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## COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2013 211 AINSLIE STREET

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman Christopher H. Olechowski requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the Chairman that there were 25 board members present, a sufficient number to call the hearing to order.

#### AGENDA

Chairman Olechowski announced the agenda. (Persons who wish to speak during Public Session must sign up before 6:15PM)

**DCA – UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATIONS:** Applications were received for new or renewal of unenclosed sidewalk cafes:

- **River Barrel Inc., dba Mrs. Kim's, 87 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222, License # 1346892.** Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats. There were no speakers on the item.
- **King Luke Inc., dba Marlow and Sons, 81 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11249, License # 1163028.** Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 22 seats. Mr. Wygoda, architect, represented the establishment's owner and spoke on the renewal application. He noted that there were no changes for the application.
- **63 Guernsey LLC, dba Spritzenhaus, 63 Guernsey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222, License # 1374780.** Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 64 seats and petition of Modify Consent. Mr. Wygoda, architect, represented the establishment's owner and spoke on the renewal application. He noted that there was a change for the application; they will be reducing the size. Rabbi Weber asked about the neighbors, what do they say about the sidewalk cafe? Mr. Andrew, manager, spoke noting that they have no problems. Mr. Burrows said that they are doing good; earlier in the beginning of the use, there were noise issues. They have since been resolved.

**PRESENTATION: Frost Street Apartments, 59 Frost Street – Affordable Housing Plan for Inclusionary Housing.**  
Presentation by Mr. Martin Dunn, Dunn Development Corp.

Chairman Olechowski introduced the item and asked Mr. Dunn to come forward.

Mr. Martin Dunn introduced himself and noted that he was from Dunn Development Corp. They have been doing affordable housing development for over 20 years, completing 22 buildings and 19 projects. Many of them are in Brooklyn. They have done 2 projects in CB #1 to date:

Palmer's Dock (113 units of affordable housing, opened in July 2008) at 20 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, corner of Kent Avenue.

Rev. Donald J. Kenna Court (152 units of affordable housing in 3 buildings) on Cook Street, opened in 2009.

He was speaking on a project proposed for 59 Frost Street, between Leonard Street and Lorimer Street. There is a site going up there at the corner. A market rate developer who is developing the corner of the site (wrapping around Leonard Street onto

Richardson Street) is providing Dunn Development with a parcel of land for \$1, for them to develop affordable housing to provide them inclusionary housing/421A benefits. Mr. Dunn related that they have no interest in the market rate housing, and the developer has no interest in the affordable units. Mr. Dunn said that Dunn Development would develop, own and operate the affordable housing. He displayed photos of the existing site. It was currently vacant warehouse space and a vacant single family house that will be demolished. Demolition is to start shortly. It is an as of right development. Mr. Dunn noted that he was presenting the project as a courtesy. It is an as of right zoning/inclusionary housing program. Renderings are still in progress. He did show some renderings displaying a mixture of color (grays) for the facade. There were photos of the schematic floor plans. He noted some features of the development:

- There is no cellar because of the 100 year flood plain. There is a high water table. On the ground floor there is an on site laundry, bike parking and a small social service office space, a community room with a kitchen that opens to a landscaped gardens with a children's play area. There are 47 apartments across 8 floors (24 – 2 bedroom apartments, including one for the live in superintendent; 12 – 1 bedroom apartments; and 11 studios. 8 of the 11 studios will be for people with developmental disabilities who will receive on site support services to enable them to live independently. He further discussed the schematics, layouts and extensive landscaping.
- The project would be 100 affordable with 3 different incomes tiers: 50% of units for people who are below 50%AMI; 30% of units for households that are less than 50%AMI; 20% for households earning less than 80% of AMI. Then rent and income ranges were noted (rents \$640-\$1395; income \$25,000 to up to \$68,000 depending on household size). There will be a 50% preference for CB #1 residents (dates back to the rezoning certified). They are fully funded and expect to begin construction end of March, beginning of April It will take about 18 months to construct. They will begin marketing 5-6 months before the project is completed. There are a lot of sustainable and green components. He showed photos of other projects that they have done in Brooklyn.

