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Meeting Date	September 5, 2018
Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Meeting Location	Hudson Guild Elliott Center 441 West 26th Street 9/10 Dan Carpenter Room

BURT LAZARIN
Chair

JESSE R. BODINE
District Manager

September 2018 Full Board Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS	There were no presentations or public hearings this month.
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Public Session	
Ashley Gonzalez	Ms. Gonzalez spoke on behalf of the Muhlenberg Public Library promoting Library Card Month. She made applications available to those in attendance.
Marla DeFex	Ms. DeFex is a resident of Manhattan Plaza and a member of Disabled In Action, an organization that represents people with disabilities. She spoke in favor of the Board's proposed guidelines for business owners with respect to making entrances ADA compliant. These guidelines will be outlined in a flyer that will be introduced into the Business License and Permits process. She stated that there are currently 107 businesses in the community that do not have ADA compliant entrances. She thanked the Transportation Committee for creating the flyers. The flyer and the plan to distribute them will be on next month's agenda.
Martin Treat	Mr. Treat, who is a board member, echoed all that Ms. DeFex stated. He, too, is a member of Disabled In Action.
Earl Bateman	Mr. Bateman of the Paul Kasmin Gallery at 515 West 27th Street introduced himself as a representative of the many art galleries in West Chelsea. He noted that the area, for its size, has the highest concentration of galleries in the world. Because of the current shift in the economies affecting the middle galleries in the district, he expects to seek the help of CB4 and to attend future meetings.
Daryl Cochrane	<p>Mr. Cochrane introduced himself as the Director of the Manhattan Community Service Center of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, the City agency that enforces the non-discrimination laws. He displayed a poster that addresses the new Sexual Harassment Act. It will be required to be posted in English and Spanish in all NYC businesses beginning tomorrow, although it will not be enforced for another six months.</p> <p>He noted a new law that prevents employers from asking about a person's salary history in job applications. He also presented a flyer on discriminatory harassment that deals with the two dozen protected classes such as race, gender and sexual orientation. It explains the procedure by which to file a complaint with his agency and notes that the last act of harassment must have occurred within the last twelve months.</p> <p>He further noted that his agency gives advice on ADA compliance and that staff members</p>

	are available to do measurements and assessments at residences and businesses.
Lisa Wager	<p>Ms. Wager is the Director of Government and Community Relations at the Fashion Institute of Technology. She announced a new exhibition entitled Pink: The History of the Punk, Pretty, Powerful Color. It explores the changing significance of the color pink over the past three centuries.</p> <p>FIT was recognized for its best practices for work and energy efficiency. Its master plan for energy efficiency has yielded a savings of over \$3 million a year for taxpayers.</p>
Inge Ivchenko	Ms. Ivchenko, who is a board member and resident of London Terrace, announced the annual London Terrace Street Festival that benefits the Holy Apostle Soup Kitchen. It is the most unique street fair in the city having artists from all parts of the city, as well as furniture and clothing designers. There will be a variety of vendors, but very little food. The fair will be held on Saturday, September 22nd from 10 am to 5 pm on 24th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues.

Remarks from Elected Officials and Representatives	
Assemblymember Dick Gottfried	<p>Mr. Gottfried reviewed the status of the law regarding school-zone speed cameras, noting that after the state Senate refused to renew the law which expired in July, it became necessary for the Governor to issue an executive order extending the law for thirty days in time for the beginning of the school year. It then became necessary for the City Council and the Mayor to enact a local law to implement the extension. Mr. Gottfried is hopeful that state law will ultimately be enacted so as to avoid local action having to be taken every month.</p> <p>He went on to mention the ribbon cuttings at Chelsea Waterside Park and Matthews-Palmer Playground.</p>
Afraz Kahn for BP Gale Brewer	<p>Ms. Brewer, the City Council Speaker and the Public Advocate sponsored legislation that established the 2019 Charter Revision Commission. It will hold hearings over the next year, develop proposals and make recommendations that will appear on the ballot in November of 2019. The first round of hearings will begin in the Bronx on September 12th and continue in the other boroughs throughout September.</p> <p>The Mayor has his own Charter Revision Commission which, among other things, has proposed term limits for community board members. This is something that Ms. Brewer is adamantly against, given the institutional knowledge that board members gain over time. She and the other Borough Presidents have sent a letter to the Mayor's Commission voicing their objections to this proposal and others.</p> <p>In August, Ms. Brewer and other elected officials took a bus tour with DOT Director Trottenberg to examine the bus routes that will be affected by the L Train shutdown. The dialogue resulting from this tour is ongoing.</p>
Brennan Ward for State Senator Marisol Alcantara	Mr. Ward announced a new festival called Little Dominican Republic that will resemble others such as the Little Italy and Little Odessa Festivals. The unveiling will take place at 12 pm on Friday, September 7th at West 175th Street and Broadway.
Kevin Jean-Baptiste for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance	<p>October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the D.A.'s Office, along with other partners, conducts a march from the State office building in Harlem to 116th Street and Francis Lewis Boulevard where victims of domestic violence gather to speak about their personal experiences. The event starts at 5:30 pm on October 1st.</p> <p>Beginning September 4th, the D.A.'s Office initiated a criminal justice diversion program for individuals caught in possession of small amounts of marijuana. It is a pre-arraignment program that results in the issuance of a desk appearance ticket for those who</p>

