



CITY OF NEW YORK

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District Manager

Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2010
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (58th/59th)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

MEETING AGENDA

- Public Session Corey Johnson
Adoption of Agenda John Weis
Adoption of Last Month's Minutes
Reports
Manhattan Borough President Sandy Myers
Local Elected Officials Various
District Manager Robert J. Benfatto, Jr.
Chair John Weis
Committee Letters & Resolutions John Weis
(lletters and resolutions, see reverse)
Old Business John Weis
New Business
Adjournment

Public Session

Laura Oaksmith west 34th between 9th and 10th spoke of a town hall meeting regarding the ongoing constructions
September 23rd
Irena Ivanova from FIT spoke of upcoming events at FIT for the fall.
Donya Sherman from friends of the HiLine spoke of upcoming events.
Jose Melendez from Housing Conservation Coordinators spoke of their upcoming events including workshops.

Agenda adopted as amended

Minutes adopted as amended

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Reports

Sandy Myers from BP Stringer's Office New information regarding Seniors in their newsletter. The construction on 34th Street, BP Stringer hosted their 3rd annual dinner in celebration of Ramadan

Katie Smith from Nadler's office spoke of the negotiations between possible tenants for St. Vincent's. LI Jewish Healthcare has decided to open an urgent care facility. The transportation and housing budget bill passed. The 911 medal bill passed. Unemployment extension passed. The 911 first responders bill is moving to the house.

Jeffrey LeFrancoise from Assembly member Dick Gottfried. 22 bills have been passed that Assembly Member has introduced and all were signed by the Governor.

Amanda Younger from Speaker Christine Quinn's office BRC homeless shelter met with the Speaker and they found out from DOB that the use for the facility is within code. The speaker is also responding to the construction regarding th 34th Street transit way.

Jenu from DA's Cy Vance's office there was an arrest in the Fulton House molestation case. John Yu was introduced as a new addition to the community affairs department from the DA's office and his specialty is the LGBTQ community.

Bob Benfatto District Manager's report

West Nile was detected in Manhattan. The Law and Order office is up and running regarding shooting schedules for the television program. Affordable Housing now available 42nd between 10th and Dyer by Related Companies. Announced some schedule changes due to the upcoming Jewish Holidays.

John Weis Chair's Report

Eric Muse has resigned due to moving to New Jersey

Lisa Daiglian will rejoin Chuck at BLP North as co-chair since John Owens resigned.

Brett Ferfer (sp?) is now the CB4 representative to the 34th Street Partnership

Carmen replaces Lisa Daglian as co-chair in Parks and Waterfronts

John commented on the poor attendance records of some of the cb4 members

John mentioned that at the CB chairperson's monthly meeting different initiatives are brought in front of the Chairs to ask for support

Gretchen and Corey spoke of their new plans for the Quality of Life committee.

Some new initiatives for the committee will include libraries and cultural institutions, educations, co-terminality of certain city services for the district. Corey mentioned that we should have a presence at some of the existing meetings that take place including the community council meetings in each of the four precincts that cover the district. Also, the committee will do outreach to all of the block associations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS

Executive Committee (EXEC)

Item 1: Letter to LPC re 413-435 West 14th Street
Ed mentioned there was no quorum at landmarks' committee. Ed mentioned that the applicant is now changing their application yet again. There will be no awnings or canopies. The letter will be amended to the letter reflecting this. It passes.

Business License and Permit Committee (BLP) - North

Item 2: Letter to SLA re ARAMARK Corporation @ CBS Broadcasting- 524 West 57th Street

Item 3: Letter to SLA re Craffhouse - 785 Eighth Avenue

Item 4: Letter to SLA re Danji - 346 West 52nd Street

Item 5: Letter to SLA re Element NY Times Square West - 309-313 West 39th Street

Item 6: Letter to SLA re Graves Hotel - 785 Eighth Avenue

Item 7: Letter to SLA re Molloy's - 737 Ninth Avenue

Applicant brought in an Acoustilog Sound Proofing report, which was asked from the committee. There is now a reduction of number of `seats.

- 1 Item 8: Letter to SLA re Niagara Cafe-302 W38th St.
2 Item 9: Letter to SLA re Pio Pio - 604 Tenth Avenue
3 Item 10: Letter to SLA re Zen Palate - 663 Ninth Avenue
4 Item 11: Letter to SLA re Irish Rogue - 356 West 44th Street
5 Item 12: Letter to SLA re Sandwich Planet - 522 Ninth Avenue

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7 **Business License and Permit Committee (BLP) - South**

- 8 Item 13: Letter to SLA re Bruce's Gourmet Café Inc. d/b/a Bruce's – 585 Sixth Avenue
9 Item 14: Letter to SLA re Café De Crop Inc. – 201 West 14th Street
10 Item 15: Letter to SLA re Chelsea Manor NYC LLC d/b/a Chelsea Manor NYC – 138 West 25th Street
11 As amended
12 Item 16: Letter to SLA re DLP Group – 132 Ninth Avenue
13 As amended
14 Item 17: Letter to SLA re Dogs & Wieners - 362 West 23rd Street
15 Item 18: Letter to SLA re Wichcraft – 641 West 27th Street

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17 **New Business**

- 18 Item 19 Arizona Immigration Measures
19 Jay asked if there was any way in which to table the issue at the BP's office prior to a vote
20 JD thinks it should be discussed in committee prior to our voting
21 Lee said that this has little to do with policy and more to do with a political candidate who is running for office
22 Walter agrees with what John wants to do. However he thinks it should not be debated on an issue by issue basis,
23 but we should follow the rule's that are in our by-laws.
24 Bob is sympathetic regarding issues that concern our district directly.
25 Paul spoke about the discussion in the quality of life committee meeting and mentioned that it is an election year
26 and we have to be cautious about getting behind a candidate's political platform.
27 John Lamb agreed with Paul
28 Carmen said that we know the issues and should only deal with issues that effect our district directly.
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