

## 4.21.22

SBI Community Roundtable w BP Levine

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Brian, Jared, Pete, Susan, Sharon, Ronnie, Ashley Natale, Jason

Cherrie Ward, Timur York, Lora Tenenbaum, Patricia Ali, Sara Schiller, Cordelia, Chris Carroll, Leigh, Chandler, Cheryl Klauss, Evelin Collado, Brian Nelsen, 9179027793, Paul Goebel,

BP: really tough 2 years for this community... economic shock... Public health, BA2... not cause for panic but requires good policy. Stay healthy to stay open. Vaccination, testing, data collection and reporting. Established law in council for tenants to establish right to counsel... law under severe stress due to rise in cases. 200k eviction cases pending, outstripped ability of legal svc providers.

Earth Day tomorrow. Climate change and resiliency. Goal to have next million trees planted. Street trees, parks... niche, schools, roofs... CO2, resiliency, cooling, equity.

Small biz. Tough to run prepandemic but brutal last few years. 7500-50000 loans for small biz, send them our way.

Big picture. Absolutely confident Manhattan nyc and soho can and will come back. The things that made us a magnet... but challenges... climate, in person office, equity... all in to partnership

Memories from soho?

Il corral wife and his fave restaurant

Galleries, strolling, diversity of street life, architecture, cant be taken for granted. Cherish it as most NYers do.

Do you compost?

Of course I do... city needs to do more work. Curbside composting. Need to go bigger

Pete: residential rep on BID. Focus on residential QOL. Dismayed to hear what is going on in housing court... HPD and tenant services ... seeing irregularities. Want to follow up after meeting.

Lots of talk about simplifying/minimizing CBs... and simplifying stipulations at SLA... thoughts on CBs?

A: would love to follow up w you if HPD not following through

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CBs... deeply value them, former CB member myself, essential branch of local gov, shape policy for better. Looking to invigorate not marginalize them. Concerned abt public meetings law which requires in person unless other intervention. Giving CBs opportunity for at minimum hybrid meetings. Ensure there is diversity of perspectives on Boards. Received almost 900 applications.

Susan: I'm CB2 rep on BID. On land use and SLA. Streets so filthy never seen anything like it. Garbage, pizza, rice, papers. Overflowing trash every day. Insult to us and insult to tourists, welcome them w garbage. Failure. My street on Greene is one of wealthiest in world, lines to get in stores, cant walk down street... we dont know what to do.

A: very real problem not unique to soho... beginning 2 years ago were policy decisions setting back sanitation... one day a week alternate side... moving back to 2 day a week doesn't impact us much. New DSNY commissioner is friend of mine, very focused on operations, problems that need to be fixed. Also pushing containerization of trash... Susan: manage trash cans on corner, wash down sidewalks, would be transformational. Will connect...

Sharon: public realm. We started to look at it, bus stops, how we use trash, street space. Paused it... if other neighborhoods change public realm how effect broadway...

A: dont think you are behind, may be leading public neighborhoods. Push brough wide and citywide to make more ped infra, bus lanes, bike lanes, push toward containerization, innovation around how to deal w deliveries, creating dedicated curb area for deliveries, more innovative models to push onto electric or human powered delivery vehicles. Trees.

Supportive of TA 25x25 plan

Lora: bioswales. Communities of color and also communities where artists started lack trees. No trees. 5-10 blocks from closest green space ESG. Need for widening sidewalks, bioswales, car reduction. Terrible car issues. When experimental Open Street was done on Prince was backup. Did not mention stress of upcoming... took lives of us... our time... trying to keep residential... coming of interactive retail experiences. Max capacity 500+ people with alcoholic drinks. Asked for 1 am, midnight... such a busy streetscape... wonderful during day, but need some peace and quiet at night. Expect inundation of interactive retail biz.

A: would love to get your suggestions on new street tree pits...

Lora: had one 7 years empty... hollow sidewalks: planters are one of the solutions...

A:... would like to reduce bureaucracy for containerized trees.

MD: would like to work together to get more

Mark: want to avoid displacement due to rezoning or other reasons. And retain artistic character. Dont want to see big box push out family run stores. Understand larger commercial biz can cause issues.

Ronnie: was extremely expensive to get 3 planters... would love to get more. Would also like to highlight that residents upstairs in old buildings disrupted by any ground floor activity... greatest # of cast iron bldgs in world... containers not good fit for our neighborhood because things there 24/7 as opposed to 3 days a week. Been filing complaints about 4 DEP manhole covers keeping us up all night long... maybe you can help.

A: Ronnie please communicate to us about those manholes. Not cheap to put in new street tree. But idea would be to get city capital money, stay tuned

Sharon: not all residents agree w Ronnie. I get up early and bags all up and down broadway... when you got to Paris and they are contained, beautiful neighborhood... could need to be studied more but dont want to say no to it.

A: containers sealed in way plastic bags aren't so rat issue is actually better. Pilot phase now.

MD update: planters have been replanted. Bringing more life to street. Banners, relaunching compost. New biz opened or reopened.

Guess reopened, MInso, uno de 50, Blick, Museum of Women... others...

Assembly Member Glick's legislation. CB2 land use hosted staff who presented on that legislation.

Next meeting July. Continue to invite newly elected officials.

Pete: extend thanks to commercial owners cleaning up storefronts. Looking good.

Susan: was happy to have Levine here, needs to be educated about our area. Not many gallery windows, doesn't know about ASP... need to get back to him with reality info about soho proper...

MD: would love to collaborate on how to connect him better, walking tour etc...