Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, September 9, 2015

Committee Members Present: Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro Medina,

Priscilla Mota-Willis

Committee Members Excused: Aldemar Diaz

Committee Members Absent:

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present:

- A. Welcome & Opening Remarks Isidro Medina, Assistant Chair
- **B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:**

On-Premise Liquor License

1. Claro De Luna 524 W. 207th Street (bet. Post & Sherman Ave)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Representative – Miguel Acosta
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	5pm – 4 am 7days a week
Tables/Chairs	
	30 tables, 60 chairs
Music	Ipod - DJ
Security Cameras	12
Security Personnel	Yes (3, licensed, as needed)
ADA Compliant?	yes
Employees	6
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis
	No:
	Abstain:
	Not Voting:

2. La Estufa. Inc. dba Cavala Café 5025-5035 Broadway at the corner of W. $215^{\rm th}$ street

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Miguel Acosta owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant/bar
Hours of Operation	Sunday 1pm – 2am Mon-Thurs. 5pm – 2am Friday 5pm – 3am
	Sat 1pm- 3am
Tables/Chairs	20 tables, 44 chairs, 4 bar stools inside; 8 tables, 16 chairs
	outside
Music	iPod-DJ
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	Yes (1, licensed, Friday & Saturday)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	12
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	Objection
Community Comments	Community had 78 written complaints by community saying
	restaurant is not a good neighborhood. Valet parking, live music
Chinalations	and clinking of dishes, loud talking etc.
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	
	Yes:
	No: 3 (Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	Abstain: 2 (Luis Tapia, Angela Schulman)
	Not Voting:

3. 4060 Broadway Rest Inc. dba Aquamarina – 4060 Broadway (at the corner of W. 171st Street)

New or Renewal?	Renewal License
License Type	

Owner/Representative	Omara Reyes (owner)
Type of Establishment	Italian Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thurs. 11am -11pm Friday-Saturday 11am-midnight
Tables/Chairs	12 tables, 32 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	11
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

4. El Rancho Los Compadres Corp. 110 Sherman Avenue, (bet. Dyckman & Academy Streets.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Miguel Acosta Representative – Owner Mrs. Benancia Gonzalez
Type of Establishment	Mexican Tavern/Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7 days a week 5pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	60 tables, ~180 chairs
Music	DJ/iPad/computer
Security Cameras	20
Security Personnel	4-6, varies throughout the week
ADA Compliant?	yes
Employees	8
Capacity	200
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 3 (Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	Abstain: 2 (Luis Tapia, Angela Schulman
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

5. Restaurant La Libertad – 3764 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 156th Street.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	Latin Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am – 12pm
Tables/Chairs	13 tables, 30 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	3
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 2 (Angela, Isidro)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 3 (Luis, Priscilla, Domingo)
	Not Voting: 0

6. YU Sushi Inc. – 827 W. 181st Street (at the corner of w. 156th street.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Yidi Lin, Owner
Type of Establishment	Japanese restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon – Sat 12pm – 11pm Sun 2pm – 10:30pm
Tables/Chairs	34 chairs
Music	Recorded music (iPad)
Security Cameras	4

Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	8
Capacity	34
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

7. Cabana Salvadorena Restaurant, 4384 Broadway

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Juana Lozano, Representative
Type of Establishment	Salvadoran Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7 days a week Mon – Sun 10:30am – 10pm Fri-Sat 10am – 11pm
Tables/Chairs	50
Music	Juke box
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	No
Employees	6
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	No Objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

Restaurant Wine License

8. Ceci Restaurant Inc. 78 Sherman Ave (between Thayer & Dyckman Street)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Wendis Fernandez
Type of Establishment	Latin Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7 days a week 7am-1am
Tables/Chairs	12 tables, ~44 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	6
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	yes
Employees	6
Capacity	65
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting:

9. 207th Street Lina Restaurant Inc. dba El Lina Restaurant – 500A W 207th Street

New or Renewal?	Renewal (Wine License)
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Santiago Quezada
Type of Establishment	Dominican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	6am – 1am 7 days a week
Tables/Chairs	44 chairs
Music	jukebox
Security Cameras	1
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	15
Capacity	44
Emergency Exits	1

33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No:
	Abstain:
	Not Voting:

