

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Isidro Medina, Jennifer Chung, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Domingo Estevez and Pricilla Mota-Willis.

Committee Members Excused: None

Committee Members Absent: Angela Sanchez

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Ebenezer Smith

Community Members Present: Elizabeth Rizarro, Michael J LaRue, Wilson Fuentes, Christopher Gray, Helmi Gomez, Nancy Preston, Cheryl Miller, Veronica Guerrero, Andrew Caraballo, Danilo B Polanco, Katherine O’Sullivan and Hector M Tirado.

33rdPrecinct Representative: NA

34thPrecinct Representative: Police Officer Matthew Pena

Minutes: Gerard A Dengel

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Aldemar Diaz, Chair

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:

On-Premises Liquor License

1. Café Sahara Inc. – 4026 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 215th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Areliá Tavaras, Representative & Luis Carela, Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sunday-Thursday; 4pm-2am Friday & Saturday; 4pm-3am
Tables/Chairs	19 tables of 2 seats, 5 tables of 4 seats, 1 table of 8 seats & 12 counter seats. Total Seating=98
Music	Ambient Background; I-Pad Music Fri/Sat/Sun
Security Cameras	20 cameras throughout; 10 front seating, 5 exterior & 5 rear seating.

Security Personnel	Only on weekends w/ Two licensed security.
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	120
Emergency Exits	4 exits front.
34thPrecinct	-No objections. -Noted that an arrest of employee had been made on March 11, 2016 for sale of alcohol to minor.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. - Community had no objections.
Stipulations	-A sound limiter will be connected to any and all equipment at all times. -All employees who serve alcohol will complete ATAP training before June 28, 2016.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

2. Vida Café Inc. dba Mamajuana Café – 243-249 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Payson Avenues.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Victor Santos-Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Lounge
Hours of Operation	Sunday-Thursday; 11AM-2AM Friday-Saturday; 11AM-4AM
Tables/Chairs	Inside: 54 tables,108 chairs,8 bar stools Outside: 44 tables,89 chairs
Music	iPod/DJ
Security Cameras	25 cameras: 2 front outside & 23 inside.
Security Personnel	3-5 Security staff (All Licensed)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	50 Employees
Capacity	189
Emergency Exits	2 exits at each end of restaurant.
34thPrecinct	-No Objections. -30 noise complaints to date this year had been registered. -Confirmed that there had been an altercation between Bouncer & Resident.

Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. -Noise complaints from several community residents were noted. -Community resident noted that an altercation between a bouncer and resident had previously occurred. -Applicant noted a history of conflict with this resident and advised that said Bouncer was terminated and Security Staff were receiving additional training.
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 7 (Diaz,Medina,Chung,Cruz,Dengel,Domingo & Mota-Willis) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

3. Inwood Restaurant Corp. dba La Nueva Espana – 606 W. 207th Street, (bet. Vermilyea & Broadway Aves.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Joanna Francisco-President
Type of Establishment	Restaurant with Bar.
Hours of Operation	7am-1am; Seven days a week.
Tables/Chairs	24-Tables 84-Chairs 0-Bar Stools
Music	IPad; Karaoke Sat & Sun from 10pm-1am.
Security Cameras	13 cameras Inside-12 Outside-1
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	22
Capacity	120
Emergency Exits	1-Emergency exit located in front of premise.
34thPrecinct	No objections.
Community Comments	-Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. -No objections noted from Community.
Stipulations	
Notes	Change bathroom signs (remove women) to clearly indicate bathroom that is handicapped accessible. -Restaurant has A rating.

