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June 2024 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in a hybrid format, with the majority of Board members meeting in person (with members of the public present) at Pier 57 Class Rooms, located at 25 11th Avenue and remote participation via Zoom by other members of the Board and the public.
	The meeting was accessible in person, via Zoom webinar and live streamed on YouTube. It can be viewed at: MCB4 YouTube June 2024
	A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 June 2024 Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive

Departing/Incoming MCB4 Members

MCB4 Board Chair Jessica Chait acknowledged and thanked the outgoing MCB4 members for their combined many years of service and dedication to our community: Manha Awais, Tina DiFeliciatonio, Lowell Kern and Charlie Todd. Jessica also welcomed several newly-appointed MCB4 members and invited them each to introduce themselves briefly: Liam Buckley, Kevin Collins, Max Goodstein, Ella Kim, James MacDonald, Chenise Mitchell, and Catie Savage.

Public Hearing #1 NYC Commission on Racial Equity

Lorenzo Van Ness

• Lorenzo Van Ness, Director of Community Organizing and Engagement. NYC Commission on Racial Equity presentation of racial equality mandate, which seeks comments from the public, to assist in creation of priorities to hold the city government accountable to racial equity plans.

Public Hearing #2 City of Yes.

Brad Hargreaves.

• Supports the plan to provide more housing in NYC.

	Public Session
Kit Tollerson	 In support of item 15 to oppose the multilevel development plans for renovation and combination of two buildings.
Anthony Lucente	• In support of item 15 to oppose the multilevel development plans for renovation and combination of two buildings.
Michael Barrett	• In support of item 15 to oppose the multilevel development plans for renovation and combination of two buildings.
Salvador Munoz	Poster House update and upcoming calendar of events.
Gregory Weachock	 CHDC resident seeking assistance with AC unit, which has created health problems. Balcony security and safety concerns, and cigarette buds disposal from the rooftop.
Maureen Brooks	 CHDC resident concern regarding retaliation from formation of tenant association and incorrect rental charges.
Laura Baran	• Seeking assistance with the Department of Buildings and FDNY regarding a fire report, and assistance to schedule a meeting with CHDC to address concerns from tenants.
Scott Cousins	CHDC resident concerns, including, elevator rust, building safety, noise from AC vent from car dealership.
Shonte Walker	 Lack of communication and transparency from CHDC. Rooftop leak has been ongoing for several years and there is mold growing.
Jesse Greenwald	 Congestion pricing roll back will create delays for much needed improvement, ADA access, and various
Christine Berthet	• Chekpeds event to celebrate DOT's newly-expanded 9th Avenue Super Sidewalk.
Lisa Wager	FIT update and upcoming calendar of events.
Renee Katt	Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex and letter 17 to have Related make repairs.
Celines Miranda	Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex and letter 17 to have Related make repairs.
Alexa Cruz	Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex and letter 17 to have Related make repairs.
Jackie Lara	Opposes the demolition of the NYCHA complex and letter 17 to have Related make repairs.

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• Chelsea Piers coaches seeking to form a union faced retaliation, including some coaches fired. Seek safe working conditions, asks for transparency, livable wage, and equal respect.

	Reports From Elected Officials
NYS Senator Liz Krueger, presented by Dana Schmerzler	 Two of the Senator's bills related to climate change were passed: the Climate Change Superfund Act (which will use the polluter-pay model to collect \$75 billion over 25 years from the industries that create pollution) and the Tropical Rainforest Economic & Environmental Sustainability (TREES) Act. The State Senate also passed the Senator's bill that requires all mopeds to be registered and licensed. The Senate also passed Senator Krueger's bill to update the definition of aggravated harassment, in the second degree, to include contacts via text, private message, direct message, email or other electronic communication. Our office came out with a very detailed statement today on the Governor's decision to delay the implementation of congestion pricing and believes that it is a staggering error that will create a financial crisis for the MTA board.
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, presented by Yiyi Wang	 Nearly 100 new and refurbished restrooms will be made publicly available in the next few years – 28 of which will be in Manhattan. Our office is also in discussions about creating a residential parking permit program.
District Attorney Alvin Bragg, presented by Eric Strazza	 A modified version of the Hate Crime Modernization Act was included in the final adoption of the State budget. As a result, New York State's original Hate Crimes Act of 2000 will be updated to include 23 additional offenses, better equipping it to address the range of hate crimes being committed in New York. Offenses that can now be prosecuted as hate crimes include Gang Assault, Sexual Abuse, and Falsely Reporting an Incident.
	• For the 3rd summer in a row, our office is funding a Youth Gun Violence Prevention Initiative.
NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal	• I hope to pass a bill in the next 48 hours that will lower the quorum requirement for Community Board meetings. I don't know if we will get it past the Assembly.
	 We are finally going to move the helipad out of the Hudson River Park and onto a floating barge. A Task Force will be convened to ensure this happens, and MCB4 members will be included in the Task Force.
	 I'm passing a bill this week called Stop Hiding Hate Act to hold social media companies accountable for the content on their platforms.
	• I am very disappointed in the Governor's announcement to delay congestion pricing indefinitely.