10. Café Sahara Inc. 4026 10th Avenue, (at the corner of w. 215th street)

New or Renewal?	Alteration to Method of Operation
License Type	Alteration to Wethou of Operation
Owner/Representative	Luis Carela President/Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, 4pm-2am, Fri & Sat, 4pm-3am; wants to stay open till
	4am
Tables/Chairs	15 tables, 30 chairs
Music	iPod; DJ on weekends
Security Cameras	16
Security Personnel	2 on weekends
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	15
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 would like to sit down with owner to review new method of
	operation.
Community Comments	The public is concerned about asking to stay open so late on
	Sundays.
Stipulations	Keep Sunday open till 2am only; meet with representatives of
	the 34th Precinct to discuss ongoing public safety and quality of
	life concerns
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 3
	No: 0
	Abstain: 2
	Not Voting:

Eating Place Beer License

11. El Nuevo Jobo Restaurant & Bar Inc. – 3915 Broadway, at the corner of w 164th street

New or Renewal?	The applicant withdrew this application from consideration.
License Type	
Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	

12. Rush Tapas Bar, Inc. 586 w. 207th Street (at the corner of Vermilyea Ave)

New or Renewal?	Corporate Change
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira
Type of Establishment	Tapas Bar
Hours of Operation	11am – 2am
Tables/Chairs	7 tables, 25 chairs, 10 bar stools
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	8 inside 2 outside
Security Personnel	2 starting at 11pm
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5- (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting:

Alteration to Existing Kitchen and Bar

13. 21 Bar Corp. 4318 Broadway (at the corner of w 184th Street)

New or Renewal?	Corporate Change
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira
Type of Establishment	Bikini Bar
Hours of Operation	8pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	5 tables, 29 seats
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	6
Security Personnel	2, licensed
ADA Compliant?	Entrance only; bathroom inaccessible due to limited space
Employees	8
Capacity	40
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No:
	Abstain:
	Not Voting:

Alteration to Existing Method of Operation

14. R&M Restaurant Corp. 1261-1263 St. Nicholas Ave. (at the corner of w. 173rd Street)

New or Renewal?	Corporate Change
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Manuel Toribio
Type of Establishment	Restaurant

Hours of Operation	Mon – Thus.
	8am – 12pm
	Friday-Saturday
	8am-4am
	Sunday
	8am-2am
Tables/Chairs	22
Music	I-pod Music
Security Cameras	12
Security Personnel	3, licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	8
Capacity	120
Emergency Exits	3
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting:

C. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License:

15. Kismat Indian Restaurant Inc. – 603 Ft. Washington Ave (at the corner of W 187th Street)

New or Renewal?	Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe
License Type	
Owner/Representative	No one appeared to represent this business.
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	

Restaurant Letter Grade	
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 0
	No: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting:

D. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License:

16. Grito Mexican Grill – 1555 St. Nicholas Ave (at the corner of w. 173rd Street)

New or Renewal?	Unenclosed sidewalk café
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Arelia Taveras
Type of Establishment	Mexican restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am-12am Mon-Thu
	11am – 2am Friday-Sunday
Tables/Chairs	12 tables, 24 chairs
Music	Ambient
Security Cameras	12
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	5
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th precinct expressed concern with this sidewalk café being
,	opened
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Meet with 34th Precinct to discuss sidewalk café; operate
·	Sun – Thu until 10pm; Friday & Saturday until 12:00am
Notes	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 4 Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Isidro Medina,
	Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 1 Luis Tapia
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

17. G.T.N.Y Car Service Inc. 177 Sherman Ave (at the corner of w 204th street)

New or Renewal?	NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission New Livery Base License
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Luis Liriano
Type of Establishment	Taxi Base
Hours of Operation	24/7
Music	None
Security Cameras	4
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	Concerns regarding traffic congestion and horn honking
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 5 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Luis Tapia, Isidro
	Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission New Livery Base License:

18. Gallant Car Service Corp. 5030 Broadway (bet W. 213 & 214 Street)

New or Renewal?	Car Service
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Socrates Martinez
Type of Establishment	Car Service
Hours of Operation	24/7
Security Cameras	20
Employees	10 drivers, 2 dispatchers
33 rd /34 th Precinct	Concerned about double parking
Community Comments	Concerns about horn honking and the impact on street parking
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 3 (Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Isidro Medina)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 2 (Luis Tapia, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	Not Voting: 0

E. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

19. Humberto's Rice & Bean LLC – 1318 St. Nicholas Ave (at the corner of W. 176th Street)

New or Renewal?	New
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Alberto De Leon
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	24 hours 7 days a week (alcohol served noon-2am daily)
Tables/Chairs	10 tables 40 chairs
Music	iPod, CDs
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	6
Capacity	63
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Liquor only served from 12am -2am 7days a week
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 3 Arlene Schulman, Domingo Estevez, Isidro Medina
	No: 0
	Abstain: 2 (Luis Tapia, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	Not Voting:

