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Meeting Date	May 3, 2017
Meeting Time	6:30PM
Meeting Location	Hudson Guild Elliot Center 441 West 26 th Street, Carpenter Room A/B

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 District Manager

May 2017 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING	<p>BSA Application for a PCE (Physical Culture Establishment) renewal for Equinox Gym at 450 West 17th Street</p> <p>Betty Mackintosh, Co-Chair of Chelsea Land Use Committee, explained details of the renewal request. No one signed up to speak. Hearing closed.</p>
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Public Session

Tom Lindon & Tina Walsh	<p>Hudson River Park Trust: Mr. Lindon is the VP of Marketing and Events for HRPT and Ms. Walsh is the Assistant Director of Environmental Education and Outreach for HRPT. Mr. Lindon and Ms. Walsh came to invite everyone to attend the 2017 Summer Of Fun events at HRP. Mr. Lindon explained that the events are extended and will begin week of May 8 and run until end of September 2017. Fun activities include: fitness classes “Healthy on the Hudson” (begin on May 9) at Pier 46 (cross at Charles St.) & Pier 25 (cross at N. Moore Street); Hudson Riverkids series at Pier 62 (cross at W23) and Pier 25 run on Mondays and Thursdays weekly at 4pm and 6:30pm; new Jazz at Pier 84 (cross at W44), presented in association with the Jazz Foundation of America, on the first Thursday of June, July and August (June 1, July 6, August 3); participatory dance at Sunset Swing (Tuesdays from June 6-27) and Sunset Salsa (Tuesdays from July 11-Aug 15) at Pier 45 at 6:30pm (cross at Christopher St); Hudson River Dance Festival on June 8th and 9th featuring National Dance Institute, Ronald K. Brown, Wendy Whelan & Brian Brooks & Complexions Contemporary Ballet at Pier 63 Lawn (cross at W23); Hudson Riverflicks on Pier 63 Lawn on Wednesdays at dusk; Family Fridays movie nights at Pier 46 (cross at Charles St.); 2 Hudson Riverflicks sing-along specials will be shown: Chicago on Thursday July 13th and Mamma Mia on Thursday August 10th at Clinton Cove (cross at W55). Ms. Walsh added that there are also educational programs as part of Summer Of Fun. Big City Fishing is a free program where adults and kids learn how to fish while engaging with trained environmental educators about river science topics (what live in the Hudson River?) will run on Sundays and Mondays at Pier 25 and Pier 84. There is a new program about how to restore oysters and learn how oysters benefit the health of the River on Sundays (June 4 to October 15) at Pier 25. There is also an ongoing scientific project that will help us figure out how best to protect the river habitat. Another activity called Rolving River is an aquarium tricycle tour to learn about fish life and attend many of the Summer Of Fun events. For more information, please see flyer & website, download the app, and follow HRP on social media.</p>
Adrienne Kaugros & Frank Filannino	<p>Pending SLA application for 463 W 23rd Street: Mr. & Mrs. Filannino represents the London Terrace Tenant Association. They spoke on its President Andy Humm’s behalf in support of Marco Britti’s SLA application at 463 W 23rd Street. The</p>

