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Meeting Date	February 1, 2017
Meeting Time	6:30PM
Meeting Location	Mt. Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue Conference Room B

DELORES RUBIN
 Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
 District Manager

February 2017 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING/ PRESENTATION	There being no public hearing or presentation, the meeting began with the public session.
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Public Session

Cecilia Alemani	Ms. Alemani, the art director and curator for Friends of the High Line, spoke of some of the new art installations along the High Line. She noted that the High Line commissions around 30 new projects each year and that at least 30% of the artwork featured always represent local artists. Ms. Alemani announced the newest 2018 project, which will focus on contemporary art: the High Line Plinth at the Spur – the newest section of the High Line at W30th Street and 10 th Avenue. Artists made over 50 submissions and the High Line has narrowed the field to 12 artists. There is an ongoing display of their proposals at the High Line on site and the public is invited to make comments at the location and online. Comment period is open until April 30.
Betty Mackintosh	Ms. Mackintosh announced the first Hell’s Kitchen South Coalition meeting on February 7 at 6:30pm at Metro Baptist Church (W40th btw 9 th and 10 th). This new coalition is transformed from the Hell’s Kitchen working group to continue the ongoing fight against the Port Authority initial plans to take eminent domain for the new bus terminal. The original plan would have taken away valuable affordable housing, private properties, local businesses and important community facilities that are located west of the 9 th Avenue. This Coalition will be made up of various community groups and will have more flexibility than the Community Board. There will be various committees (i.e. steering, neighborhood plan) forming as part of the Coalition. There is an online survey for neighborhood priorities on the CB4 website that people should fill out even if they do not live in the immediate HK area. Flyers in the back.
Sarah Cundiff	Ms. Cundiff spoke about her concerns for the current political climate and for the reputation of our country on the international stage. Ms. Cundiff is very proud of being a New Yorker and she is upset that many people she knows in NYS did not vote because of the electoral college system. She does not know what we can do about that but hopes it can get fixed.
Lisa Wager	Ms. Wager, the Director of Government and Community Relations at FIT (public SUNY college) on W27th btw 7 th and 8 th , spoke about Professor Ken Mack’s 9 th Lunar New Year stamps have been released (he will be doing the full 12 year cycle until 2019). The Black Fashion Designers exhibition is ongoing in the Main Gallery until May 16 th . Free and open to public five days a week. The symposium related to the exhibition is sold out but it is available on live stream on Monday February 6 from 10am to 5pm (find link at nycfit.edu/museum). Registration for precollege programs has started – these programs are taught by FIT professors and are very affordable (~\$320 to \$625 for 11 classes) and they are

for middle school and high school students. The classes in a wide range of topics begin in March and there are still spaces available. Sign up in the back for occasional email distribution.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives

<p>Senator Brad Hoylman</p>	<p>Sen. Hoylman started his remarks by handing out copies of the Constitution and introducing Alana, a new staff member in his office. Sen. Hoylman explained that even though Democrats hold the numerical majority, the bills that the Conference likes are not making it to the floor for a vote due to the arrangements btw the Republicans and the IDC. Sen. Hoylman was recently named the Ranking Member of the Standing Committee for Judiciary in the State Senate. Sen. Hoylman has been working on a number of legislative priorities: (1) T.R.U.M.P. Act: The Tax Return Uniformly Made Public Act would require presidential candidates to release 5 years of tax filings before they can get on the ballot in New York State. 19 other states have introduced some version of the T.R.U.M.P. Act and the movement only needs one state to make it into law. (2) LGBT rally: On Saturday Feb 4 from 2-5pm, the LGBT community will rally to show solidarity with Muslim citizens targeted by the immigration ban. (3) L-Train meetings: Sen. Hoylman is very concerned for residents of 14th Street area and hope people will attend the planned meetings (4) Roe v. Wade: Due to the lack of guidelines in state law about abortions, in NYS, when OBs have to perform an abortion, he/she is supposed to call the DA. Sen. Hoylman is working with A/M Gottfried in codifying the health protections of Roe v. Wade into NYS laws. (5) Right to Die: Sen. Hoylman is also working with A/M Gottfried on NYS' Right to Die legislation. (6) Child Victims Act: Along with A/M Linda Rosenthal, Sen. Hoylman is working to remove the stringent statute of limitation that protect child sexual abusers. Currently in NYS, a claim has to be filed by age 23 in order for abusers to be held responsible. (7) NYC plastic bag bill: Sen. Hoylman spoke on the floor about the passed state legislation that outlaws NYC plastic bag bill on the need for and importance of local control.</p>
<p>Assembly Member Dick Gottfried</p>	<p>A/M Gottfried started by saying “anyone who isn’t scared is not paying attention.” A/M Gottfried urged people to read the book <i>It Can’t Happen Here</i> by Sinclair Lewis because it is analogous to what is happening in our country now. A/M Gottfried also urged people to read the Atlantic article <i>How to Build an Autocracy</i> by David Frum. On what to do, A/M Gottfried quoted Nelson Mandela: “Free Yourself, Free Others, Serve Everyday.” A/M Gottfried encourages people to attend the marches that speak to them, give to the organizations that work on causes that they believe in. A/M Gottfried said while C/M Nadler and US Sen Gillibrand may not, that US Sen. Schumer may need some encouragement from the public on their priorities in D.C.. Re: happenings in Albany, (1) Abortion rights: A/M Gottfried, as Chair of the Assembly Health Committee, is carrying a bill that would take the NYS abortion law out of the Penal Code and put it in the Public Health law and subject to ordinary laws that apply to healthcare procedures. (2) Free tuition at state universities: A/M Gottfried discussed the limitations of Gov. Cuomo’s announcement of free college tuition at state schools for students from families with annual income >\$125K because students would need to maintain 15 credits per semester to benefit and often they are unable to take the appropriate courses or have work commitments that would not allow them to do 15 credits. (3) Medicaid: Gov. Cuomo has inappropriately proposed in the budget to take away millions of dollars away from NYC for the sole purpose of annoying Mayor DeBlasio. (4) Higher income brackets: A/M Gottfried supports the Assembly’s proposal to create the higher income tax brackets to bring in \$5.5 billion in additional taxes, esp. if the federal government executes on the healthcare and education cuts that they are discussing (5) L-Train shut down: there are flyers in the back regarding the meetings that are taking place on Thursday 2/23 for the West Side concerns.</p>
<p>Matthew Washington for BP Gale</p>	<p>Mr. Washington, Assistant BP, reminded community board members that CB applications are due on Friday Feb 3rd. The BP’s office Black History Month reception is on Tuesday 2/7 from 6-8 at 1 Center Street. The State of the Borough is Sunday 2/12 at 2pm – the focus</p>

