

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, November 12, 2015

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Chair; Isidro Medina, Assistant Chair; Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez.

Committee Members Excused: Angela Sanchez, Luis Tapia, Priscilla Mota-Willis (Excused due change of date because of Veteran's Day: meeting date moved from Wednesday to Thursday).

Committee Members Absent: None

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Community Members Present: Please note: The names listed below are a partial list. One of two sign-in sheets is missing. Angelo Garcia, Ramon Aquino, Jimmy Marine, Nancy Preston, Cheryl Miller, Tony Martignetti, Katherine O'Sullivan, Esmale Duarte, Danilo Polanco, Pablo Gomez, Guy Parisi, Benjamin Ramirez, Lori Sommer, Silvia Duran, Ariel Ferreira, and one name not included due to illegible handwriting.

NYPD:

34th Precinct: Lieutenant Warren Tom and Detective Haydee Pabey.

33rd Precinct: No representation and no email correspondence indicating any objections.

Minutes taken by: Arlene Schulman

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Aldemar Diaz, Chair – Meeting started at 7:45 pm

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses: Applicants are not required to be present

On-Premise Liquor License - Renewal

1. Agua Roja Bar & Restaurant Corp. dba Agua Roja Bar & Restaurant – 220 Nagle Avenue, (at the corner of Academy St.) – Applicant Questionnaire form missing

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal, on premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	

ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34th Precinct	The 34 th Precinct recommends more lights installed in front of the location and have security be more proactive in moving people along on the sidewalk in front of the premises.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez requests a meeting.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

2. Malecon Restaurant Corp. dba El Malecon Restaurant – 4141 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 175th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal, on premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	Pablo Gomez, co-owner PG@maleconrestaurants.com
Type of Establishment	Full service restaurant, liquor license, food license, Spanish food
Hours of Operation	Sunday through Thursday: 8 am to 1 am Friday and Saturday: 8 am to 2 am
Tables/Chairs	Inside: 26 tables, 104 chairs Outside: 10 tables, 40 chairs
Music	iPod, background music
Security Cameras	Total – 16: Inside: 3 in basement, 3 in kitchen, 7 in dining area Outside: 3
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	Full-time – 20 Part-time - 10
Capacity	119
Emergency Exits	2 fire exits in dining room 1 fire exit in kitchen 1 fire exit in basement
33rd Precinct	No comment
Community Comments	No comment
Stipulations	None

Notes	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez did not request a meeting.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4-0/Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

3. International Drink Group Inc. dba Buddha Beer Bar – 4476 Broadway, (bet. Fairview Ave & W. 193rd St.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal, on-premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	James Lee
Type of Establishment	Restaurant, bar serving American food
Hours of Operation	Monday to Thursday, Sunday: 12 pm to 2 am Friday and Saturday: 11 am to 3 am
Tables/Chairs	Inside: no number of tables listed – 62 seats Outside: no number of tables listed - 10
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	16
Security Personnel	Yes – 1 on Fridays and Saturdays
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	By the main entrance
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez requests a meeting.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

Restaurant Wine License - Renewal

4. El Guanaco Restaurant & Pupuseria – 4195 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 178th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal, restaurant wine license
Owner/Representative	Benjamin Ramirez
Type of Establishment	Spanish restaurant

Hours of Operation	Monday to Friday: 11 am to 11 pm Saturday to Sunday: 11 am to 2 am
Tables/Chairs	Indoor only: 8 tables, 32 chairs, 4 seats by the bar
Music	Juke box
Security Cameras	2 (location not noted)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Entrance – yes. Restroom – no.
Employees	2 part-time
Capacity	36
Emergency Exits	One by the entrance
33rd Precinct	No comment as precinct rep was not in attendance and no email received objecting to this license
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	No
Notes	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez requests a meeting.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

