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Economic Development Committee

Thursday June 13, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Stanley Gleaton, Victoria Horsford, Mari Moss, Carlene Pinto, Cheryl Smith, and Stephen Johnson

Agenda

1. SLA Renewal Applications

- E D & S Restaurant., d/b/a “A Touch of Dee”, 659 Lenox Ave., New York, NY 10037 (Southwest corner of 143rd Street) – Full Liquor License
 - Represented by Irving and Dolores Tong. They have been in business for twenty-five years. There has been a bar on the corner for over seventy years. They are open seven days a week. There have been no violations or police activity over the past two years. “A Touch of Dee” received an A from the Health Department.
 - They always help during the block parties, during the holidays they give toys and gifts to children in the community, a coat-drive, and supported the ‘grandparent’s day.’
 - They employ three people and they are all Harlem residents. There is a new Management in the building. They have a good relationship with the residents.
 - There were no concerns from the community.
 - The committee voted 5 in favor 0 no 2 abstain
- “Just Lorraine’s Place”., 2247 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10027 (Southeast corner of 132nd Street) – Full Liquor License
 - They have been operating for eleven years. They do a lot of fundraisers in the community, churches, and for children and elderly.
 - They employ five people and they are all Harlem residents.
 - The residents living above are mostly college students and are patrons of “Just Lorraine’s Place.”
 - There were no comments or concerns from the community.
 - The committee voted 5 in favor 0 no 2 abstain

2. SLA New Applications

- Abdel Kader Ouedraogo., d/b/a/ Ouaga 2280 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10030 (Southwest corner of 134th Street) – Full Liquor License
 - Ouaga will be a sports bar; there will several televisions, playing games. The capacity is 30 people. There will be a limited gratis bar-menu and the food will come from Yatenga across the street. Abdel spoke with the Department of Health to ensure that the food will be transported like a food delivery service.

- There will be acoustic music – guitar. There are no residents in the building.
 - The hours will be 3PM – 4AM.
 - They plan to employ 11 people; bartenders and bar-back.
 - The space is 800 square feet, including access to the basement for storage.
 - Abdel owns four additional businesses in Community Board 10.
 - Abdel supports the African Festival on 116th Street, teaches music, and works with the community.
 - The bathrooms are upstairs; the basement will be for electrics and liquor storage.
 - Ouaga will have a ramp to make the entryway ADA compliant.
 - There will be security.
 - There are additional signatures that Abdel submitted by email to the Community Board office that were not present at the time of the meeting.
 - The committee voted 6 in favor 0 no 1 abstain
- Harlem Prime, LLC, d/b/a, “ Les Ambassades,” 2200 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, New York 10026 (Between 118th and 119th Street on the east side)
 - Harlem Prime, LLC came in January to do a presentation and submitted the application to the SLA. The bond that was required did not arrive on time. As a result, the application was denied and SLA instructed them to resubmit the application.
 - There are no changes in the application. It will just be a resubmission of the original resolution.
 - Les Ambassades has been there for 17 years. A lot of customers come for dinner or to host an event and purchase alcohol from outside. The increase of rent has also prompted the request for a Liquor License. There have been no incidents in Les Ambassades.
 - Harlem Prime, LLC also owns five locations including, Lenox Sapphire, Catch & Grill, Chez Lucienne, and Callie’s Tequeria and Tequila. Harlem Prime, LLC also now rents the floors above Chez Lucienne. The tentative opening for Catch & Grill will be in July. They have completed the build-out and are waiting for Con-Edison and the Fire Department inspection.
 - The committee voted 7 in favor 0 no 0 abstain
- Lambdany, Inc., 2256 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10027 (Between 133rd and 132nd Streets on the west side) – Full Liquor License
 - Lambda will be located in the old “PJ’s.” This is not their first business; their first business was Lambda Vodka. They worked with wine shops, restaurants, and liquor stores in Harlem and provided Vodka for various Harlem events.
 - The space will be entirely renovated and will look similar to “Harlem Hops” or “Renaissance”. There will be no live DJ or live music; it will be low-volume recorded music only. They have communicated with residents in the building who shared their experiences with “PJ’s.”
 - There will be 20 seats. The square footage is 1350.
 - They plan on employing 10 – majority bartenders.
 - The menu will be a bar-menu. There will consider possibly expanding the kitchen in the future. There will be a panini press and an air-fryer.
 - They used an app for their petitions, which only allowed for signatures, not addresses.
 - We requested that they resubmit petitions.
 - The entrance, interior, and bathroom are ADA compliant.
 - They plan on having events that target the LGBTQIA + community.
 - They are going to have security and will correct their application to include the third party security personnel.
 - They hope to open in October or November of 2019.
 - Lambda will be open six days a week (closed on Monday) and will be open from 5pm