Brewer	is activism. There will be an activism fair and organizations will provide opportunities for citizens to get involved. There is a west side workshop on Feb 23 from 7-9pm regarding L-Train issues at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 328 W 14 th Street.
Robert Atterbury for Congress Member Jerrold Nadler	Mr. Atterbury discussed the excruciatingly busy time in D.C.. C/M Nadler introduced an amendment to the REINS Act to preserve the ability to protect nuclear safety regulations to avoid Republican interference. C/M Nadler has urged the relevant Committee Chair to encourage A.G. Sessions to question President Trump on his potential conflicts of interest and have also asked DOJ and Office of Ethics to review the legality surrounding appointment of Jared Kushner. C/M was appointed to the Democratic Reform Policy Task Force, which will be charged with identifying and challenging conflicts of interest in the Trump administration. C/M skipped the inauguration of President Trump and have called for the firing of White House advisor Steve Bannon. C/M is pushing back in both houses on the passing of the “No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion” Act, which aims to take away women’s ability to pay for abortions with their own money by denying normal medical expenses deductions for abortions and denying tax decisions for health insurance that covers abortions. C/M Nadler has joined with several Republican colleagues to speak out against President Trump’s proposed torture and black sites order, which is illegal under U.S. laws. C/M Nadler was one of the first congress members to go protest the Muslim ban at JFK airport. U.S. Customs took the position that people entering the U.S. has not crossed the border and therefore are not entitled to legal representation on U.S. soil and C/M Nadler was a vital force on bridging that gap.
Vanessa Agudelo for State Sen. Marisol Alcantara	Ms. Agudelo introduced herself as a representative for the newly elected State Senator. She hopes to be a channel of communication btw the community and the Senator’s office.
Gus Ipsen for A/M Linda Rosenthal	Mr. Ipsen said that A/M Rosenthal recently wrote a letter in support of CB4’s resolution for split phase traffic signaling at 57 th and 8 th and there is more work to be done on the issue. Echoing Sen. Hoylman, A/M Rosenthal is pleased to be the Assembly sponsor for the Child Victims Act. There is a free tax event in the district office Thursday 2/23 2-5pm. There is a joint constituent hours with State Senator Jose Serrano on Thursday 3/2 2-5pm in the district office.
Matt Green for Council Member Corey Johnson	Mr. Green mentioned that there is a rally at Stonewall from 2-4pm, lead by CM Johnson, on Saturday 2/4. There are flyers in the back re: (1) Fire Prevention Training, presented by FDNY and NYC Emergency Management, Feb 6 at 6:30pm at Beacon School on W44th Street – you will hear about life saving strategies with focus on vulnerable populations, like seniors; (2) Community Resource Fair on Feb 15 at New School on W13th Street – city agencies and organizations will be on hand to discuss services. CB4 and other block associations will be there. On legislative affairs, C/M Johnson’s main priority is affordable housing, and he is excited to announce that the NY City Council (today) passed a resolution to extend the tax benefits of Penn South to year 2052; price restrictions at Penn South will continue in exchange for tax benefits. Also, a package of bills passed relating to landlords treatment of low-income tenants – and included is a bill carried by C/M Johnson that requires for wider education of their rights to low-income tenants. Please attend the L-Train workshops. Mr. Green also thank CB4 for their advocacy on pedestrian safety and announced that C/M Johnson sent out a sign-on letter today on the issue. The issue of safety at the intersection of W45th Street and 9 th Avenue was raised by board member M. Treat and discussed.
Eric Holguin City Comptroller for Scott	Mr. Holguin announced that Comptroller Stringer’s office put out two reports in the past month. (1) The NY Immigration Coalition, Fiscal Policy Institute, elected officials and other immigration advocates together put out a fiscal analysis of the cost and benefits of giving drivers’ license to all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status and announced a new initiative “Green Light, New York, Driving Together.” The report found that the