Alteration to Existing Method of Operation

5. Corcho Corp. dba Corcho Wine Room – 227 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Broadway Avenues.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Alteration: To serve alcohol within the confines of the sidewalk café (establishment has a sidewalk café permit but only a temporary permit to serve alcohol within the sidewalk cafe).
Owner/Representative	Danilo Polanco Corchowineroom.com
Type of Establishment	Wine room, tapas
Hours of Operation	Monday through Sunday – 5 am to 2 am
Tables/Chairs	Indoor: 4 tables, 35 stools Outdoor: 8 tables, 16 seats
Music	Juke box and live music
Security Cameras	Inside – 4 / Outside 2 (front and back doors)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	3 full time and 1 part time
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1 in the front and one in the back

34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	Members of the community complained about smoking in the outdoor seating area. Applicant agrees to move people to seating as far away from the building as possible if and when patrons light up.
Stipulations	Applicant agrees to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. close the sidewalk café at 10 pm from Mondays through Thursdays and 12 am (midnight) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings 2. agrees to post a Good Neighbor sign in English and in Spanish.
Notes	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez does not require a meeting. Applicant is in possession of a full liquor license and sidewalk café license. Live music takes place from two to five nights during the week.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

6. Café Mathias Inc. dba Café De Broadway – 4996 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 212th Street.) Application questionnaire form received but missing

New or Renewal?	Alteration: Adding a DJ
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Aurelia Taveras, Representative
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34th Precinct	No objection

Community Comments	Members of the community complained of loud music that could be heard while walking across the street and on Park Terrace East. A record of specific dates and times was not given. Residents who live above the establishment were not present to offer their opinion.
Stipulations	<p>The applicant agrees to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. open from 5 pm to 12am (midnight) until April 2016 when license is up for renewal. The DJ alteration will be revisited and reviewed at this time. 2. Install soundproofing 3. Consult with a certified sound engineer 4. Provide a copy indicating that sound proofing has been completed 5. Check in with the 34th Precinct Neighborhood Coordinating Officer on a monthly basis to discuss and remediate any complaints from neighbors 6. Meet with the 34th Precinct to discuss any issues prior to CB12's General Meeting 7. Post a Good Neighbor Notice in English and in Spanish
Notes	<p>Restaurant rep notes that the business has been in operation for four years and has responded to community concerns in terms of type of food being served. The menu, at first, consisted of organic items but since not enough customers patronizing the venue, the organic menu was nixed in favor of non-organic.</p> <p>A suggestion was made by a member of the committee that where the placement of the DJ inside of the restaurant is critical, meaning further away from the door means less sound traveling outside. Applicant has agreed that placement of the DJ and equipment is essential and will consult with a sound engineer.</p> <p>Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez has requested a meeting.</p>
Committee Vote	<p>(Indicate names)</p> <p>Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez)</p> <p>No: 0</p> <p>Abstain: 0</p> <p>Not Voting: 0</p>

C. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

7. Vida In China LLC. – Chino Latino – 122 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Post Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New, on-premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	Carmen Osorio susana@mamajuanacafenyc.com
Type of Establishment	Restaurant, Latin, and hibachi
Hours of Operation	Monday to Thursday – 1 pm to 1 am Friday to Saturday – 1 pm to 3 am Sunday – 1 pm to 2 am
Tables/Chairs	1 st floor: 15 tables, 30 chairs, 5 bar stools. 2 nd floor: 5 hibachi tables, 51 seats; 7 tables, 14 chairs. Rooftop: 6 tables, 24 chairs. Patio: 5 tables, 14 chairs
Music	iPad, computer
Security Cameras	24 total: Outside: 4 Inside: 4 basement, 6 on 1 st floor, 6 on 2 nd floor, 4 on rooftop
Security Personnel	As needed on weekend only, 1
ADA Compliant?	First floor and patio only
Employees	30 full time
Capacity	124 people (on all floors, including patio)
Emergency Exits	2 exits in front, one in back
34th Precinct	No objection.
Community Comments	Members of the community noted and complimented the professionalism and cooperation of the owner who also owns MamaSushi (corner of Dyckman and Seaman).
Stipulations	The owner has agreed to <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. meet with the 34th Precinct prior to the general meeting,2.2. agrees to install soundproofing3. agrees to post a Good Neighbor sign and a no smoking sign in English and in Spanish outside of the restaurant outside of the restaurant.