Ms. Roslund asked about the height. Mr. Dunn said that it was 7 stories. Ms. Roslund said that there is a 45 day comment period. Mr. Dunn responded to a question about the other development at the site. He noted that it was the market rate housing and a different building at the corner, and wraps around to Richardson. Mr. Burrows asked if they would have a garbage area. Mr. Dunn said that they did have one and it was on the floor plans. The City wanted them to make it smaller; however, they have kept it bigger. Mr. Leon asked about the marketing? Mr. Dunn related that they are required to follow the fair housing marketing plan under City and State guidelines. They will be required to advertise in citywide publications as well as other publications, outreach to the neighborhood. He noted that the City was moving to an online application system. They have just done a pilot of an online system on a recent project. It is a computerized lottery. Mr. Leon related that a lot of folks don't have computers and would rely on mail. Mr. Dunn said the process is not their choice; it will be purely what the City decides. With the two pilot projects there was a choice of an online process or by hard copy. It would be what the HPD decides about the marketing. Ms. Cianciotta asked about the parking. Mr. Dunn said that they were not providing parking in their building, however, it is a shared zoning lot with the market rate building and they are having an attendant parking garage to meet the requirements. They will enter on Richardson Street. Ms. Cianciotta asked about the 50% for affordable? Mr. Dunn related that 50% is for CB #1 preference. Ms. Teague said that the whole building is affordable. Mr. Duran asked about the sustainable design. Mr. Dunn related that they would have energy star rated apartments that will save energy and be efficient (such as: all of the systems will be high efficiency, motion controlled lighting, insulated roof, generation of electricity, a micro-generation system, etc.). Mr. Leon asked about the social service unit in the first floor. Mr. Dunn said that is for the 8 studio units for these persons who have developmental disabilities and will help them to live independently. There will be staff in the building. They will be working a parent support group. The micro generator will help to heat the water for the building. There were no other questions and the item was closed.

Chairman Olechowski noted that Council Member Steve Levin was present and wanted to make some announcements.

Council Member Levin welcomed the new members. He wished all of the members a happy new year. He encouraged everyone who has not disposed of their Christmas trees yet, there will be mulching events at McGolrick and McCarren Park this Saturday and Sunday. Trees can be brought there for mulch. Two Trees (developer that has purchased the Domino site) has put out an RFP. They are accepting applications for the temporary usage of Lot E this spring. This is the upland site, between Kent and Wythe, South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Two Trees is accepting applications for some type of temporary use of that spot before they plan to develop. He wants to remind all that they are still doing a participatory budgeting through his office. This is in regards to the capital process, funded through the NYC Council. They are normally decided upon by council members and their staff. They have decided to do participatory budgeting this year where \$1million of capital is dedicated for the community to decide how to use it. He asked for people to participate and vote on the items for public monies to be spent. He spoke briefly about what was happening on Milton Street. In November, the Reformed Church, off of Manhattan Avenue, offered to house 10 beds for homeless individuals who are in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community. For years, they have been asking the City (DHS) to provide some funding for some respite beds. These are for people who sleep on the streets. This is helping them to have a place to go, especially in the wintertime. He said that every year there are individuals in the community who die of hypothermia. They are sleeping outside in the cold. DHS agreed to find funding for this and the church agreed to provide the space. Right

now there are 10 beds that are in the basement of the Greenpoint Reformed Church. It is a place for people to go to at night. They are being supervised there. There is funding for two staff members that are provided by Common Ground (an organization that provides outreach & services for all Brooklyn. They have the entire contract for Brooklyn). There has been a little bit of controversy from the neighbors and they will be doing a neighborhood meeting (it may be on January 24<sup>th</sup>). He said that this is something that is important, to have a place for people to go to at night. Council Member Levin said that they were excited about the MTA's new bus service along Kent Avenue and Wythe Avenue into Long Island City. It is a good development for the neighborhood as it expands the transportation options for the community.

**PRESENTATION - DOT is proposing significant pedestrian safety changes along Borinquen Place with traffic calming measures as well as adding much needed pedestrian spaces.** Measures include: shorter crosswalks, pedestrian safety islands, clearer traffic patterns, and new crosswalks.

