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

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 Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
 District Manager

June 2018 Full Board Meeting Minutes

<p>PRESENTATION/ PUBLIC HEARING</p>	<p>Public Hearing: City Wide Hotel Special Permits in M1 Zoning Districts</p> <p>Presentation: Heritage of Pride to Present on Pride March 2018 Route</p> <p>Julian Sanjivan, March Director at Heritage of Pride, gave a slide presentation outlining changes to the 2018 Pride March in format and practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route change: the route has been reversed and shortened for 2018 moving south-bound on 7th Avenue in Chelsea, turning east on Christopher and 8th Streets, and north on 5th Avenue to conclude at 29th Street. • March/Street Access: all persons participating in the march will now be required to wear wristbands to enter access points and closed streets. Community members who live within a closed street will be required to show ID with the corresponding address to be granted passage. Mr. Sanjivan referenced the institution of wristbands at the Puerto Rican Day Parade to support this method. • Attendance: Mr. Sanjivan expects approximately 5 million people to participate in this year’s Pride March. These new practices are being implemented to prepare for World Pride 2019 which will take this same route and expects a larger amount of people. <p>This presentation and the process of the change in practices and route were met with concerns from the community board and neighbors. The community board was not involved in early conversations regarding the change in route and street closures which could negatively impact Chelsea residents. Concerns from the board included: residential access for neighbors who do not have ID, challenges with Access-a-Ride pick-up/drop-off, lack of community communication and input regarding route change, and the historical implications of taking route-change and formatting directives from the NYPD.</p> <p>The community board has expressed discontent with this year’s process and asks Heritage of Pride to engage in conversation and partnership prior in a timely manner for future marches.</p>
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Public Session	
Lisa Bernao	A resident of 440 W 34th Street; has attended various city council meetings and logged multiple 311 complaints about air quality and noise due to Hudson Yards construction. Stated that at a joint meeting with DOT, Port Authority, Brookfield, and City Council, residents were promised that no early morning or after-hour construction would occur. Ms. Bernao listed recent instances when that agreement was broken by the construction sites. Advocates for double-paned windows to mitigate noise and has asked the Office of Speaker Johnson for support in this effort.
Marni Halasa	A resident of 440 W 34th Street for 26 years; advocating for tenants in her building to get double-paned windows. Has heard reports that construction planned to go past 2020 contrary to information released from the city; would like to have clarification on the end date for the project.
Andrew Stricklin	A representative of the Garment District Alliance; read a statement on behalf of the Garment District Alliance stating that they hope to work with CB4 to complete the ULURP process for the Garment District Rezoning. Directives from the steering committee were taken seriously and met. They hope CB4 will embrace the proposal that came out of the steering committee.
Marlyn Gelfin	Animal rights advocate; had a meeting with Legislative Director at Speaker Johnson's Office regarding animal rights and concerns around the 3 kill shelters in NYC. Ms. Gelfin Is gathering support to ask Speaker Johnson to draft the Companion Animal Protection Act (CAPA).
Matthew Ellis	A resident of 545 W. 43rd St; concerned about taxis double-parking on W 44th Street. Contacted NYPD, 311, and the Department of Transportation but has heard no follow-up. Asks the community board to look into this issue.
Susan Marenoff-Zaurner	President of the Intrepid Museum; the Intrepid has been a museum for 36 years and provides free programming for the district. August 2018 will be the 75th anniversary of the Intrepid where 300 veterans who served on the Intrepid will attend. Advocates for the Community Board to vote in favor of renaming 46 th Street and 12 th Avenue "Intrepid Square."
Bennett Krehen	Is concerned about the fast rate of small businesses closing in the district and city as a whole. Spoke in support of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA). The proposed bill will be debated at the City Council and asks for the community board to get involved and support the bill.
Ray Rogers	Director of Corporate Campaign; spoke in opposition to the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY). Asks the community at large to join the opposition on REBNY.
Liam Buckley	Member of Community Board 4 and the City's School Integration Steering Committee; asked the community to join a School Diversity Town Hall Thursday June 21 at Frederick Douglass Academy with Chancellor Carranza.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Lucille Songhai for Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer	There will be a Community Board Reception on June 19th at the Museum of Natural History. The Borough President will be marching at Pride and the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Along with other elected officials and city agencies, the Borough President participated in the reconvening of the Garment District Steering Committee which culminated in a report and several recommendations. The Borough President alongside another group of elected officials, city agencies, and community board members also

	took site tours of Port Authority spaces that could be improved for community use. She also joined a meeting regarding the placement of an EMS facility on Block 675. The Borough President's office convened an L-train task force comprised of community members that will be affected by the shutdown.
Brennan Ward for State Senator Marisol Alcantara	One Republican State Senator has vacated his post for active military duty leaving a "deadlocked" chamber. Senator Alcantara is working with Manhattan Legal Services to hold free legal aid events for immigration on June 13th and 16th. Senator Alcantara has proposed a bill to prevent courthouse arrests by ICE and a bill that would change the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor from 365 days to 364 days.
Brice Pierre for Assemblymember Richard Gottfried	Assemblymember Gottfried co-chaired a hearing on gestational surrogacy, which is illegal in the State of New York. The Assemblymember is supporting the bill to make gestational surrogacy legal. The Assemblymember released a statement asking for rent freezes to rent-regulated apartments. There was a package of bills passed for New Yorkers with disabilities this month.
Gabby Dan-Allen for Mayor Bill de Blasio	The City is pushing for the State to pass the speed camera expansion program before the end of the session. If passed, the City would install 150 cameras in school zones. The City held its first city-wide student voter registration day.
Kevin Jean-Baptiste for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance	The District Attorney's Office is prosecuting Harvey Weinstein; he has pleaded not guilty, so the case will most likely go to trial. Mr. Jean-Baptiste encourages any survivors to call the sex crimes hotline at 212.335.9373. Starting August 1st, the District Attorney's Office will stop prosecuting cases involving small amounts of marijuana -- 25g or less (both possession and use.)
Jeremy Grimm for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney	Congresswoman Maloney called for an informal hearing regarding ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to include women in the constitution. There is one more state needed to ratify the ERA.