	<p>agree to participate in one of the programs offered to them, such as job training and education. Upon completion of the program and before the desk appearance date, the D.A. will decline to prosecute the charge of possession.</p> <p>Effective August 1st, the D.A.'s stopped prosecuting people for smoking and possessing under 25 grams of marijuana in public. Exceptions to this policy include instances where a person is deemed a public safety threat or engaged in the act of selling.</p>
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Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda was approved unanimously. The July minutes were approved with one abstention.
District Manager Report	<p>Highlights of events the District Manager or Staff attended on behalf of the board and upcoming events:</p> <p>Upcoming News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB4 District Office will be getting a 2-year extension on our current lease. Because of the speed at which the city approves office space, we will continue to look for new office space. • CB4 will partner with NYC Business Solutions and the Greenwich Village Chelsea Chamber of Commerce as well as the Hudson Yards\Hell's Kitchen Alliance to host two small business trainings. The first will be October 29th at 10 am at 239 West 14th Street at the Spanish Benevolent Society. The Second will be Tuesday, December 11th at 11 am at 412 West 42nd Street, 3rd Floor. <p>Meetings attended:</p> <p>CB4 conducted several site visits to help resolve city service issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West 39th (10/11 Aves): blocking of sidewalk and illegal parking • West 29th Street (11th Ave): pedestrian safety issues • West 46th Street (8th Ave): illegal bus loading/unloading and parking <p>August Committee Updates and Board Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACES – Thursday, September 6th – 305 West 44th St, 2nd Floor • TRANS – Thursday, September 13th – 305 West 44th St, 2nd Floor • BLP – Monday, September 17th – Fountain House, 425 West 47th St, Lower Level • All Other Committees remain the same <p>Mr. Bodine thanked Nelly Gonzalez and Janine Pretente for their help keeping the board running so smoothly.</p>
Board Chair Report	<p>The Chair mentioned the CB4 social event that took place in July where CB4 hats were distributed. The idea for the hats came from CB12 and is intended to give members the opportunity to wear the hat in the community with the goal of engaging others in a conversation about the workings of CB4.</p> <p>The Chair also reminded members of the bio page on the CB4 website that provides the bios of the members who submitted them for inclusion. He asked everyone to consider submitting a bio to the District Manager.</p> <p>The opening of Chelsea Waterside Park was a welcome event, but there are still a few unresolved problems with the park that are being addressed with Speaker Corey Johnson's office.</p>

	<p>There was a meeting last month regarding problems at the homeless facility on 48th Street known as Urban Pathways. This was in addition to meetings concerning ongoing problems at the Aladdin Hotel shelter that is supposed to be in the process of shutting down.</p> <p>Another meeting was held with the Borough President's office to discuss the decade-old issue of the promised affordable housing that was to be constructed on the parking lot site at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace complex. The Mayor had a private meeting in August where several alternative ideas were discussed, including adding 70% of the new units as market rate units instead of the building being 100% affordable.</p> <p>The Transportation Committee had a meeting with the developer of the new Target store on the old Hess gas station site on 10th Avenue.</p> <p>The annual election of the five board officers will take place in December. Anyone wishing to run for office should submit their name and resume to the nominating committee after the submission date is announced in October.</p>
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Action Items	Motions, Amendments, & Comments	Result
Business License and Permits Committee (BLP)		
Item 1: Letter to SLA re 500 W 33rd Street a/k/a 20 Hudson Yards, Unit 207A - Citarella		Passed Unanimously
Item 2: Letter to SLA re 783 9th Avenue (52/53) – Entity to be formed d/b/a First & Last		Passed Unanimously
Item 3: Letter to SLA re 500 W 33rd Street a/k/a 20 Hudson Yards, RU115 – Watches of Switzerland		Passed Unanimously
Item 4: Letter to SLA re 20 Hudson Yards, RU505 & 602 – TAK Room		Passed Unanimously
Item 5: Letter to SLA re 10 Hudson Yards a/k/a 501 W 30th Street, RU401B – Belcampo Meat Company		Passed Unanimously
Item 6: Letter to SLA re 506 W 28th Street (10/11) – Piccolo by Gambrinus LLC		Passed Unanimously
Item 7: Letter to SLA re 320 W 37th Street (8/9) – People's Forum		Passed Unanimously
Item 8: Letter to SLA re 515 W 52nd Street (10/11) – The MCC Theater Space		Passed Unanimously
Item 9: Letter to SLA re 571 9th Avenue a/k/a 400 W 42nd Street – KOP KG One LLC d/b/a King of Party Karaoke – Sent Back to Committee		

New Business		
Item 10: Letter to Mayor's Office re Mayor's Charter Revision Commission	After a lengthy discussion, friendly amendments were accepted.	Passed with 31 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	7:50 PM Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 PM October 3, 2018 Mount Sinai West 1000 Tenth Avenue 2nd Floor Conference Room B

As recorded by M. Noble