Ms. Ronda Messer, Brooklyn Community Liaison, from NYC DOT, introduced the item. She noted that Mr. Julio Palleiro and Mr. Sean Quinn, were from Pedestrian Projects Group, NYC DOT. Mr. Palleiro provided the presentation on the project. He noted that it was shown earlier to the CB #1's Transportation Committee. The project is between Marcy Avenue, Grand Street, Hooper, and before Union Avenue. It was requested by Council Member Reyna. He noted that Borinquen Place was a high crash corridor. There have been 2 fatalities recently with bicyclists. There are two parks in the stretch (Marcy Avenue & Rodney Street). There is the Grand Street BID project, but it ends at Union Avenue. This project picks up from there. There is a transition of residential from industrial use and this means more people along this corridor. Mr. Palleiro used a power point presentation (attached) to show the proposed developments to be implemented to increase pedestrian safety along the corridor: Gravel/paint on asphalt as opposed to concrete, signal modifications and new signage, plastic/rubber bollards, and other treatments (like sidewalk extensions, neck downs, refuge for crossing treatments for areas with elderly/children). Mr. Palleiro discussed the proposals for the various specific locations, noting traffic calming measures. He noted a build out at Keap Street and South 1<sup>st</sup> Street with a new pedestrian bump-out. They are also proposing reversing South 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Rodney Street and Keap Street. They have studied the traffic network and it will still work. Traffic conditions will not be affected. They are proposing a 15 ft. extension at the sidewalk that would not affect parking (South 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Rodney Street and Marcy Avenue). It will just utilize the space and calm traffic. The benefits of the project are improved flow and safety and an enhanced walking environment. Mr. Duran spoke about the bike lanes, having concrete borders. He said that in the pedestrian extensions, it would be great to have them as memorials for the persons who lost their lives along the corridor. He asked about the square footage? Mr. Palleiro related that depending on the necessity of the location, once the engineers finalize the plans, then they would know the footage. Mr. Duran asked to work together on this. Mr. Leon had questions about left turn on Borinquen and Rodney, would there be a light? Mr. Palleiro related that they would look at locations with the engineers. Mr. Duran asked about extending the park at the South 4<sup>th</sup> Street location. Ms. Bautista, from Council Member Reyna's office, spoke on the project noting that it receives her support. It is part of the project to increase open space in the Southside. This project is the part for traffic mitigation. Mr. Duran spoke about the treatment on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He discussed the parks there and extending the park there. Mr. Palleiro said that they would look into it. Ms. Teague asked about what CB #1 could do about extending the park? It was noted that CB #1's input would be noted.

**PRESENTATION – MTA/NYC Transit is proposing a new bus route for the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront.**  
Presentation by Mr. Andrew Inglesby, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, MTA/NYC Transit.

Mr. Inglesby, Assistant Director, spoke on the item. He said that they would provide a brief presentation on this important item for the community. He provided information in the history for the new route. Back in July 2012, they identified \$18million for a service investment. They re-established a lot of service that they had to take away in 2010. A lot of the services have been restored. They also found money for five new bus routes throughout the City. Three are here in Brooklyn. One connects to Spring Creek. One will try and connect Downtown Brooklyn with Dumbo and the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The third one in Brooklyn will be a bus route that runs along the Williamsburg/Greenpoint Waterfront into Long Island City. They have had preliminary discussions with community leaders on this. They have also gone to the CB#1's Transportation Committee on this in December. He thanked the chairmen for allowing the opportunities to present to the committee and the board. After they present to the board this evening, they are looking for comments from the community. They hope to have a public hearing on this new bus route either at the latter part of February or the first part of March. They are looking for implementation of the route in as early as September this year. These routes were picked based on the community input and feedback that they have heard in the very recent past regarding these needs for bus routes in Brooklyn. They have also received feedback from Council Member Levin, Senator Squadron and the Community Board regarding weekend operation and have incorporated it. He noted that they would be discussing the details in the presentation (a copy of the Power Point presentation was attached to the Transportation Committee's report). Mr. Leon had a general question about service; will there be text message capabilities for the bus arrival times? Mr. Inglesby related that all of their buses are scheduled for bus time by the end of next year. It is being rolled out now. Mr. Dorian Stantom, Planner, presented with Mr. Inglesby. He spoke about additional details on the new bus service. They looked at the limited intermodal transportation services in the area. Most of the existing subway access is east and west, not north and south (other than the G train). Most of the bus service doesn't actually enter the waterfront area. There is the Q59 for a couple of blocks in the south and the B24 that turns around on Greenpoint Avenue. There is the B43 that runs the