to 4am.

- Mr. Chisolm lived above “PJ’s,” and had a negative experience with the noise level of the patrons gather outside, arguments, and smoking, and the music and bass level. He spoke with the owners and they have exchanged contact information. And promise that there will not be a raised noise level inside or outside the lounge. They will do sound (decibel) tests. All the bartenders will be trained in T.I.P.S a certification for bar tenders. They have looked at estimates for sound-proofing.
 - The committee voted 7 in favor 0 no 0 abstain
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- Karina Oshiro., d/b/a “Common Good, Harlem, Inc”, 2801 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10039 (Southwest corner of 149th Street) – Wine and beer
 - “Common Good, Harlem, Inc.” has been open for ten months. They serve coffee, baked goods, and light bites. They are looking to extend their hours with Wine and beer.
 - They host small events, like bridal showers and baby showers. They found at the showers customers wanted beer and wine.
 - Their customers are excited about the extended hours.
 - They employ four people and they all live in Harlem and Washington Heights. She hired the employees from posting in the window, Craigslist, and referral.
 - They collected several signatures from building residents and community residents, within just two days of customers coming into “Common Good, Harlem, Inc.”.
 - They collaborated with Harlem Doggie Day Spa for a coat-drive, collaborated with a private-chef and a teacher who led writing workshops. Karina hopes the community will continue to use the space for 30-person events.
 - Karina lives around the corner on 147th Street and this is her first business.
 - Karina modified her application to include recorded music and live disc jockey.
 - There were no concerns from the community.
 - The committee voted 5 in favor 0 no 2 abstain

3. DCA Sidewalk Café Application

Cove Lounge Inc., d/b/a, “Cove Lounge

- Craig Sidberry, the General Manager, Cove is expanding the number of tables outside, from eight to 11. The maximum for the enclosure is 16. There is already an existing barrier. The barrier will not be extended to expand the number of tables.
- Craig has a rapport with the tenants in the building and has not received any complaints.
- The sidewalk hours are stopped around 12:00 AM/12:30 AM.
- Craig estimated there are 24 employees.
- Cove has hosted several fundraisers for community members and book drives.
- There are no tenants in the unit above the lounge.
- On the weekend there is a strict dress code that is enforced.
- The committee voted 6 in favor 0 no 1 abstain

4. Old Business

5. New Business

• Announcement

- Mozel Watson, owner of Pompette Wine Shop, came to request support for opening a new wine shop. As an off-premise wine shop, they are not required to come before the community board. However, as a sommelier, they hope to open a wine shop that also offers educational classes about wine and wine pairings. They would like a letter of approval and support. They will come to our next meeting to present the project and formally request a letter of support from the committee.
- Committee Member Cheryl Smith, wants to invite the new management form

Best Yet Market to our next economic development meeting.

- We passed around the letter that is forwarded to new SLA applications. We will review the requirements and move to make a fill-able pdf form. We will also look into further training for the committee and board. We will also look into distilling the information into a shorter form for board presentations.
- Regarding the renewals we will also include the original applications and resolutions during our meetings.
- There will be a July meeting to accommodate as many of the committee member schedules as possible.
- Committee Member Carlene Pinto also encouraged the business owners to share their information about community events and philanthropic efforts.
- The business owners also mentioned concerns about Health inspections.

6. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at**