	tenants at London Terrace and London Towers are supportive of this applicant's application because the applicant has been agreeable to the tenants' wishes. The stipulations that resulted from the BLP meeting include no outdoor tables and acceptable closing hours. The applicant also agreed to control potential noise levels and to keep open lines of communication with surrounding tenants. The speakers asked for the full board to support the letter as drafted by BLP committee.
Carol Ott	318 W 20 th Street application to LPC: Ms. Ott represents the 300 W 20 th Street block association and also represents the West 19th Street owners. Ms. Ott said that she had already voiced her concerns for the proposed build-out at 318 W 20 th Street at the April CLU committee meeting. The group is at the full board again to voice their concern for their historical courtyard on W19th and W20th Streets and its ecology, which is under threat if the proposed build-out happens at 318 W 20 th . Ms. Ott also asked the community board members to consider how all courtyards in historic district of Chelsea can be preserved and protected from future build-outs.
Max Bookman	Spearmint Rhino: Mr. Bookman is the lawyer representing the SLA liquor license applicant Spearmint Rhino. Mr. Bookman said that the BLP Committee had recommended approval of the application by unanimous vote. The applicant did a lot of community outreach over the past two months and received a non-negative reception. The applicant agreed to enclose the outdoor roof in response to the community's concerns about potential noise from the roof deck. Mr. Bookman asked the full board to adopt the approval and vote affirmatively for the letter as drafted by BLP committee.
Pamela Wolff	Clearwater: Ms. Wolff is a public member of CB4 and spoke on her own behalf. In 1970, Pete Seeger sailed the Clearwater to D.C. to protest the Vietnam War. On June 18 th , the Clearwater will sail up the Beacon to D.C. again to protest this country's climate attitude. Please go online to make donations to support this trip that the Clearwater is taking.
Lisa Wager	FIT: Ms. Wager, Director of Government and Community Relations at FIT, announced that FIT is opening on May 13 th its 800 graduating students' showcase. The exhibition will only run until graduation day on May 25 th . The exhibition will be all over the campus at many locations. The FIT fashion show will be on Monday May 13 th at 7:30pm. Tickets are available. The Black Fashion Designer Show is open to public for free until May 16 th . FIT's very affordable and excellent FIT summer pre-college program with a wide range of classes in art, design, and business is open for registration. There are over 140 long and short courses for high school and middle school students beginning in July.
Jeffrey LeFrancois	Meatpacking BID: Mr. LeFrancois is the Director of Operations and Community Affairs for the Meatpacking BID. (1) On Friday May 12 th , there is an E-Cycle Day, an electronics disposal event, to be co-hosted with the Lower East Side Ecology Center, from 10am to 4pm, at 14 th Street and 8 th Avenue. Under NYS law, all electronics need to be properly disposed of. Last year, Meatpacking BID collected 7000 lbs of e-waste at the same event. (2) Starting on May 9 th , every Tuesday, Summer Sweat (free work out classes) sessions are offered at 10 th Avenue btw W14th and W15th Streets. Please visit meatpacking-district.com for more info.
Martin Treat	ALS Walk: CB4 member Mr. Treat announced that there is a march for ALS in his honor at Pier 44 (at Christopher Street) on May 6 th Saturday at 10am and invited all to attend.
Rich Martinez	Chelsea Recreation Center: Mr. Martinez is the Deputy Center Manager at CRC announced that both elevators at the Center are now working. He said that there had been a rash of locker break-ins. The 10 th precinct has captured two people who have been doing such bad deed and Mr. Martinez encouraged all visitors to bring a strong

padlock with them when using the lockers. There are also safety lock boxes at the front desk available for free. Mr. Martinez also said that CRC offers Saturday morning floor hockey classes for children. There is also a Star Wars fan group for adults on Fridays from 8 to 930pm in Studio 1. And on June 17th, there will be a Star Wars Family Day at CRC that all are welcome to attend.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives

**State Senator
Brad Hoylman**

Senator Hoylman spoke about the passing of the \$163 billion state budget in Albany. He is happy to report that the age of criminal responsibility in New York State was raised from 16 to 18. He mentioned that the Senate Democratic minority, the press, and the public are not allowed sufficient time to digest draft budget bills before the bills are scheduled for a vote on the floor. Non-elected officials and people who are paid by special interests often are the drafters of these budget bills. Sen. Hoylman’s bill “The Child Victims Act,” which would have extended the current statutes of limitation on child sexual abuse (under the current law, civil and criminal claims have to be made before age 23), was killed in the Senate without consideration and his ask for a public hearing was also denied. See StopAbuseCampaign.org to track the overall effort to organized around the issue. Generally, Senator Hoylman remarked that vested political interest and special interest prevent good legislation to be considered in Albany.

Senator Hoylman has also been working hard to counteract the influences of the Trump administration in the State of New York. There is a rumor that a new Executive Order called the “Religious Freedom Act” will be issued in the near future to restrict women’s right to choose and the right to same sex marriage. Senator Hoylman carries a bill called The T.R.U.M.P. Act, which would require tax disclosures in order for any presidential and vice-presidential candidates to run in the State of New York. Secondly, Senator Hoylman also carries a bill that would change NY law to require the State Department of Taxation and Finance to release tax information for all holders of statewide public office. He hopes to force a vote on these bills before session is over.

In response to members’ questions, Senator Hoylman said that in November, there will be a constitutional convention up for vote. It is called the “Con-Con” and if it passes, presidential delegates will be chosen based on voting districts. Also, in November, there is also a vote to ban people who are convicted of public corruption to receive state pensions. Sen. Hoylman also mentioned we have an ally in Governor Cuomo on the fight surrounding the Port Authority bus terminal. Sen. Hoylman said that there is legislation being proposed to force private schools to report sexual abuse cases like public schools are currently required to do. The speed camera issue is something that we have to continue to work with the Republican majority on.

**Andrew
Lombardi for
Borough
President Gale
Brewer**

Mr. Lombardi explained that there are over 1000 applications for CB members in 2017 and that new members will hear about their appointments “as soon as possible.” On April 24th, MBPO hosted a symposium on the “Future of Urban Manufacturing” and the conversation surrounded the Mayor’s EDC proposal for rezoning of the Garment Center and the potential move of some businesses from the Garment District to Sunset Park. Local business owners, manufacturers, and many others who trade/do business/work with the Garment District participated because many will be affected by the proposal and there is a want from the community for a real conversation before a cohesive plan is set in stone. A sign on letter was sent to EDC to ask for establishment of a steering committee to guide the process. CB4 signed onto the said letter.

