedial action is needed.
<b>Tiffany Henkel</b>	Ms. Henkel is the pastor of Metro Baptist Church. She is also the chair of the Hell’s Kitchen South Coalition, the group whose community plan endorsement by CB4 is the subject of Agenda Item 18. She thanked the board for its support.
<b>Lisa Wager</b>	Ms. Wager of the Fashion Institute of Technology gave an update on recent activities and upcoming events at FIT, all of which can be viewed at <a href="http://www.fitnyc.edu">www.fitnyc.edu</a> .
<b>Susan Berg</b>	Ms. Berg is a resident of the Chelsea Hotel who spoke about security issues at the hotel. She said that there was no way for residents to contact the front desk now that house phones have been removed during the renovation of the hotel. Even though management has provided cell phones to residents, it is not possible for elderly residents to simply dial “0” to reach the front desk in the event of an emergency as they have for decades. An even greater safety issue has arisen from management’s having severed all landlines to Verizon without prior notice to tenants. Ms. Berg also bemoaned the closing of Dan’s Chelsea Guitar, a longtime fixture in the community. She believes management could

	have taken measures to preserve this business but chose not to do so.
<b>Jonathan Berg</b>	Mr. Berg is also a resident of the Chelsea Hotel; he has lived there for forty-five years. He has not had a landline for several months and, because of this, he cannot conduct his business. He blames management for not knowing how to deal with tenants, even though, he admits, they are able to successfully run several hotels. He further pointed out that the reason we tend not to hear many complaints coming from residents is that they have signed agreements with management that require all complaints to go only to the head of the tenant's committee who chooses to remain silent in exchange for a newly refurbished room.

<b>Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives</b>	
<b>Afraz Kahn for BP Gale Brewer</b>	<p>Ms. Brewer recently held a Borough Board meeting where representatives of the MTA and DOT discussed the L Train shutdown. The Borough Board will continue to provide a platform through which community boards will be able to add their input on issues related to the shutdown.</p> <p>The BP had a meeting with Brookfield to stay abreast of the construction of Manhattan West. She also met with CHEKPEDS to review recent updates to its Crash Mapper tool; she noted her willingness to provide more funding to support it.</p> <p>The BP initiated a Charter revision commission with Public Advocate Tish James that will be holding a town hall meeting next month. There will also be a reception for new and returning community board members on June 19th at the American Museum of Natural History.</p>
<b>Robert Atterbury for Congressman Jerrold Nadler</b>	<p>Congressman Nadler was pleased to see the passage of the Music Modernization Act, which he supported. The Act is intended to address longstanding inequities in the music marketplace that have become more pronounced with the advent of streaming services.</p> <p>Last month he announced the introduction of the Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act that limits President Trump's ability to fire Special Counsel Mueller and interfere with the investigation into Russian election meddling.</p> <p>Congressmen Nadler and Bobby Scott released a Government Accountability Office report that shows disparate discipline policies and practices applied to students of color, boys and students with disabilities that result in harsher discipline for those students. They called upon the Trump Administration to take serious note of the findings in this report.</p> <p>Congressman Nadler continues to work with his counterparts to have the Gateway Project move forward.</p>
<b>Erica Overton for Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal</b>	<p>The Assembly passed the Child Victims Act and it is now in the State Senate where it is hoped Brad Hoylman can help get it passed.</p> <p>There will be a rally on May 7th at 10 A.M. in front of the B/C subway station at 72nd and Broadway to demand that the MTA provide accessibility to the disabled, elderly and pregnant riders at that station and others in the City. The MTA announced that it would be shutting down the stations at West 66th Street and West 72nd Street for repairs and improvements without any provision to include elevators.</p> <p>At a recent town hall with New York City Transit president, Andy Byford, he stated that he would examine issues related to the M104 bus line and report his findings next month.</p>
<b>Carl Wilson for</b>	The City Council voted to extend rent regulations and called for an overhaul of the