NYS Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal, presented by Griffin	 The Assemblymember is proud that her bill was just passed that requires all large places of public assembly to have an epipen on hand and to have someone trained to use it. The Assembly also just passed unanimously yesterday Rosenthal's bill requiring insurance companies to cover scalp cooling devices for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment for cancer. These FDA approved devices are already covered by Medicare and Medicaid so now they will be covered for patients with private insurance.
US Congressmember Dan Goldman, presented by Tevin Williams	• The Congressmember introduced a bill to increase the federal Medicaid-eligible inpatient psychiatric beds for individuals who are seeking treatment for both mental health and substance use disorders. Many of you know we see so many unhoused, mentally unwell people on the streets, and this bill is designed to address this at the federal level.
	• The Congressman cosponsored the 'Child Care Small Business Insight and Improvement Act' to expand the U.S. Small Business Administration's role in supporting for-profit childcare small businesses across the country.
Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, presented by Curtis Young	• Happy Pride to everyone and happy Caribbean Heritage Month. If you are interested in joining our office as we march in the many Pride events this month, please follow us on social media and sign up to join us. We would love to have you join us!
NYC Mayor Eric Adams, presented by Robin Forst	• Pleased to report that there has been an increase in City funding for youth programs. Computer science, civics classes and restorative justice programs which had been funded by federal stimulus money will now be funded by the City. Also, the Summer Rising program is being expanded this summer as it had its funding restored.
	• The City has also announced a summer enforcement strategy to help remove illegal motorized scooters and mopeds from our streets and sidewalks.
NYC Councilmember Gale Brewer	• It looks like we finally have the attention of the Sheriff who has recently closed 3 illegal cannabis shops. We will continue to follow this issue closely to make sure that lots more get closed down.
	• Thanks to Jesse Bodine for helping to arrange a walk-through of the 56th-59th street areas to focus on the graffiti that needs to be cleaned up. Our interns will be helping us coordinate that clean-up work this summer.
	• We are also compiling a list of all of the public bathrooms that don't work in our District so that we can get them repaired.

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda was adopted unanimously. The May Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously.
District Manager Report	 MCB4 Hybrid Meeting Policy remains in effect with no changes. June's Transportation Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30pm July's Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24 on the Highline at West 14th Street. July's Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee is currently rescheduled to Wednesday, July 3rd due to the July 4th holiday. All other Committees are meeting on their regular scheduled dates and times
Chair's Report	 Normally, we would have held a public hearing on the Demolition Special Permit for 343 W. 47th Street but due to an oversight it did not make it on the agenda tonight. We will discuss and vote on the committee letter tonight and find an appropriate time later to hold a hearing. PABT Working Group continues to meet with PANYNJ in preparation for their presentation to the C\HKLU and TPC Committees this month MCB4 members along with elected representatives continue to meet with the Chelsea NYCHA F.E.C. Development team to obtain the requested information about the new proposal and look forward to having NYCHA and the development team back to present at the relevant committees in the fall and winter. The initial construction has begun on the MTA Site\Lirio at 806 9th Avenue for the permanent affordable/supportive housing project

Meeting Agenda

See appended vote sheet for complete details for each item's vote.

Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)

Item 01: Letter to DCP re Demolition Special Permit for 343 W. 47th Street APPROVED

Arts, Culture, Education, and Schools Committee (ACES)

Item 02: Letter to Mayor and City Council re Restoring proposed budget cuts to New York Public Libraries **APPROVED**

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 03: Letter to SLA re 319 W 35th Street, Rooftop – Zubeia LLC APPROVED

Item 04: Letter to SLA re 10 Columbus Circle, Suite 302 – Shake Shack New York LLC

APPROVED

Item 05: Letter to SLA re 88 10th Avenue - Voss Events NYC LLC APPROVED

Item 06: Letter to SLA re 431 W 37th Street, Unit B – 431 Food Market Corp. **APPROVED**

Item 07: Letter to SLA re 191 7th Avenue – Chelsea on 7th Corp. **APPROVED**

Item 08: Letter to SLA re 25 11th Avenue, Market 57, Kiosk 2 - Zaab Zaab Inc. - Serial# 0267-24-

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Waterfront, Parks, & Environment Committee (WPE)

Item 09: Letter to ConEd re Oil Spill at the West 59th Street Station APPROVED

Item 10: Letter to Elected officials re increasing budget for city parks **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Item 11: Letter to PANYNJ re Lincoln Tunnel Parapet Walls APPROVED

Item 12: Letter to DOT re Intercity Bus Permit Application for Big Bus Tours at 11th Avenue (14/15) **APPROVED**

Item 13: Letter to DOT re Intercity Bus Permit Application for HJ Opco at 11th Avenue (33/34) **APPROVED**

Item 14: Letter to DOT & DCWP to Remove newsstand at 60th Street and Columbus Avenue **APPROVED**

Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)

Item 15: Letter to LPC re 415 West 22nd Street application for Renovation and Addition **APPROVED**

Item 16: Letter to LPC re 402 West 20th Street application for modifications to the building stoop **APPROVED**

Executive Committee (EXEC)

Item 17: Letter to NYCHA Development Team re The proposed Fulton and Elliot Chelsea interim repair plan **APPROVED**

New Business

Nothing to Report Cannabis Task Force Housing Health & Human Services (HHHS)

Meeting Resolution								
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm							
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30pm on Wednesday, July 24 Hybrid Meeting							

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