Minutes from the November 16, 2016 Annual Meeting
Hudson Square District Management Association, Inc. (d/b/a the Hudson Square Connection)

6:00 pm – 7:10 pm
The Jerome L. Greene Performance Space
44 Charleston Street

Liz Neumark, Chair of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. She welcomed members to the seventh annual meeting and reminded everyone that there will be time for questions towards the end of the meeting. She then introduced Steve Marvin, Secretary of the Board of Directors, who certified that a quorum of members was present in person or by proxy.

Mr. Marvin stated that the Connection now has 105 registered members. Registrations were solicited throughout the district via e-mail and regular mail, and registration is available on site. A motion was made by Donna Vogel to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve Marvin, and approved unanimously.

Donna Vogel, representing the Board’s Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees up for election for a three-year term on the Connection’s Board of Directors. The slate included the following:

Property Owners (Class A): Tommy Craig (Trinity Hudson Holdings, LLC), Meredith Jenkins (Trinity Wall Street), John Maltz (Greiner-Maltz), Steve Marvin (Olmstead Properties), Michele Rusnak (New York Public Radio), Donna Vogel (Newmark Holdings). Commercial Tenants (Class B): Patricia Klecanda (New York Genome Center), Liz Neumark (Great Performances), Kate Swann (Blue State Digital).

Ms. Vogel explained the process for electing Board members. The members of each class, in person or by proxy, shall vote on the proposed slate of Directors for their respective classes.

A motion was made by Kim Whitener for property owners, seconded by Phil Mouquinho, and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Mark Granito from MEG Group for commercial tenants, seconded by June Trizzino from Adelphi University’s Manhattan Center, and approved unanimously.

Ellen Baer, President of the Connection, reviewed the Connection’s Fiscal Year 2016 report of activities. This year, the Connection and our design team at Matthews Nielsen Landscape Architecture were honored with the Public Design Commission award for our innovative design for our new Spring Street Park at Hudson Square’s eastern edge on Sixth Avenue. Ms. Baer recapped the Connection’s initiatives underway including the redesign of Hudson Street into an improved boulevard, planning a potential expansion of the BID’s boundaries, and expansion of the pedestrian traffic management program.

Michele Rusnak, the Connection’s Treasurer, presented the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Statements of Position and Activities for the membership’s acceptance. As of June 30th, 2016, the Connection had $3,082,330 in assets, and expenses of $3,371,855 on annual revenue of $2,750,751. The Fiscal Year 2016 budget was approved by the Board of Directors on June 23, 2016. A motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial and Membership Report was made by Mr. Mouquinho, seconded by local resident Maura Tobias, and approved unanimously.

Ms. Baer and Ms. Neumark presented the year’s Connection Award to the Honorable Corey Johnson, the Council Member for the 3rd District of the New York City Council. Ms. Baer thanked Council Member Johnson for his invaluable support in serving as a vocal advocate for traffic conditions throughout the neighborhood and leading the way in securing funding for our Hudson Street project.

Ms. Neumark and Ms. Baer opened a Q & A session. After seeing no questions or comments, Ms. Neumark asked for a motion to officially adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Brett Greenberg, seconded by David Adler, and the meeting officially adjourned at 7:10 PM.