2 event updates: Mr. Lombardi mentioned the launch of Justfix.NYC, a new free website where NYC residents can document their needed repair issues in their apartments. MBPO is offering training sessions on Justfix.NYC in its Northern Manhattan office at 431 West 125th St. every Thursday evening in May from 6-8pm. Also, Governor Cuomo has added \$50 million to the Regional Economic Development Council program and a

	sum of over \$800 million is now available statewide to fund community development, waterfront revitalization, and workforce development projects. MBPO is hosting informational sessions on REDC programs for organizations on May 22 nd from 8:30-10am at 163 W 125 th Street, 2 nd floor gallery. Deadline for application is Friday July 28 th . See flyer.
Brandon Ward for State Senator Marisol Alcantara	Mr. Ward gave a brief budget update: NYS now has (1) free college tuition for families making less than \$100K (will later go up to \$125K), which is an important first step in the right direction; (2) free legal help for any immigrants facing deportation (previously, 97% of those without attorneys who face deportation gets deported and with legal assistance, the chance to remain in the U.S. increases by 1000%); (3) \$2.5 billion allocated to maintain infrastructure for clean water; (4) translation services for order of protection is now available in the top 10 most popular languages in NYC.
Anthony Sattaglia for Assembly Member Richard Gottfried	Mr. Sattaglia mentioned that the Port Authority is doing a study and will release a report in late July on the viability of the Terminal to stay at its current site. A/M Gottfried is said to be “cautiously optimistic” about the report. A/M Gottfried’s district office is moving (after 30 years) to 214 West 29 th btw 7 th and 8 th Avenues on the 10 th Floor on May 15, 2017.
Jeremy Crimm for Congress Member Carolyn Maloney	Mr. Crimm mentioned a big win for NYC because Congress voted to reimburse NYC for security expenses spent on protecting the Trump family and Trump Tower since election. C/M Maloney was a huge advocate on the issue. The estimated amount spent by NYC was \$25.7 million btw election and inauguration and NYC received a sum of \$27 million for that time period and an additional \$40 million for post-inauguration security. Mr. Crimm also mentioned that the new Kosciuszko Bridge is now operating. C/M Maloney got \$670 million of federal funding for this project, which accounted for 85% of the overall cost. C/M Maloney is very unhappy with the “Financial Choice Act” – which will replace the Dodd-Frank Financial Regulatory Reform Bill. C/M Maloney’s office is rolling out a new program for youth engagement called Congressional Youth Cabinet. They are seeking high schoolers to act as C/M Maloney’s policy advisors on youth issues. See flyer.
Gabriel Dann-Allel for NYC Mayor Bill deBlasio	Ms. Dann-Allel represents the Community Affairs Office for the Mayor. The Mayor on May 3 announced that A/C units will be installed in all public schools by 2022. Priority will be given to schools that run summer school programs and have a high percentage of students who is at school during the hottest months of the year. On Monday May 1 st , the City launched a city-wide ferry service, which is operating one month before the scheduled launch. There is now ferry service from Rockaways to Wall Street’s Pier 11 (one-way trip takes one hour) and the cost is \$2.75. The current East River Ferry, which goes from Midtown to Green Point and Brooklyn Heights will be integrated into the system and priced the same way. A potential West Side Ferry is being considered.
Eric Holguin for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer	Mr. Holguin gave an overview of findings in NYC Comptroller’s (1) Neighborhood Jobs report; (2) Audit Report on NYC Transit’s Efforts to Inspect and Repair Elevators and Escalators; (3) Aging with Dignity: A Blueprint for Serving NYC’s Growing Senior Population. Reports are available.