Committee Vote	Yes: 7 (Diaz,Medina,Chung,Cruz,Dengel,Domingo & Mota-Willis) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:
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4. Corcho Corp. dba Corcho Wine Room – 227 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Seaman Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Danilo B Polanco
Type of Establishment	Bar & Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon-Fri; 12 Noon-3am Fri & Sun; 11am-3am
Tables/Chairs	5 tables & 32 chairs-Inside 8 tables & 16 chairs-Outside
Music	-Juke Box and iPad. -Live music four (4) times a week. -Sound limiter installed.
Security Cameras	4 inside, 1 front & 1 back.
Security Personnel	None.
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	2 full time employees & 2 part time employees.
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34thPrecinct	No objections.
Community Comments	-Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. -No objections noted from Community.
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 7 (Diaz,Medina,Chung,Cruz,Dengel,Domingo & Mota-Willis) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

Restaurant Wine License

5. Sylvia L. Duran dba Grito Mexican Grill – 1555 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 188th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Areliá Tavaras, Representative & Sylvia Duran, Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Bar

Hours of Operation	M-Th; 11:30am-Midnight Fri-Sun; 11:30am-1am
Tables/Chairs	Tables: 16 (8 inside & 8 outside) Chairs: 38 (22 inside & 16 outside)
Music	IPad
Security Cameras	9 Total; 2-Kitchen, 3-Dining Area, 2 Bar area & 2-Outside.
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	No
Employees	7
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1 Exit in Front of store, same as entrance
34th Precinct	No Objections
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	
Notes	A Rating
Committee Vote	Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

Alteration to Existing Method of Operation

6. Café Sahara Inc. – 4026 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 215th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Alteration to Existing Method of Operation
Owner/Representative	Arelia Tavaras, Representative & Luis Carela, Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sunday-Thursday; 4pm-2am Friday & Saturday; 4pm-3am
Tables/Chairs	19 tables of 2 seats, 5 tables of 4 seats, 1 table of 8 seats & 12 counter seats. Total Seating=98
Music	Ambient Background; I-Pad Music Fri/Sat/Sun
Security Cameras	20 cameras throughout; 10 front seating, 5 exterior & 5 rear seating.
Security Personnel	Only on weekends w/ Two licensed security.
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	120
Emergency Exits	4 exits in front.

34thPrecinct	-No objections. -Note that an arrest of employee had been made on March 11, 2016 for sale of alcohol to minor.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. - Community had no objections.
Stipulations	-A sound limiter will be connected to any and all equipment at all times. -All employees who serve alcohol will complete ATAP training before June 28, 2016.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

7. Vida Café Inc. dba Mamajuana Café – 243-249 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Payson Avenues.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Alteration to Existing Method of Operation.
Owner/Representative	Victor Santos-Representative
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Security Personnel	3-5 Security staff (All Licensed)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	50
Capacity	189
Emergency Exits	2 exits at each end of restaurant.
34thPrecinct	-No Objections. -30 noise complaints to date this year had been registered. -Confirmed that there had been an altercation between Bouncer & Resident.

Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. -Noise complaints from several community residents were noted. -Community resident noted that an altercation between a bouncer and resident had previously occurred. -Applicant noted a history of conflict with this resident and advised that this Bouncer was terminated and Security Staff were receiving additional training.
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 7 (Diaz,Medina,Chung,Cruz,Dengel,Domingo & Mota-Willis) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

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

8. Maja’s Tapas Restaurant Bar Inc. – 229 Dyckman Street, (bet. Broadway & Seaman Avenues.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License
Owner/Representative	Areliá Tavaras, Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am-4am Sidewalk Café Hours: M-Thurs; 11am-Midnight.
Tables/Chairs	6 tables & 15 chairs
Music	Background w/ sound limiter No music outside
Security Cameras	2 outside. 15 inside.
Security Personnel	Yes-weekends only.
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	4 employees.
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1 fire exit/1 front exit.
34thPrecinct	No Objections.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application.
Stipulations	-A sound limiter will be connected to any and all equipment at all times. -Prominently display a Good Neighbor sign in English & Spanish.
Notes	

