

## **Community Board 12 Licensing Committee**

Minutes, September 10, 2014

**Committee Members Present:** Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

**Committee Members Excused:** Terriell Peters

**Committee Members Absent:** Rolando Cespedes, Angela Sanchez

**CB12 Members Present:** Osi Kaminer, Richard Lewis

**CB12 Staff Members Present:** Debra Blow

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Welcome and Opening Remarks: Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair

1. Beans and Vines – 4799 Broadway, NYC 10034 Edson Familia (owner) appeared for an Alteration (approval (?), They are presently in a very small location at 4842 Broadway (on the east side of Broadway between Academy and 204th Streets) they will be moving to 4799 Broadway (on the west side, between Cummings and Academy in the closed Caridad Restaurant). The new location will be fully ADA accessible. They will have 18-20 tables with 40 chairs (significantly more than they have at the present location). They will be expanding their menu. They would like to extend their hours Su – Th 6 AM – 1 AM, F – Sat 6 AM – 2:30 AM. Neither the 34th Precinct nor the community had any objections. Yokarina Duarte asked that they meet with Council Member Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
2. El Nuevo Taino Restaurant Corp. Cristobalina Marine – Owner appeared late, after we had voted to reject, seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at 2228 Amsterdam Avenue between 170th and 171st Streets. They are open Mon – Fri 7 AM – 11 PM, Sat. They have 10 tables with 42 chairs. They have karaoke on weekends. They have 8 security cameras. She was not sure as to if the entry is ADA accessible but knows the bathroom is not. Their restaurant letter grade is an A. Neither the 33rd Pct nor the community raised any objections. Edith will arrange for the City Commission on Human Right to visit to look at the entry to assess its accessibility. Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez, comply with CCHR recommendations with regard to entrance, good neighbor sign, close at 2 AM, sound governor. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
3. R & M Restaurant Corp. (La Nueva Espana) Owner Manuel Perez appeared seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at 1261–1263 St. Nicholas Ave on the northwest corner of 173rd Street. They are open Mon – Th. 8 – 12 AM, Fr – Sa 8 – 4 AM, Su 8 – 2 AM. It has 22 tables with 76 chairs. Music is played on an iPod. They have 16 security cameras and 3 security personnel on weekends (Fri-Sun). The restaurant is ADA compliant. There are 24 employees and their capacity is 106. They have 3 emergency exits (including the front door). Their restaurant letter grade is an A. Neither the 33rd Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez, comply with CCHR recommendations with regard to entrance, good neighbor sign, close at 2 AM, good neighbor sign, sound governor. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)

4. Floridita Restaurant Uptown Inc., Representative Sonia appeared seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at 4162 Broadway (the southeast corner of 177th & Broadway). They are open 24 hours. They have 14 employees, 11 tables with 58 chairs. They are ADA compliant. Their restaurant letter grade is an A. Neither the 33rd Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
  
5. Pasapalos Inc. dba Marcha Cocina Bar, Owner Jairo ? Appeared seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at 4055 Broadway (between 170th – 171st Street on the west side of Broadway). They are open Su 11 – 11 PM, M – W 3 – 11 PM, Th 3 – midnight, Fri – Sat noon-midnight. They have 8 security cameras. They are ADA compliant. Their restaurant letter grade is an A. Neither the 33rd Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
  
6. Broadway & 166th LLC dba Dallas BBQ Owner Herb Wetanson and representative Joseph Shiegle appeared seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at 3956 Broadway (on the southeast corner of 166th Street) They are open M – Th 11 -12 Am, Fri-Sat noon– 1AM, Sn noon to midnight. The presently start serving alcohol at 11:30m AM. They are ADA compliant and have 88 employees. Their capacity is 177. They have 2 emergency exits. Their restaurant letter grade is an A. Neither the 33rd Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: Can only sell alcohol after 12 PM and meet with Councilman Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
  