<p><b>Council Speaker Corey Johnson</b></p>	<p>City’s approach to easing school crowding. Speaker Johnson is most proud of a series of eleven bills called the Stop Sexual Harassment in NYC Act which mandate a host of anti-sexual harassment trainings and prevention measures to ensure a safe and respectful workplace.</p> <p>Upcoming events include the Westside Summit on May 20th at the Highline 14th Street passage where the Speaker will give his State of the District address and announce the winners of the Participatory Budgeting process. There will be a ribbon-cutting event on May 22nd at 10 A.M. for the Matthews-Palmer Playground in Hell’s Kitchen.</p>
<p><b>Board Reports &amp; Business</b></p>	
<p><b>Adoption of Agenda and Minutes</b></p>	<p>The Agenda and April minutes were approved unanimously.</p>
<p><b>District Manager Report</b></p>	<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"> <li>• The District Manager attended Site for West 18/19 Street Block Association along with Speaker Johnson’s office, DSNY, and Bayard Rustin Education Complex regarding refuse pick up.</li> <li>• The District Manager, along with Board Member Delores Rubin, presented on Community Boards at Urban Pathways monthly Advocacy Group.</li> <li>• The District Manager attended Hartley House Site Visit along with Hudson Guild, Clinton Housing Development Company, and Speakers Office.</li> <li>• The District Manager attended a multi-agency community meeting, organized by Speaker Johnson’s Office, regarding overnight utility work being done on West 33rd Street between 9th and 10th Avenues</li> </ul> <p>May Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May Executive Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, May 30th instead of its regularly scheduled time on Monday, May 28th due to Memorial Day Holiday.</li> <li>• Next two Full Board Meetings will be at the Mt. Sinai West Location.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Board Chair Report</b></p>	<p>The Chair introduced five new board members: Wendy Gonzalez, Jeffrey Ellis-Lee, Sabrina Reveron, Jessica Chait and Viren Brahmhatt. He then reminded everyone that there will be another summer social event that will be announced soon by Mr. Bodine.</p> <p>There were further meetings regarding the re-location of the 23rd Street EMS station during which new ideas were generated and subsequently presented to a joint meeting of the Chelsea and Hell’s Kitchen land use committees.</p> <p>There was a meeting with the Diamond Corporation, a business that sells excess electricity that is generated in New Jersey. The meeting dealt with potential issues that would arise out of having a cable being terminated in a park in our district.</p> <p>There several other meetings covering ongoing topics such as the Hartley House and the demolition on 39th Street. A new topic for the board’s consideration came up at a meeting about the relocation of the tow pound on Pier 76. In</p>

attendance were representatives from the offices of Speaker Johnson, the Mayor, Dick Gottfried and Brad Hoylman, along with members of the NYPD. After many years of prodding, the NYPD finally agreed to find a new location for the pound.

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
<b>Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)</b>		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 639 10th Avenue (45) – Kiabacca Rest. Corp. d/b/a Kiabacca	Items 1-13 bundled.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 637 10th Avenue (45) – SD Hospitality Corp. d/b/a The Pony Bar		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 500 W 33rd Street (10/11) – The Neiman Marcus Group LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 545 W 30th Street (10/11) – The Shed NYC Inc. & Hudson Yards Catering LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 222 W 23rd Street (7/8) – Chelsea Hotel F&B LLC	40 in Favor, 1 Abstention	<b>Passed by Majority Vote</b>
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 307 W 26th Street (8/9) – Rock Hard Productions Inc.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 757 6th Avenue (25) – MBG Taverns on 6th Corp. d/b/a Rogue		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 749 9th Avenue (50/51) – GFG Bakery on 9th NYC LLC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 818 10th Avenue (54/55) – Sall Restaurant & Lounge		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 10: Letter to SLA re 462 W 49th Street (9/10) – PB NYC 2 Corp d/b/a Back Pocket Bar NYC		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 11: Letter to SLA re 343 W 14th Street (8/9) – Hao Noodle LLC d/b/a Madam Zhu’s Kitchen	40 in Favor, 1 PNE	<b>Passed by Majority Vote</b>
Item 12: Letter to SLA re 303 10th Avenue (27/28) – 216 KHJ Corp.		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 13: Letter to SLA re 530-542 W 27th Street (10/11) – Gallow Green		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES)</b>		

Item 14: Letter to DHS re Lack of Laundry Services for Students in Temporary Housing		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 15: Letter to DOITT re Community Recommendations for 311 System Overhaul	Friendly amendments accepted.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Waterfront, Parks &amp; Environment Committee (WPE)</b>		
Item 16: Letter to HRPT in Support of Plans for Pier 97	Friendly amendment accepted.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Chelsea Land Use (CLU) / Housing, Health &amp; Human Services Committee (HHHS)</b>		
Item 17: Letter to HPD re 201-207 7th Avenue - Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) program buildings		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)</b>		
Item 18: Letter to Hell's Kitchen South Coalition re Endorsement of HKSC Community Plan	As amended.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 19: CHKLU Letter and Testimony re 495 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Slaughterhouse Site) EIS Scoping Comments – <b>Ratification</b>		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 20: Letter to EDC re 495 11th Avenue Development Project (Slaughterhouse Site)	As amended.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>Transportation Committee (TRANS)</b>		
Item 21: Letter to DOT re Installation of 2 Speed Humps at West 20th Street (9/10)		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 22: Letter to DOT re Hudson Yards Plaza Streetscape Enhancement Petition	Substitute resolution, new letter approved with friendly amendments.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
Item 23: CHKLU & CLU: Letter to Mayor de Blasio re Appointment of New LPC Chair		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 24: New Biz Letter to Mayor de Blasio re Community Board Budgets for FY 2019		<b>Passed Unanimously</b>
Item 25: CHKLU & WPE: Letter to Mayor de Blasio and Council Speaker re: Capital Funding for Block 5 & 6 of Hudson Blvd. Park	Friendly amendment accepted.	<b>Passed Unanimously</b>

<b>Meeting Resolution</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:15 PM Meeting Adjourned
<b>Next Meeting Date and Location</b>	6:30 PM June 6, 2018 Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue

As recorded by M. Noble