length to the north part of Greenpoint. There is also the B62 that goes the length of Greenpoint/Williamsburg but not close to the waterfront (about 3 blocks away). Also LIC, there are a couple of blocks from the waterfront. There are now three ferry stop options: One in LIC, one in Greenpoint, also one in Williamsburg. Mr. Stantom said that they are proposing for the new service to start: Going north - In Williamsburg, from Washington Plaza (it already serves the J & V train, also has 8 different bus routes). The route would continue on Broadway to Kent Avenue and go north on Kent Avenue, all the way where Kent Avenue transitions to Franklin Street, then once it travels north, it will make a right on Green Street, continue for two blocks to McGuinness Blvd., and goes across the Pulaski Bridge to LIC, on to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, up to 44<sup>th</sup> Drive, where you can transfer to the E & M trains. A terminal would be there. Going south - In LIC, continue on 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Jackson Avenue, taking the bridge back onto McGuinness Blvd., right onto Freeman Street for two blocks, back to Franklin Street, taking Franklin as far south to North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, where it transitions into Wythe Avenue, taking Wythe all the way back down to Broadway and back to Washington Plaza, the base of the Williamsburg Bridge. Mr. Stantom said that this is the rationale for the route. Kent Avenue and Wythe Avenues are the closest to the waterfront and are one way in directions. Previously it was proposed to go further north, but they do not have the funds to go further into Greenpoint to cross the bridge into the LIC (E & M trains). Also, they looked at going further to Queens Plaza; once again, there were financial limitations where they could not do it. They are receiving community input and getting as much feedback now. These are the next steps. They are planning a public hearing in the next few months on it and to implement the route in September 2013. It was noted that this was presented also to CB #2 in Queens. They have not yet received their comments yet.

Chairman Olechowski asked if there were any questions. Ms. Lawrence asked about overlapping with the B62 route, will service be changed or affected? Mr. Stantom said that there was little overlap and they do not see any changes. Mr. Inglesby said that they will look at sharing the stops where they can to limit parking spaces that they may have to take up. Mr. Stantom said that they have not determined bus stops for the route yet. Once they do, they will let the community board and officials know. Ms. Odomirok related that she represents Congresswoman Maloney (new congressperson for the area). She related that the Congresswoman had made a proposal that instead of creating a new route - extend the route from LIC, straight down 11<sup>th</sup> Street into Manhattan, over the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge loop down to 42 Street as an express to 34<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 23, to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and down to the Williamsburg Bridge, back into Williamsburg Plaza. It would relieve overcrowding and also provide service if the L train is down (like it was with the hurricane). She also spoke issues with Wythe Avenue and problems with truck traffic. Mr. Inglesby said that issues with the truck traffic should be directed to DOT, not the MTA. As far as extending the bus routes into Manhattan, there is not enough money. It may be something that they could look at in the future, but as a preliminary first step, to get service into the area, their plan is what they are looking to do. Any extensions into Manhattan Avenue and servicing LIC and Manhattan, they do not have enough money. They would look forward to the future working with the Congresswoman. Right now, they have extended the proposed route for the distance as much as they can. Ms. Cianciotta asked about transfer to the bus from the B43 available. Mr. Inglesby said that they haven't found out where the stops would be, but they would be obviously near transit points where one could transfer. Mr. Leon asked about making an express service. Mr. Inglesby said that express bus service must have a certain number of riders and it could be something that they look at in the future. Chairman Olechowski raised a question about the bus coming back, southbound. The bus would come over the Pulaski Bridge, down McGuinness, stopping at Freeman Street and go back up. He said that they should look at using the B62's bus stops there, to utilize existing stops. Why use extra bus stops if you can use ones that exist? The second recommendation, is when the bus comes down Freeman, why not turn (right) on Manhattan Avenue and go down to Box Street/Commercial Street. There will be more and more residential usage at these sites with the development of the sites there and outgrowth of residential that is anticipated shortly. They will be picking people up there, and at Barge Park. It will have a better route going down towards there on Franklin around Commercial Street. On the other side, you can go up Franklin, up Box Street, utilizing existing bus stops, go back down Manhattan to Green and over the Pulaski Bridge. He believed that there was not an additional cost. Mr. Stantom said that there were additional costs for the turnaround and also extra time with the turn around to the subway routes. They discussed the matter further and it was noted that the comments would be taken back. Mr. Chirichella noted the congestion on the L train and expansion of the population. Mr. Chirichella said that the MTA's feet should be held to the fire on the overcrowding. The neighborhood cannot take the congestion anymore. Mr. Inglesby said that they are looking at the numbers to see about adding service. They do not have the number now. Mr. Chirichella related that the area needs to have improved service. Mr. Inglesby noted that this proposed route is an added service for the community. Mr. Rosen asked that with the congressperson's points, could the costs be looked at. Mr. Inglesby said for the future, but not now. Mr. Solano spoke having increased service on the "L" train. Ms. Peterson spoke about how they should be planning ahead. People know that planning is an important thing. She said that they gave away the community of the waterfront but not charging taxes for all of the building that has been going on. People are feeling the effects. Even if MTA doesn't have the money now, people are saying that they want to look at what it would take to start planning ahead --- instead of waiting for the "checkers to check". Once the checkers check, then it takes years to build. Mr. Inglesby said that this is why they are here, for the planning. Mr. Duran spoke about the corridor and improving access to Central Brooklyn and for people who work in Manhattan. This was very important. Mr. Stantom said if anything, the new route would help the B44 because now you are getting people from the waterfront down to Washington Plaza to transfer to the B44. Mr. Leon asked for some information from the planning office of the MTA/NYC Transit. Mr. Inglesby related that the information would trickle down once they get it. The presentation was concluded and Chairman Olechowski moved to the next item on the agenda.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** Chairman Olechowski noted that the following have applied for renewals/licenses:

92 Nassau Enterprises LTD dba Princess Manor, 92 Nassau Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Abel River Inc. dba R Bar, 451 Meeker Avenue (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Arlodog LLC dba The Brooklyn Star, 593 Lorimer Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Bignos LLC dba The Saint Austere, 613 Grand Street (class change (from B/W to L), beer/wine, rest)  
Calexico Carne Asada, LLC, 645 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Corp to be formed, 104 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street (new, liquor, rest)  
Dirty Laundry LLC, 90 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Donia Kabab Café, Inc dba Donia Café, 85 Driggs Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Durante Galeotafiore dba Danny's Pizzeria, 239-241 Bushwick Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Hard Eight Restaurant Co LLC dba The Whiskey Brooklyn, 44 Berry Street, #4 (alteration, liquor, rest)  
Irena Kabala dba Idle Hour Tavern, Inc., 623 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, liquor, bar)  
JR & Son @ Lorimer St. Inc, dba JR & Son, 575 Lorimer Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Kinfolk General Inc dba Kinfolk, 94 Wythe Avenue (new, liquor, bar)  
Little Dokebi Inc, 85 Driggs Avenue (new, beer/wine, rest)  
M&M Restaurant Group LLC dba Cantina Royal, 58 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Marisella Pizzeria Inc dba La Bella Mariella Pizza II, 374 Metropolitan Avenue (new, beer/wine, rest)  
Micado Brooklyn LLC dba Anchored Inn, 57 Waterbury Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Mighty Diamond Restaurant Corp dba Mother's, 347 Graham Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
NCC Rest Group LLC dba Rye, 247 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
New Mon Sang Rest. Corp dba New Apolo Restaurant, 508 Grand Street (relocation, liquor, rest)  
Peter's Since 1969 LLC, 168 Bedford Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Queen Bear LLC dba Post Office, 186-188 Havemeyer Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Selamat Pagi, LLC, 152 Driggs Avenue (new [corporate change], beer/wine, rest)  
Sugar Beets Thai, LLC, 227A Roebling Street (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
The Greenpoint Tavern Inc, 188 Bedford Avenue (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Tribicha Inc dba Pies N Thighs, 166 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Trix Inc dba Trix, 145 Bedford Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
UBNYC-WBURG, LLC, 160 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street (new, liquor, rest)

Chairman Olechowski noted that comments could be forwarded to the board and to the SLA Review Committee. There were no additional comments and Chairman Olechowski moved forward with the agenda.