	<p>According to the applicant:</p> <p>Construction begins in January and the opening is scheduled for on or near February 14th.</p> <p>There will be no DJ on the premises.</p> <p>The hibachi “show” will be a one hour timed show.</p> <p>The applicant met with the 34th Precinct prior to appearing before the CB.</p> <p>Valet parking will be in effect, with spaces reserved with two garages. The same valet company used by 809 will be contracted.</p> <p>Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez has requested a meeting.</p>
Committee Vote	<p>(Indicate names)</p> <p>Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez)</p> <p>No: 0</p> <p>Abstain: 0</p> <p>Not Voting: 0</p>

8. Entre Amigo Restaurant & Bar – 2244 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 172nd Street.) APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

New or Renewal? License Type	New, on premise liquor license/Application withdrawn
Owner/Representative	Jimmy Marine, owner Angelo Garcia
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	

Notes	The applicant withdrew their application and will resubmit at a later date as they did not have a floor plan or menu with them.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: No: Abstain: Not Voting:

9. D Sports Bar Billiards Corp. – 3775 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 202nd & W. 203rd Street.)

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

New or Renewal? License Type	
Owner/Representative	Aurelia Taveras, representative Santiago Flores, owner
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Application withdrawn due to incomplete floor plans. Applicant will present at a later time.
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 0 No: Abstain: Not Voting:

10. 186 Sushi Restaurant Inc. dba MIA Sushi – 1506 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 186th & W. 185th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New, on premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira, representative Ana Atiarantha, owner

Type of Establishment	Restaurant and bar, sushi steakhouse
Hours of Operation	Monday through Sunday – 4 pm to 4 am
Tables/Chairs	Tables – 30 / Chairs – 60 / Bar Stools - 9
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	Not listed
Security Personnel	4 NYS Licensed Security Guards
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	30 full-time
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	One in the front, one in the back
34th Precinct	The 34 th Precinct requests a meeting, applicant has agreed. The precinct notes that “they have met with representatives several times and changes have been implemented which seem to be working. The location has show improvement.”
Community Comments	No comments
Stipulations	The applicant agrees to 1. install soundproofing 2. post a Good Neighbor sign in English and Spanish 3. contact the 34 th Precinct’s Neighborhood Coordinating Officer via email on a monthly basis to discuss any concerns, complaints, etc.

Notes	<p>According to the restaurant's representative:</p> <p>The restaurant was sold to its current owner several months ago and the owner is aware of past noise issues and an incident outside of the restaurant in March 2015. According to news reports, a fight started in the restaurant and one man was shot and another beaten in front of the restaurant at approximately 4:15 am. However, the new owner has no affiliation with the old owner and has indicated that the past is behind them.</p> <p>The restaurant is undergoing new branding (but keeping the old name) to distinguish it from its previous design and reputation.</p> <p>The restaurant's representative indicated that the owners have employed a former NYPD lieutenant to serve as a security consultant. Seven staff members, including those serving alcohol have completed TIPS training. TIPS is the acronym for Training for Intervention Procedures and is a "skills-based program designed prevent intoxication, drunk driving, and underage drinking (gettips.com).</p> <p>The owner and rep have agreed to meet with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez and have indicated that talks have begun.</p>
Committee Vote	<p>(Indicate names)</p> <p>Yes: 3 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman)</p> <p>No: 0</p> <p>Abstain: 1 (Estevez)</p> <p>Not Voting: 0</p>