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda and May minutes were approved unanimously.
District Manager Report	<p>The District Manager attended a Construction Coordination meeting with Related regarding their West 23rd Street site on behalf of residents of West 23rd Street.</p> <p>The District Manager attended a conditions meeting held by the 34th Street Partnership regarding 8th Avenue.</p> <p>The District Manager attended the monthly Council of Chelsea Block Association Meeting to discuss the upcoming Pride March route change.</p> <p>June Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACES Committee has been canceled

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Full Board will take place on Wednesday July 25th - Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue, Conference Room <p>Thank you to Nelly Gonzalez and Janine Pretente for help keeping our board running so smoothly!</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>There will be a community board social on July 26th for board members.</p> <p>The Board Chair attended meetings to discuss land use around Port Authority and saving housing that is under threat of demolition in Chelsea. BLP met with members of a block association who had questions about how BLP operates. The Board is still working with elected officials, community members, and city agencies on finding a temporary and permanent space for EMS.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)		
Item 1: Letter to Mayor and City Council Speaker re Temporary EMS Station in Hell's Kitchen	Bundle 1 & 2	Passed Unanimously
Item 2: Letter to FDNY re Concerns for Temporary EMS Station in Hell's Kitchen		Passed Unanimously
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)		
Item 3: Letter to NYC Parks re DeWitt Clinton Park	Passed with friendly amendment	Passed Unanimously
Transportation Committee (TRANS)		
Item 4: Letter to DOT re Street Seat Application for 359 W. 45th Street (8/9)	Bundle 4, 5 & 7	Passed Unanimously
Item 5: Letter to DOT re Newsstand Application at N/W/C of 9th Avenue and 41st Street		Passed Unanimously
Item 6: Letter to City Council re Street Co-Naming Application for the Intrepid at 46th Street and 12th	6 in favor, 29 opposed, 4 abstentions	Rejected by Majority Vote
Item 7: Letter to City Council re Proposed Complete Streets		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to NYCT re Unused Platform at Columbus Circle/59th Street A/B/C/D Station - TABLED	Sent back to committee	Passed Unanimously
Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
Item 9: Letter to CPC re Special Permit for Signage at 116 West 23rd Street (Burlington Coat Factory)	Bundle 9 & 10	Passed Unanimously
Item 10: Letter to LPC re: Muhlenberg Branch Library (209 West 23 rd Street) Elevator and HVAC Upgrade		Passed Unanimously

Executive Committee (EXEC)		
Item 11: Letter to CPC re City Wide Hotel Special Permits in M1 Zoning	Passed with friendly amendment	Passed by Majority Vote
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 12: Letter to SLA re 511 9th Avenue (38/39) –Bar Gonzo	Bundle 12 - 26	Passed Unanimously
Item 13: Letter to SLA re 205 W 14th Street (7/8) – Flannery’s Bar		Passed Unanimously
Item 14: Letter to SLA re 599 10th Avenue (43/44) – Lansdowne Road		Passed Unanimously
Item 15: Letter to SLA re 644 10th Avenue (45/46) – Dianne & Elisabeth		Passed Unanimously
Item 16: Letter to SLA re 500 W 33rd Street, Suite RU419 (10/11) – Shake Shack		Passed Unanimously
Item 17: Letter to SLA re 714 9th Avenue (48/49) – D&B Foodies LLC d/b/a Talad Wat		Passed Unanimously
Item 18: Letter to SLA re 506 9th Avenue (38/39) – 506 9th Avenue Restaurant Corp.		Passed Unanimously
Item 19: Letter to SLA re 625 W 51st Street, 2nd Floor (11/12) – Casa Events Bar LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 20: Letter to SLA re 75 9th Avenue (15/16) – Duangjai Corp d/b/a Ayada		Passed Unanimously
Item 21: Letter to SLA re 355 W 14th Street (8/9) – Mr. Wooh LLC.		Passed Unanimously
Item 22: Letter to SLA re 554 W 48th Street (10/11) – Sonnier & Castler by Rhubarb LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 23: Letter to SLA re 501 W 30th Street (10/11) – Hudson Hall LLC d/b/a Little Spain		Passed Unanimously
Item 24: Letter to SLA re 20 Hudson Yards, Suite RU401A – Hudson Yards Grill		Passed Unanimously
Item 25: Letter to SLA re 290 8th Avenue (24/25) – Biltmore Hospitality LLC d/b/a Lombardi’s		Passed Unanimously
Item 26: Letter to DCA re 191 7th Avenue (21/22) – Chelsea 191 Corp		Passed Unanimously

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	8:58 PM Meeting Adjourned
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As recorded by I. Medelius