## **BOARD MEETING**

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Olechowski requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the Chairman that there were 35 board members present, a sufficient quorum to call the board meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Teague made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosario. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Ms. Viera made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Olechowski said that the Executive Committee met a few days ago and they reviewed two issues:

- Request that came out of the Community Board #8 in the Bronx, it was in support of an "Intro" of the City Council (Intro #948). The committee had discussed the matter which was regarding extending review periods for community boards and the introduction of a local law. The information was contained in a written report from the committee and

Chairman Olechowski read the information and resolution supporting the matter. Mr. Duran asked if there was a particular incident regarding this matter? Chairman Olechowski noted that there was... where CB #8 could not move forward with a parks issue because there was not enough time for the review. Chairman Olechowski asked for the board's support on the resolution and made a motion. Mr. Duran seconded the motion. The motion was supported with one abstention (Mr. Otano).

- The Executive Committee discussed moving the monthly meetings to the McCarren Park Recreation Center. They decided that they would be monitoring the event (about the building at 211 Ainslie Street) on a month to month basis; so at the appropriate time they can an appropriate decision. He noted that they will continue to monitor what the situation is. They did not want to take action that would be preemptive. They do have the recreation center at McCarren available and free of charge; but they will not change the meeting location until the appropriate time. They will monitor the situation with the two programs.
- Chairman Olechowski noted the RFP with Two Trees for Site E. There is still some information needed from the DOB as to what could be done there/what the permitted uses are.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

**Open Space Alliance Update (OSA Minute)** – there was no representative from OSA available this evening.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

(Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes. There were two persons signed up to speak.

Mr. Solomon Zucker, spoke in opposition to an application for a liquor license application for 836 Lorimer Street (Park Luncheonette Inc.) - he related that they own the property next door on both sides and raised objections to granting of the license.

Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, representing OUTRAGE – spoke to thank the board, and the committees for its support on the Truck Traffic Task Force. They had their meeting last Thursday at the Cooper Park Community Center. They will be doing outreach to establish hotspots in North Brooklyn where there are problems with truck traffic. Another meeting is scheduled for April and they encourage all to attend and come together on the issues.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **LAND USE, ULURP, & LANDMARKS (subcom.) COMMITTEE**

Ms. Roslund submitted a written report from the committee, which was distributed for review. She read the recommendations contained in the report and asked for a vote from the board:

**59 Frost Street – affordable housing development.** The committee recommends support with comments, which are to be forwarded to HPD. Ms. Roslund made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duran. The motion was carried unanimously. The vote was: 41 “YES”; 0 “NO”; 0 “ABSTENTIONS”; 0 “RECUSALS”.

**74 Kent Street- LPC application** (tied to a BSA variance request). The committee had concerns about the use of the property and that the LPC application would tie it to residential uses, which is not permitted now. It was felt that the applicant has not explored other options. The committee recommends not approving the application. Ms. Roslund made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano. The members discussed the item further and voted to not support the application. The vote was: 41 “YES”; 0 “NO”; 0 “ABSTENTIONS”; 0 “RECUSALS”.

Ms. Roslund noted that there were no Land Use items for review at this time and noted that there would not be a committee meeting scheduled for January 2013.

#### **SLA REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Burrows presented the SLA Review Committee's written report. He read the various recommendations contained in the report. He commented on the various applications and briefed the members on details. There was a discussion about removing one of the items, Park Luncheonette, a new application, from the resolution and to be voted on separately. Mr. Weiser raised concerns about the opposition received for the license. Mr. Burrows related that there was one letter of opposition from the adjacent business. From what he learned, that complaints were coming from the other way, from the former luncheonette about