20. JR Primos II Restaurant Corp. 4986 Broadway (at the corner of W. 211th Street)

New or Renewal?	Wine/Beer
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Robely Grullon
Type of Establishment	Latin Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thurs. 7am-11pm Friday, Sat, Sun7am – 12am
Tables/Chairs	8 tables 28 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	5
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1

33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th would like a walk through/meeting
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 4 (Arlene Schulman, Luis Tapia, Isidro Medina, Priscilla
	Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

21. Inwood Beer Garden & Bistro, Inc. dba Inwood 12 Bar & Grill – 4892 Broadway

New or Renewal?	New License
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Maria Figueroa
Type of Establishment	American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun – Tue, 11am-2am; Wed-Sat, 11am-4am
Tables/Chairs	110 chairs, 63 tables
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	46
Security Personnel	3-6, licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	40
Capacity	250
Emergency Exits	4
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th would like to have a meeting
Community Comments	Concerns regarding backyard noise and valet parking
Stipulations	Agreed to close Wed & Thu at 2:00am; close patio at 11pm
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 3 (Luis Tapia, Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 1 (Arlene Schulman)
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

Restaurant Wine License

22. Kon'to Euro Caribbean Cuisine Corp. 261-267 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Payson Avenue)

New or Renewal?	New
License Type	

Owner/Representative	Robert DiMarko, Owner
Type of Establishment	Italian seafood restaurant
Hours of Operation	7 days of week 11am – 1am
Tables/Chairs	75
Music	Ambient, no jukebox
Security Cameras	20
Security Personnel	1-2
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	30
Capacity	113
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th Precinct commented that there are too many bars on this
	street; noise is a concern.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 1
	No: 3
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

Eating Place Beer License

23. JAPP Drink Corp. 704 W. 177th Street at the corner of Broadway

New or Renewal?	New
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira, rep.
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Bar
Hours of Operation	7am-12midnight
Tables/Chairs	4 tables, 18 seats
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	7
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	yes
Employees	10
Capacity	10
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 3 - Luis Tapia, Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 1 Arlene Schulman
	Not Voting:

24.

186 Sushi Restaurant Inc. 1506 St. Nicholas Ave (bet w. 185 & 186th Street)

New or Renewal?	Applicant removed application due to personal emergency
License Type	
Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	

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New or Renewal? License Type	#25 Hudson Heights Bar & Grill
Owner/Representative	Miguel Acosta
Type of Establishment	Restaurant/Bar
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thu ,12-2am Friday/Saturday, 12-4am
Tables/Chairs	10 tables, 24 chairs, 11 bar stools
Music	iPod, DJ
Security Cameras	24
Security Personnel	2, Fri & Sat
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th wants to meet with owner
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Remove DJ Post Good Neighbor sign Install Sound Governor Hire Sound Engineer to Make sure noise is mitigated. Meet with 34 th Pct.
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names) Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

New or Renewal?	#26 Jasper Juice
License Type	
Owner/Representative	No one appeared before the Committee regarding this
Type of Establishment	application.
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 0
	No: 4
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

New or Renewal?	#27 Sabor Tropical Restaurant Corp
License Type	New Restaurant Wine license
Owner/Representative	Mrs. Dianelba Santos
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	6am-11:30pm
	7 days
Tables/Chairs	5
Music	None
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	4
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	34 th Precinct would like to meet with owner
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Meet with 34 th Precinct, submit floor plans to Board office within
	7 days
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 4 (Arlene, Luis, Isidro, Priscilla)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

New or Renewal?	NEW
License Type	
	#28 Burger Heights
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira
Type of Establishment	Burger Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am-11pm
Tables/Chairs	8, 36 seats
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	17
Security Personnel	No
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	13
Capacity	59
Emergency Exits	2
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 4 (Arlene, Luis, Isidro, Priscilla)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0

New or Renewal?	#29 Taqueria Los
License Type	Jarritos
	Beer
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira
Type of Establishment	Mexican Deli
Hours of Operation	9-12am
Tables/Chairs	3 tables, 6 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	5
Capacity	20
Emergency Exits	1
33 rd /34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Meeting with 34 th Precinct
Notes	
Committee Vote	(Indicate names)
	Yes: 4 (Arlene, Luis, Isidro, Priscilla)
	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Not Voting: 0