Board Reports & Business

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda was amended and approved with Item 13 withdrawn, Items 14 and 25 deferred back to committee, and Items 15 and 24 tabled. The April minutes were approved unanimously.
District Manager Report	Highlights of events the District Manager or staff attended on behalf of the board and upcoming events:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bodine and Ms. Rubin spoke at the Greenwich Village\Chelsea Chamber of Commerce quarterly meeting on behalf of the CB4 • Mr. Bodine provided Testimony to City Planning Commission on 517 West 35th Street • With the help of Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs Gabrielle Dann-Allah, the board office continues to work on construction coordination on West 44th Street • With the help of Matt Green from Council Member Corey Johnson’s office and Erica Overton from State Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal’s office, CB4 is hosting a town hall on the 9th Avenue Water Trunk Main Extension Project being led by DDC. The Town Hall will be on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm at the High School of Environmental Studies at 444 West 56th Street. • President Trump visit to the Intrepid Museum on May 4th: there will be closures of both the Westside Highway and side streets and for members of the public to expect significant traffic closures in the late afternoon. • CB4 Office Hours continue to take place. This month the board office assisted four individuals who are looking for assistance with their small business issues. The next Office Hours Event is Tuesday, May 30th. See flyers.
Board Chair Report	<p>Ms. Rubin recommends the documentary Citizen Jane to the community.</p> <p>There will be a ground-breaking ceremony at Fulton Houses’ affordable housing building on May 4th at 425 w 18th St at 11:30am. CB4 will be represented at the ceremony by First Vice Chair Burt Lazarin. Others are encouraged to attend.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to DCA re 44 9 th Avenue (8/9) – Fatbird I LLC – RATIFICATION	Items 1-11 bundled	32 IN SUPPORT; 1 PNE
Item 2: Letter to DCA re 356 W 44 th Street (8/9) – The Brazen Tavern		Passed Unanimously
Item 3: Letter to DCA re 160 8 th Avenue (17/18) – Mexicue – RATIFICATION		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 172 7 th Avenue (20/21) – Mestre Inc.		Passed Unanimously

Item 5: Letter to SLA re 201 West 14 th Street (7/8) – Regal Gourmet Deli Inc.		Passed Unanimously
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 313 10 th Avenue (28/29) – Gastro Market Ltd d/b/a Death Avenue		Passed Unanimously
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 601 6 th Avenue (17/18) – Tabata 6 th Ave LLC d/b/a Tabata		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 103 W 14 th Street (6/7) – Fuber LLC d/b/a Bareburger		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 637 W 50 th Street (11/12) – NYC West Venture, LLC d/b/a Spearmint Rhino Gentleman’s Club	Member JD Nolan said that this application is at odds with Board policy on zoning on 12 th Avenue area and the issue will be addressed at Land Use in month of May	32 IN SUPPORT; 1 PNE
Item 10: Letter to SLA re 824 9 th Avenue a.k.a. 359 W 54 th Street (54) – El Centro Cantina		Passed Unanimously
Item 11: Letter to SLA re 463 W 23 rd Street (9/10) – Marco Britti or Entity to be Formed		Passed Unanimously
Arts, Culture, Education, and Street Life Committee (ACES)		
Item 12: Letter to SAPO re Hell’s Kitchen Fall Festival on 9 th Avenue between West 42-52 Streets	Friendly amendment accepted	Passed Unanimously
Item 19: Letter to DOE re future school seats and planning WITHDRAWN		-
Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (C/HKLU)		
Item 14: Letter to Jacob Javits Center and ESD re Convention Center Expansion Design – DEFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE		-
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)		
Item 15: Letter to HRPT re Hudson River Community Sailing – TABLED		-
Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
Item 16: Letter to DCP re Block 675 (W29-30 Street 11/12 Avenue) Framework	Friendly amendment suggested	Passed Unanimously
Item 17: Letter to LPC re Application for 318 W 20 th Street	Friendly amendment suggested	24 in Support; 7 in Opposition; 2 Abstained
Item 18: Letter to BSA re PCE renewal for Equinox Gym at 450 West 17th Street	Substantive amendment suggested Consensus was reached to follow up with Related about	27 in Support; 3 in Opposition; 1 Abstained; 2 PNE

	the agreement to provide affordable discount to tenants living in affordable units should be enforced	
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TRANS)		
Item 19: Letter to DOT re Intercity Bus Stop for Bolt Bus at East side of 11 th Avenue btw West 35-37 Streets		Passed Unanimously
Item 20: Letter to DOT re proposed 7 th Avenue South bike lane		32 in Support; 1 in Opposition
Item 21: Letter to DOT re proposed City Bench location 773 9 th Avenue (*City Bench location at 301 West 50 is proposed as New Business)		Passed Unanimously
Item 22: Letter to ESD re future long distance bus garage and terminal	Friendly amendment suggested	32 in Support; 1 PNE
Item 23: Letter to DDC and DEP re 9 th Avenue Water Trunk Extension Project	Friendly amendment suggested May 18 th town hall being organized	Passed Unanimously
Housing, Health and Human Services Committee (HHHS)		
Item 24: Letter to HPD re 517-525 West 45th Street CURE – TABLED		-
Item 25: Letter to HPD & DOB re 500 West 28th Street Demolition – Certificate of No Harassment – DEFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE		-
New Business		
Item 26: Letter to DOT re proposed City Bench location 301 West 50 th Street (NW Corner of W50th and 8 th Avenue)		31 in Support; 2 in Opposition
Executive Committee (EXEC)		
NOTHING TO REPORT		

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	9:05 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	June 7, 2017 6:30pm Mount Sinai West 1000 10 th Avenue (58/59 Street)

As recorded by Co-Secretary, Lily Fan