Restaurant Wine License

11. Novvo Restaurant Inc. – 5009 Broadway, (bet. W. 213th & W. 214th Streets.)

New or Renewal?	New, restaurant license
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Esmale Duarte and Maria Rosario
Type of Establishment	Restaurant, Wine/Beer, Latin Fusion
Hours of Operation	Monday to Thursday – 4pm to 12am Friday and Saturday – 4pm to 1am Sunday – 11am to 11pm
Tables/Chairs	18 tables, 46 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	4 cameras – by the cash register, office, and seating area

Security Personnel	Noted in stipulations: The owners agree to hire one security guard from Thursday through Sunday, from 8:15 pm to 12:15 pm (closing time)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	66
Capacity	55
Emergency Exits	One in the front, one on the side
34th Precinct	The 34 th Precinct requests a meeting, applicant has agreed. The precinct notes that “historically, the location has been a problem with after hours and several fights. Oppose (sic) to this location due to prior history.”
Community Comments	<p>Members of the community met with the owners prior to CB 12’s Licensing Committee meeting and sent a synopsis via email to CB12. The details were presented at the meeting and included concerns about the operations of the former establishment, Hashi and the revocation of its license, previous incidents of noise, fights, loud music, cars honking, and other issues affecting the neighbors. Residents – in their meeting and as noted in the email – opposed hookah and security. A compromise was made and hookah will be permitted from 9:30 pm until closing and one security guard will be hired on a part-time basis. Hookah was opposed due to health concerns and the owners were open (not a stipulation) to look into extractors to remove the hookah smoke or vapors. It was pointed out that the cost is quite expensive but they will consider it as they move forward. Neighbors objected to a security guard saying that these are not hallmarks of a restaurant. It was noted by a committee member that other restaurants in the community and the city do have security.</p> <p>Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez has requested a meeting.</p>

Stipulations	<p>The owners have agreed to operate with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. no valet parking 2. no DJ 3. no live music 4. no karaoke 5. no dancing 6. establishment will not apply for a cabaret license 7. no bottle service 8. no hookah service until 9:30 pm or later 9. not using the name Novvo (it is being changed to Maramana) as the name has a past history with a nightclub in Queens 10. one security guard will be hired to work from Thursday through Sunday – 8:15 pm to 12:15 am (closing) 11. contact the 34th Precinct's Neighborhood Coordinating Officer on a monthly basis via email to review any 311 complaints and any other concerns from the neighbors. 12. Post a Good Neighbor notice in English and in Spanish.
Notes	<p>This establishment is on the site of the former Hashi restaurant.</p> <p>Security will be provided to move people along.</p> <p>Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez requests a meeting.</p>
Committee Vote	<p>(Indicate names)</p> <p>Yes: 3 (Medina, Schulman, Estevez)</p> <p>No: 1 (Diaz)</p> <p>Abstain: 0</p> <p>Not Voting: 0</p>

12. Dyckman Billiards Café Inc. – 100 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Nagle Avenue.)

APPLICANT WITHDRAWN – Applicant not present

New or Renewal?	
License Type	
Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	

Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Applicant not present
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 0 No: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

D. New Business/Adjournment

13. Grito Mexican Grill – 1555 St. Nicholas Ave (between 187th and 188th Streets)

New or Renewal? License Type	New – upgrade to full liquor license from beer and wine
Owner/Representative	Silvia Duran gritoville@gmail.com
Type of Establishment	Restaurant serving Mexican food, bar
Hours of Operation	Monday to Thursday: 11 am to 1 am Friday to Sunday: 11 am to 2 am
Tables/Chairs	Inside: 14 tables, 34 chairs, 8 seats at the bar Outside: seating 18
Music	iPod, live music
Security Cameras	11 cameras: Inside: 5 in the dining room, 1 in hallway leading to restroom, 3 in the kitchen Outside: 2
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	No (hallway too narrow to get to the restroom)
Employees	10
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1 – main entrance
34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	This applicant came under new business as this establishment was not included on the agenda. The applicant said that they were omitted by the office in error.

Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 (Diaz, Medina, Schulman, Estevez) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0
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