7. Aero Lounge NYC LLC dba Skyline Lounge, Wilson Reynoso and Mark Morales – owners and William Penne – Manager appeared seeking a renewal of their On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The bar is located at 3847 10th Ave (on the east side of 10th Ave between 205-206th Streets). They are open Fr – Su 4 PM – 4 AM. They have 32 security cameras and 4 security personnel on weekends. They are ADA compliant. They have 6-12 employees depending on the night. . The capacity is 134 and they have 4 emergency exits. Their restaurant letter grade is an A. 34th Pct objects to this application, but provided no reason. Owners suggest it may have been as a result of a summons for disorderly conduct that they received as a result of a fight that took place outside. Stipulations: meet with Councilman Rodriguez and good neighbor sign. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
  
8. Broad Dyckman Car Service Inc., Bruno Genao appeared seeking a renewal of their Livery Car Base License. The base office is located at 200 Dyckman St. They have 122 green and livery. They have 90 parking spaces in 2 garages exceeding the TLC 50% requirement. They have no accessible vehicles but are in contract with Vega to provide accessible service. Neither the 34th Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: meet with Councilman Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)

9. J&H Restaurant Associates, Inc. dba Viva Tapas Bar & Lounge Julio Lizardo – Owner, appeared seeking approval of their initial unenclosed sidewalk café application. The restaurant is located at 65 Sherman Ave (at the northeast corner with Thayer Street) they have live music once a month. They know they cannot have speakers in the sidewalk café. The sidewalk café will be ADA compliant. The capacity is 60. There is 1 emergency exit. Neither the 34th Pct nor the community had any objection. Stipulations: Good neighbor sign, closing hours of 10 PM Mon – Th, midnight Fri-Su and meet with Councilman Rodriguez. 4 Votes in Favor (Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo)
10. South Beach Restaurant & Bar LLC, Alaa E. Zak appeared seeking approval for an initial unenclosed sidewalk café application. The restaurant is located at 1390 St Nicholas Ave on the east side of St Nicholas between 179-180 Streets). Their restaurant letter grade is an A. The café will have a single row of 8 tables with 32 seats (4 on each side of the door). They have a DJ or live music every few months. They know they cannot have speakers in the sidewalk café. The sidewalk café will be ADA compliant. Neither the 34th Pct nor the community had any objection. The Committee expressed concern that St Nicholas' sidewalk is very crowded in that area. Stipulations: Good neighbor sign, closing hours of 10 PM Mon – Th, midnight Fri-Su and meet with Councilman Rodriguez. Votes: 2 Yes (Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina) 1 No: Martin Restituyo
11. Floridita Bakery Corp. dba Floridita Broadway Bakery Raul Acosta – owner - appeared seeking approval for an initial unenclosed sidewalk café application. It is a bakery/pizza parlor located at 4187 (on the west side of Broadway between 177-178 Streets). They had previously applied for an enclosed sidewalk café and were denied by the City. When asked for his plans, Mr. Acosta presented the rejected plans. They are open 7 days a week from 5 AM to 11 PM. Inside, they have 9 tables with 12 chairs and stools at the counter with a capacity of 24. Outside they'd like to have 3 tables with 12 chairs. They have no music, security or security personnel. The bakery/pizza parlor has accessibility problems but he intend the sidewalk café to be ADA compliant. There are 2 emergency exits; their restaurant letter grade is an A. the 33rd Pct had no objection. The Committee expressed concern that the sidewalk is very busy and crowded and that they have a vestibule on the sidewalk with an ATM. Stipulations: Good neighbor sign, closing hours of 10 PM Mon – Th, midnight Fri-Su and meet with Councilman Rodriguez. Votes: 1 Yes: Isidro Medina / 2 No: Martin Restituyo, Edith Prentiss / 1 Abstain: Aldemar Diaz
12. Bleu Beauty Bar Inc. Evelyn Duran – Owner appeared requesting approval of a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The beauty parlor/bar is located at 264 Sherman Ave (on the west side of Sherman between 211st and 10th Ave). The bar will serve tapas. They will be open M –W 10AM–10PM, Th. 10 AM–midnight, Fr 10AM–1AM, Sa 9AM–1AM, Su 11AM–11PM. Music will be played on an iPod, there will be no live music. Both the beauty parlor and the bar are accessible. Only the bathroom in the beauty parlor is ADA compliant. , Accessible bathroom in beauty parlor, therefore customers needing the accessible bathroom will be allowed to pass through the otherwise locked door. The capacity of the bar is 40. There is no Restaurant Letter grade because they aren't open. The 34th Pct want a walk through.

Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez, good neighbor sign, meet with 34 Pct. Votes: Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

13. Burgos Restaurant Corp., appeared requesting approval of a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at .206 Dyckman St. They have a wine and beer license. Applicant for OPL not the present owner. Vote to table until proper owner appears before us  
Vote: 4 Yes (Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, and Martin Restituyo).
14. La Cervceria Inc. Nermesio Ordonez – Owner, Annie Ramirez – Rep from Miguel Acosta’s office appeared requesting approval of a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL) license. The restaurant is located at the ground floor of 120 Dyckman St (on the south side of Dyckman between Post-Nagle, Backing on Thayer). The restaurant will serve classic Spanish food. Indoor they plan to have 14 tables with 26 chairs/10 bar stools; the back patio will be 6 tables with 28 chairs. Music will be on an iPod. They will have 10 security cameras and 2 security personnel. They are not ADA compliant (small? Step from the sidewalk. They will have 12 employees. FDNY has not determined the capacity. There are 3 emergency exits. There is no Restaurant Letter grade because they aren’t open. The 34th Pct want a walk through. Restaurant Letter Grade N/A not yet open. 34th Precinct wants walk-thru. Owner claims that they need liquor to make sangria. Already have noise complaints from 9 Thayer St and have not even opened. There have been parties in the yard although no-one knows who had the party. The backyard is now fenced in. Under HL Art Gallery LLC Stipulations: Good neighbor sign, sound governor, meet with councilman, having a sound engineer render an opinion (will comply before opening but the place still requires 3 months to complete), to make ADA Compliant (at a minimum get a portable ramp), Stipulation: abide by Jackson Accord for the Patio, walk-thru with 34th precinct. Votes: Yes: Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina /No: Martin Restituyo /Abstain Aldemar Diaz
15. El Gran Valle IV Restaurant Inc. Felix Rosario – Owner, Anthony Torres – Rep appeared requesting approval of a new Restaurant Wine license. This is a family restaurant serving Dominican food. They are open Open 7 days a week currently open 7 AM – 12 AM, Fri – Sat but if they are approved for the license they want to stay open until 2 AM. The bathroom is not ADA compliant. Their Restaurant Letter Grade is pending. The 33rd Pct is withholding opinion until they meet. Issues about a sign mounted over the restaurant were raised. There is a school about 300 feet away and a Church about 100 feet away. They’ll have a security guard because there were issues with the previous owners and he is doing this as a precautionary matter. Sign that blocks the upstairs apartment window appears to be illegal. Stipulations: Get letter from DOB regarding the sign, good neighbor sign, sound governor, 1 AM closing time Fr. and Sat., security guard from 10 PM – 1 AM. Votes: Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina / Abstain: Martin Restituyo
16. 151 Dyckman Corp. dba Lotus Café (151 Dyckman St) submitted an application for a new applying for a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL). No one appeared and the mail was not returned by the post office, therefore this is a negative resolution. Votes Yeses: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

