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September 15, 2016
Economic Development Committee

PRESENT: Dominick Schiano, Chair; Veronica Castro, Co-Chair; Sandra Unger; David Leavitt; Shradhanand Pirtam and Tony Signorile

STAFF: Chris Kirka

GUEST(S): Ansony Ulloa, owner of 500 Morris Park (El Rinconsito Sport Bar & Restaurant a/k/a El Rinconsito Latino), NYPD Sargent Gallo, Hugh Hawthorne and son, owner of Ethics Bar & Lounge, 1246 East Gun Hill Rd.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. New Liquor License Application
 - a. The renewal liquor license Application of El Rinconsito Latino, 500 Morris Park Ave. was tabled to follow-up on the owner's claim that his license did not, in fact, expire on 7/31/2016 as noted on the NYSLA website. Owner claims corporation name has been changed to Latino Sports Bar & Restaurant and that this is the name the new license was given to them under. 49th Precinct will visit establishment to verify that there is a current liquor license under the new corporate name.
 - b. Extension of Hours
The committee considered the extension of hours request made by Hugh Hawthorne, owner of Ethics Bar & Lounge, Inc., 1246 E. Gun Hill Road. The committee heard from the 49th Precinct, the bar's owner and his son. Tony Signorile made a motion (seconded by Shradhanand Pirtam) to recommend that Community Board 11 allow the establishment to remain open until 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday Monday and Wednesday. Motion passed 5-1 with Dominick Schiano voting against the motion.

2. Old Business
 - a. Shradhanand Pirtam spoke about Bernadette Ferrara's e-mail regarding Ruby's located at 600 Van Nest Ave.
3. New Business
 - a. The committee considered 2018 NYC budget priorities. The issues chosen in order of priority are:
 - 1) Support B&D formation planning
 - 2) Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs
 - 3) Support merchant organizing
 - 4) Expand graffiti removal services on private sites
 - 5) Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity, e.g lighting, sidewalk improvements
 - 6) Support storefront/facade improvementsContact the board office for more information.
4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes taken by Co-chair Veronica Castro, formatted by the staff.