Stringer	policy would improve immigrant families’ job opportunities and lower insurance premiums for all residents and improve public safety on roadways. Legally licensing 150,000 undocumented residents will increase NYS licensing fees by up to \$9.6 million and \$1.3 million will go to MTA. 12 other states, Washington DC and PR already have this policy implemented. (2) A report on immigrations contribution on the NYC economy – basically says that immigrants contribute to every industry in NYC.
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Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda was amended to include new business regarding immigrants and thereafter approved unanimously. The January minutes were approved unanimously.
District Manager Report	<p>Mr. Bodine provided highlights of his activities on behalf of the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Tenant Association meeting for 511 West 44th Street regarding upcoming construction concerns. • Continued his work with DOT, DOB and DOE on upcoming construction on West 44th Street and its impact on the Beacon School. • The Board will continue its collaboration with NYC Business Solutions to assist members of the community in their efforts to start a new business or resolve issues with an existing business. The next “Office Hours” event will be held on February 21st from 4pm to 6pm. <p>Mr. Bodine went on to note several committee meeting changes that can be found on the Board’s website.</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>Ms. Rubin provided highlights of her activities on behalf of the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meetings with various developers re future projects in the community that will be heard at Land Use Committees. • Hudson Guild at Fulton House is beginning its renovations and they have offered their space for our Full Board • Conversation with HPD will continue regarding placement of homeless families in affordable housing units • Meeting with C/M Johnson re illegal demolition in CB4 • Harbourview had their kick off meeting with NYCHA and excited that this project is going forward. <p>This is last week to apply to become a member of community board. On Wed Feb 22, there will be a conversational meeting re HDFC’s. Please attend. Location TBA.</p>

Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 161 West 23rd Street - Entity to be formed by Jeffrey Wittels	Items 1 through 5 were bundled.	Passed Unanimously
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 75 Ninth Avenue - Grand Crew NYC LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 320 Eighth Avenue - Bean N Bean		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 570 Tenth Avenue - Yotel New York, Studio and Green Fig		Passed Unanimously
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 44 Ninth Avenue - Fatbird I LLC		Passed Unanimously
Waterfronts, Parks and Environment Committee (WPE)		
Item 6: Letter to DOE re Zero Waste Program		Passed Unanimously
Transportation Committee (TRANS)		
Item 7: Letter to DOT re Revocable Consent for a below grade pedestrian tunnel at West 33rd Street		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to DOT re Bus Traffic on West 26th St. and 10th Avenue		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to NYPD re Bus Traffic on West 26th St. and 10th Avenue		Passed Unanimously
Item 10: Letter to DOT re Car Sharing Legislation – Intro No. 873		Passed Unanimously
Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)		
Item 11: Letter to LPC re 525 West 26th Street Certificate of Appropriateness		Passed Unanimously
Executive Committee (EXEC)		
Item 12: Letter to DCP and HPD re Demolition of Affordable Housing in Special Zoning Districts within Community District 4		Passed Unanimously
Item 13: Letter to HPD re Status of CB4 Affordable Housing Plan sites 806 9th Avenue (MTA Site) and 705 10th Avenue (DEP Site)		Passed Unanimously
Item 14: Letter to Governor Cuomo re Funding for #7 Train Station at West 40th Street and 10th Avenue		Passed Unanimously
New Business		
Item 15: Letter to Elected Officials re Trump Administration Immigration Order	After discussion, it was resolved that a draft letter would be circulated prior to mailing.	Passed with 38 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	8:30 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 PM March 1, 2017 Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26 th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room A/B

As recorded by L. Fan & M. Noble

VOTING KEY Y=Yes N=No A=Abstain PNE=Present, not eligible -- = No vote ATTENDANCE KEY P=Present Ab=Absent E=Excused	ATTENDANCE														
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Mathew Bergman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--
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Gwen Billig	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Lily Fan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Burt Lazarin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--
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Jeffrey LeFrancois	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bruce MacAffer	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Betty Mackintosh	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Mankoff	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Michael Noble	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J.D. Noland	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maria Ortiz	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--
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David Solnick	A														
Ken Stewart	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--
Martin Treat	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--
James Wallace	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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