17. GEO 181 Inc. dba Bangkok Heights submitted an application for a new applying for a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL). No one appeared and the mail was not returned by the post office, therefore this is a negative resolution. Votes Yeses: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
18. Dyckman Hospitality LLC dba Uptown Social submitted an application for a new applying for a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL). No one appeared and the mail was not returned by the post office, therefore this is a negative resolution. Votes Yeses: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
19. Villa Lounge 2 Corp. dba Rose Revolution Beer Bar, Rosa Jimenez – President appeared requesting approval of a new On-Premises Liquor (OPL). This is a bar; music will be on an iPod. The entrance is ADA compliant but not the bathroom. There will be 1 security personnel daily. There will be 8-10 employees. There is no Restaurant letter grade yet. She has been there 1 year but were unable to open because the SLA denied original application because did not have a 5 year lease. She provided the Committee with a copy of the lease signed by Rosa Jimenez, who assured us that she is 100% owner of Villa Lounge 2 Corp. The 33 Pct is requiring a 2 AM closing time. Stipulations: Good neighbor sign, sound governor, meet with Councilman Rodriguez, Close at 2 AM, Votes: Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina / No: Martin Restituyo
20. HL Art Gallery LLC, CY Gomez – Owner appeared requesting approval of a new Wine and Beer license for events at the art gallery. They had gotten event licenses but that expires after three occasions. It is located on the second floor of 120 Dyckman St above #14 La Cerveceria. The hours of operation are Hours of operation 9 – 10PM. There are no tables, chairs or music. They are waiting on La Cerveceria to be completed when the FDNY will provide them with a capacity number. The 34th Pct has requested a walk-thru before giving an opinion. Thayer St neighbor complained about noisy party. Stipulations: Shall not have the appearance of a lounge. Not install permanent furniture. Good neighbor sign. Meet with Councilman Rodriguez. Votes: Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
21. Taqueria Los Jarritos Inc, Irene Hernandez – Owner appeared requesting approval of a new Restaurant Wine license. The restaurant is located at 121A Nagle Ave. It will be open 7 days a week from 9 AM to midnight. There will be 4 tables and 8 chairs. She had a restaurant with a wine license at 1555 St. Nicholas. She has 2 floors but plans to open only one floor now and one later on. Music will be by juke box. There are 5 security cameras. ADA compliance is questionable because it is so small. The 34th Pct has requested a walk-thru before giving an opinion. Stipulations: Meet with the precinct; meet with the councilman, good neighbor sign. Votes Yes: Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Aldemar Diaz / Abstain: Martin Restituyo
22. 805 V&S Foods Corp. (Vickie's) – Owner Vasiliki Limperis appeared requesting approval of a new Restaurant Wine license. The diner is located at 805 W. 187 St (on the north side between Ft Washington Ave and Cabrini). It is open Tu – sat 7 AM – 7:30 PM, Su. 8 AM – 6 PM, Mon close. The capacity is 34. Sometime she plays CDs. She has no security cameras or personnel. It is ADA compliant. There are 5 employees. There is 1 emergency exit. The

restaurant grade is an A. We discussed saturation concerns and dismissed them The 34th Pct has no objection. Stipulation: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez. Vote: Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

23. Lux Bar & Grill Corp., Owner Henry Reyes appeared requesting approval of a new Restaurant Wine license. This is a healthy restaurant is located at 92A Nagle Ave. The current hours are Current: Mon – Sat 8 AM – 10 PM, Sun 10 AM – 10 PM, Wants to expand hours to Su. – Th. 7 Am – 12 AM, 7 A – 2 AM. They are ADA compliant. The restaurant grade is an A. Stipulations: Meet with 34th, meet with Councilman Rodriguez, sound governor, good neighbor sign. Votes: Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
24. El Palacio Seafood Market Corp., Namum Ramirez - owner appeared requesting approval of a new Restaurant Wine license. This is a seafood restaurant/fish store located at 1049 St. Nicholas Ave. presently, they are open Current 10AM–midnight.If they are approved for the license, and they want to stay open until 3AM. They have 8 tables with 16 chairs. The music is on Pandora. They have no security cameras at this time but plan to add 6 in the next 2 months. Entrance is ADA compliant but not the restroom. Capacity is 25. Their Restaurant grade is pending. The 33rd Pct has no objection. Stipulations: kitchen & restaurant close at 1 AM, install cameras ASAP, good neighbor sign. Votes: Yes: Edith Prentiss, Aldemar Diaz, Isidro Medina / Abstain Martin Restituyo.
25. Kazza Corp. Jose Reyes, representative appeared requesting approval of a new Tavern Wine License Restaurant Wine license. Committee and CB approved their application for a restaurant wine which was denied by SLA because they do not have room for a kitchen. Stipulations: Meet with Councilman Rodriguez. Votes: Yes: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
26. 1 Guadalupe Victoria Inc., submitted an application for a new applying for a new Eating Place Beer License. No one appeared and the mail was not returned by the post office, therefore this is a negative resolution. Votes Yeses: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo
27. Tropical Spanish Food Corp., Felix Timeo – President appeared requesting approval of a new Eating Place Beer License. The restaurant is located at 3771 Broadway. Music is by an iPod. Neither the entrance nor the restroom is ADA compliant. Neither the 33rd Pct nor Council Member Levine expressed an opinion. Stipulations: Good neighbor, ramp for wheelchair accessible, sound governor. Votes Yeses: 4 Aldemar Diaz, Edith Prentiss, Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

Adjournment: