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District Manager

PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
TIME: Public hearings begin at 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow
PLACE: Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue (17th/18th)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

MEETING AGENDA

Public Session	John Weis
Adoption of Agenda	Jean-Daniel Noland
Adoption of Last Month's Minutes	
Reports	
Manhattan Borough President	Angelica Crane
Local Elected Officials	Various
District Manager	Robert J. Benfatto, Jr.
Chair	Jean-Daniel Noland
Officer Nominations - vote	Jean-Daniel Noland
Committee Reports	Jean-Daniel Noland
Committee Letters & Resolutions	Jean-Daniel Noland
(letters and resolutions, see reverse)	
Old Business	Jean-Daniel Noland
New Business	
Adjournment	

PUBLIC SESSION - John Weiss chairs session

Approximately 3 speakers spoke prior to minute-takers 5 minute late arrival (this needs updating - MM)

Deley Gazinelli asks why we are not being counted.

Lois Iannicibin (?). complained about loud music on her block. Loud music is still going on as of May 15.

Michael McCourt – UFT representative, rose to protest \$400 million cuts education. A 5% cut at District 3's Beacon HS means all after school programs will be eliminated. Cuts mean there will be no performing arts teacher; asks people in the community to call and complain to the Mayor and Dept of Education. They are asking everyone to call their city council member.

David Kupferberg – rose to protest M6 Bus route elimination.

Tony Juliano rose to discuss issues regarding LGBT rights. He praised Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for providing partnership benefits to same sex partners of State Department employees.

Eric Peterson, NYC Parks Department, is working on the High Line these days. It's looking like the High Line will be opening sometime next week. No bikes/strollers/pets allowed on the on High Line. Tony Juliano asks: is Central Park funded by businesses around central park? Issue is that the High Line shall be funded by taxes to local businesses.

Martin Treat announced a memorial March on 9th Ave in commemoration of pedestrians killed on 9th Avenue. Every 2 days a pedestrian is killed by traffic. A New Orleans jazz funeral band will lead a procession on Saturday, June 13, 2009. 2pm, starting at the corner of 45/9th.

Allison Klierfeld announced Garage sale at –Chelsea-Clinton health Center

Lucas Shapiro from Housing Conservation Coordinators at 10ave and 53rd , announced free legal services. Information available at the back table. They are doing another round of immigration clinics.

ELECTEDS REPORT

US Congressman Jerry Nadler

Rep says Jerry Nadler introduced bill resolution on 40th Anniversary of Stonewall.

NYS Senator Tom Duane

Seth Berliner reports that Senator wrote letter to NYC Transit regarding 1, 2, 3 station that was in terrible shape. State senate passes extension of unemployment benefits for extra 13 weeks. Senator continues to fight everyday to extend same-sex marriage.

Assembly member Richard Gottfried

Rep reports that Gottfried is fighting against unfair and unjustified rent increases in rent-stabilized apartments. NYC Rent Guidelines board votes June 23. Proposal of 2-4.5% for 1-year lease and 4-7.5% for two-year lease are unfair.

Assembly member Linda Rosenthal

David Weinberger reports: We are thrilled that the Assembly passed marriage equality. Rosenthal was appointed Chair on Michelle Lama. David is moving out of state this summer. Thanks and bye.

Speaker Christine Quinn

Melanie Larocca reports on 2 new pieces of legislation dealing with retrofitting older existing buildings to cut emissions by 20-30%; and also Tenant Fair Act. Final thing is education: We are doing lots of educational activities. PS 11 Village is over-crowded.

Council Member Gale Brewer

Council Member Gale Brewer discussed 3 items: Conservation coordinator was helpful gateway between Board 4 and 7 on 59st building purchased for \$15 million, which will cost a great deal to renovate. HPD/City has money Residents live there without heat/water. Clinton special district will have to be a percentage affordable. 2) Budget will be done by middle of the month. Priority is economic development engine, and safety nets...i.e. evictions; Brewer is trying hard to help community boards not get cuts. 3) Events – on June 21 is NYC make music day in NYC.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Bob Benfatto, District Manager reports on upcoming issues:

May 18 -Public Forum on Rail yards

June 11 -Waterfront and Parks will look at EIS

June 16 – historical resources

June 18 -HHS/CHKLU joint affordable housing sites meeting.

Joint meeting July 8 Western Rail yards portion application.

Borough President Office reminder about electioneering as board members: Board members cannot use their official city position to promote private interests. Hugh Weinberg adds that the most important thing to remember is to not use your title on the board on behalf of candidates.

CHAIR

JD Noland reminds everyone that this is his last meeting as Chair. Thanks liaisons and everyone for their support.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

JD passes the floor for short candidate speeches

Secretary Candidates

Burt Lazarin and Tony Juliano are uncontested candidates for 2 Co-Secretary positions.