the feathers from the factory, landing on people's food. The applicant has provided a full menu for the luncheonette and it is not a bar. Mr. Burrows made a motion to consider all of the licenses listed in the report other than Park Luncheonette and to vote on the supporting the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Burrows noted the application for the Park Luncheonette. A letter was received from the owner of the feather factory (next door) and he spoke at the public session. The concerns were considered and the owner was asked to meet with the factory owners to work out the concerns. The restaurant has been here a long time. The committee has seen his renderings of restoring the luncheonette, and the owner also owns other businesses in the neighborhood. He is a good owner and the committee is asking for approval of the licenses. Hours of operation are 7AM to Midnight. He cannot serve liquor until 8AM. Mr. Perlstein asked about any ongoing contact between the two businesses. Mr. Burrows said that Mr. Zucker was here earlier. Mr. Rosen spoke about the application and related that he felt that other persons could apply for the location. However, this applicant and his plans/hours of operation for a luncheonette are the best use for the site. District Manager Mr. Esposito noted that in the past, he had mediated the problem between the two businesses; where the sidewalk would be watered down to contain the loose feathers. Mr. Burrows made a motion to approve the recommendation to support the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solano and was carried.

Mr. Burrows noted the postponed items. Mr. Burrows made a motion to support the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perlstein and was carried unanimously.

**All Night Liquor License** – Mr. Burrows related this license allows establishments to stay open all night long during New Year's Eve for the holiday celebration (open past 4AM). The community board doesn't have to be told about it in advance. There were 7 permits given out New Year's Eve. The resolution is to write a letter to the elected officials on the matter and ask for the community board to be contacted in advance to make recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was carried.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Burrows, Public Safety Committee Chairman, gave a verbal report to brief the board members. He noted that there was no Public Safety Committee meeting this month. There was no great clamor for sidewalk cafés during the winter. But, they have been cracking down on some of the sidewalk cafes that have decided to suddenly have enclosed sidewalk cafes for the winter for which they never had permits for. Also, he attends the two precinct community councils (police issues). He noted that at the meetings, people who want to can bring up issues to the police. The 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the community room at 30 Montrose Avenue. The 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct meets the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM at the community room of the Ascension Church on Java Street. He related that Deputy Inspector Hurson (Commanding Officer at the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct) said crime generally is down except for the theft of Apple devices; and that they have an increase in rapes in this neighborhood. But generally it is people who are known to the person (such as someone that they bring home or that they have gone to a bar and met the person). It is not like people grabbing people on the street. It is bringing somebody home -- so people got to be picky.

He will be setting up a meeting with the board chairs about the sidewalk garbage can/receptacle issue, hopefully sometime this month. Mr. Burrows concluded his update.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Florentino presented a written report on behalf of the Transportation Committee. He read the recommendations and asked for a vote from the board to support them.

- **West Street Project.** The committee recommends approving the concept. Mr. Florentino made a motion to support the recommendation. Mr. Solano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.
- **Borinquen Place Project.** The committee recommends approving DOT's proposed measures for significant pedestrian safety changes along Borinquen Place with traffic calming measures as well as adding much needed pedestrian spaces. Measures include: shorter crosswalks, pedestrian safety islands, clearer traffic patterns, and new crosswalks. In addition, the committee requests that the park space at South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, between Rodney Street and Marcy Avenue, be extended into the newly proposed space; and that where the pedestrian plazas are created, that the community has input into creating them as memorial spaces for those who have lost their lives on the street. Mr. Florentino made a motion to support the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perlstein and unanimously carried.
- **New Waterfront Bus Route** – Mr. Florentino noted that the committee recommends approval. Ms. Odomorik made a

friendly amendment to include her proposal for extending the line into Manhattan as a loop. The friendly amendment was supported. Mr. Florentino made a motion to support the recommendation with the friendly amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague and carried with two abstentions (Ms. Roslund and Mr. Duran).

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Ms. Kuonen provided a verbal briefing for the board members. She spoke about the need for maintenance at the Nature Walk. She also discussed the task force.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Peterson provided an update on the proposed closure of Swinging 60's Senior Center and the Small World Day Care Center. She said that the organization has held several meetings. She said that they are trying to meet with the landlord. They have a variety of things in motion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was raised.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

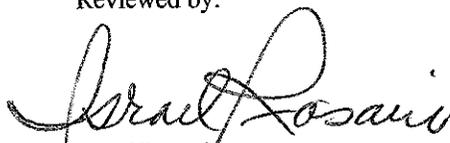
Mr. Solano made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perlstein and carried unanimously. The board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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