2nd Vice Chair

Christine has been on the board for 4 years, 2 years as co-chair of the Transportation Committee. She hopes to help organize to make meetings more production.

1st Vice Chair

Cory has been on the on board for 4 years; stepped up for Secretary after 6 months; was 2nd vice chair for 2 years and looks forward to working for betterment of community.

Chuck Spence explains he can be a very efficient vice chair; is co-chair of BLP. Has spoken with many members and thanks them for their support. Chuck was sick for a while.

Following was a Vote of First Vice Chair: Cory wins 27-16

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS

Executive Committee (EXEC)

Item 1: Letter to SLA re Luxe Bar

Vilma thanks committee for the letter

Item 2: Letter to NYC re arts and small theaters (ratification)

Chelsea Preservation and Planning Committee (CPP)

Item 3: Letter to CPC re application by G&R 11th Avenue Associates, LLC at 246-260 Eleventh Avenue to add a new Section 98-27 (Zoning Districts Located Partly Within Subarea C and Partly Within M1-5 Districts) to the Special West Chelsea District regulations of the NYC Zoning Resolution.

Quality of Life/Education, Libraries, and Cultural Affairs Committee (QoL)

Item 4: Letter to Visiting Neighbors re support for funding

Item 5: Letter to DCA re 119 7th Ave Cafeteria LLC d/b/a Cafeteria - 119 Seventh Avenue - Tables: 21/Seats:42

Item 6: Letter to DCA re Taboon Restaurant Corp. - 773 Tenth Avenue - Tables:11/Seats: 22

Item 7: Letter to DCA re 10th Avenue Group Inc. d/b/a - 622 Tenth Avenue - Tables:18/Seats:55

Item 8: Letter to DCA re Il Posto LLC d/b/a Del Posto - 85 Tenth Avenue - Tables:20/Seats:76

Item 9: Letter to DCA re Alpha Fusion Inc. d/b/a Alpha Fusion - 365 W. 34th Street - Tables: 4/Seats: 14

Item 10: Letter to SAPO re London Terrace Tenants Association

Item 11: Letter to Electeds re Parental Engagement in Public Education

Motion tabled

Voted to table

Item 12: Letter to SAPO re Street Fair Tank Music

Business License and Permit Committee (BLP)

Item 13: Letter to SLA re Caposaldo 37th Street Limited Partnership d/b/a Caposaldo - 455 W. 37th Street

Item 14: Letter to SLA re 615 West Side Café Inc. d/b/a Peg's - 615 Ninth Avenue

Paul comments: if we deny and they go and approve anyway, then what is the process if they get a license anyway? How do we stop this from happening again, because these are the type of operators that will circumvent the board.

Item 15: Letter to SLA re Fondue26 LLC d/b/a The Orchard - 122 W. 26th Street

Member comments that this was a problematic establishment previously. This applicant is not associated with prior establishment.

Item 16: Letter to SLA re Jennifer Chelsea Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Cuba Café - 200 Eighth Avenue

Item 17: Letter to SLA re Jessica Chelsea Corp. d/b/a Tello's - 198 Eighth Avenue

Item 18: Letter to SLA re Dearmas Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Cuban Luncheonette - 207 W. 14th Street

Item 19: Letter to SLA re Delkar Inc. d/b/a Hanci Turkish Cuisine - 854 Tenth Avenue

Item 20: Letter to SLA re Savory & Sweet LLC - 450 W. 33rd Street

Item 21: Letter to SLA re Tamburi Trattoria Ltd. d/b/a Mercats - 352 W. 39th Street

Item 22: Letter to SLA re Basersa Indian Cuisine Inc. d/b/a Basera Indian Bistro- 745 Ninth Avenue

Item 23: Letter to SLA re Txoko Inc. d/b/a Txikito - 240 Ninth Avenue

Item 24: Letter to SLA re Gabriel Gomes or Corp. to be formed - 316 W. 39th Street

Transportation Planning Committee (TRANS)

Item 25: Letter to DOT re parking regulation on 27th Street and Eleventh Avenue

Item 26: Letter to DOT re parking regulations on 40th Street and Ninth Avenue

Letter approved with changes – see letter

Item 27: Letter to DOT re pedestrian Town Hall – follow-up

Item 28: Letter to DOT re placement of red light cameras in CD4

Housing Health, Human Services Committee (HH&HS)

Item 29: Letter to HPD re affordable housing projects at NYCHA sites in Chelsea (Elliott-Chelsea and Fulton Houses)

Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)/ Small Business Task Force (SBTF)/ Waterfront and Parks Committee (WATER)/ Landmarks Committee (LAND)

No items to report

New Business (NewBus)

New item 32 See letter

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Mazier, 22 July 2009. Please address changes/corrections/comments to Mazier or the office.