Committee Vote	Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Not Voting:
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9. Eskina 214 Corp. dba Café Tabaco & Ron – 501 W. 214th Street, (at the corner of 10th Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New -Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License.
Owner/Representative	Teddy Gonzalez
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	5pm-2am Seven days a week. Sidewalk Café Hours;5pm-11pm.
Tables/Chairs	Inside-20 tables & 40 chairs. Outside-8 tables & 16 chairs (proposed).
Music	iPod/Juke Box/Live Music once a month.
Security Cameras	8 Cameras-Inside 3 Cameras-Outside.
Security Personnel	Yes. Two (2) NYS Licensed Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
ADA Compliant?	None
Employees	14
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	1 at rear of premise on 214 th street side.
34thPrecinct	-Noted 29 noise complaints to date at this location. -Noted that applicant had operated unlicensed sidewalk café for at least 1 year.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez would like to meet with this applicant. -Community noted excessive noise and pedestrian/traffic congestion.
Stipulations	-Install sound limiter and connect any & all equipment. -If French doors are open; no music will be played. -Must meet with Council Member Rodriguez. -Arrange for parking agreement with local parking garage.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 7 (Diaz,Medina,Chung,Cruz,Dengel,Domingo & Mota-Willis) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

D. NYC Department of City Planning New Enclosed Sidewalk Café License:

10. Vida Enterprises Inc. dba Pat’ E Palo – 251 Dyckman Street, (bet. Payson & Seaman Avenues.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New Enclosed Sidewalk Cafe
Owner/Representative	Maria Fig-Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Bar
Hours of Operation	Restaurant & Enclosed Sidewalk Hours of Operation Mon-Thurs; 3pm-2am Fri-Sat; 2pm-4am Sun; 11am-2am
Tables/Chairs	Outside; Tables-19 & Chairs-37. Inside; Tables-15 & Chairs-30 Bar Stools-8
Music	iPod and DJ (Only on Fridays & Saturday)
Security Cameras	Inside-10 Outside-2
Security Personnel	Two NYS Licensed Personnel.
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	20
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2 exits(front & back)
34thPrecinct	No Objections.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application. -Community noted previous concerns with noise at this location. -A resident above the establishment had a letter delivered to CB12 objecting to this application.
Stipulations	-Sliding panel windows/doors on enclosed sidewalk café will not be open after 9pm on any day of the week. -Provide documentation of soundproof nature of the structure to include the glass used for the enclosed sidewalk café.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Not Voting:

E. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

11. WFRB, Inc. – 141 Nagle Avenue, (bet. Arden & Thayer Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New -On premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	Wilson Fuentes-Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Bar
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thurs; Noon-2am Fri-Sat; Noon-4am Sun; Noon-2am
Tables/Chairs	3 Family style tables 5 Sofas 10 Bar Stools
Music	iPod & Live Music
Security Cameras	2-Outside 7-Inside
Security Personnel	4 NYS Licensed Security Staff at all times(C&F Security Inc.)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	9-12
Capacity	64
Emergency Exits	2 at front.
34thPrecinct	-34 th Precinct met with applicant & would like to perform Post-Construction walk-thru with applicant.
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez does not support this application due to the proposed moratorium (which is a bill, not a law, at the moment). -Laurie Cohen from State Senator Espailat's office asked CB12 to support the proposed moratorium and vote No on this applicant.
Stipulations	-Sound Limiter will be connected to any and all equipment at all times. -Prominently display a Good Neighbor sign in English & Spanish.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 2 Not Voting:

12. E.L. Mexican Restaurant Corp. dba La Oaxaquena Restaurant – 1969 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 158th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New on premise liquor license
Owner/Representative	Elizabeth Pizarro-Owner
Type of Establishment	Family Restaurant-Mexican
Hours of Operation	Wednesday Closed Thur-Mon;9am-11pm

Tables/Chairs	7 Tables, 22 chairs & 5 stools.
Music	Juke Box
Security Cameras	2-Front, 2-Middle & 2-Rear
Security Personnel	None-Family Restaurant
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	6
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	1 Emergency Exit Door at the front.
34th Precinct	No Objections.
Community Comments	No objections noted from community
Stipulations	-Sound Limiter will be connected to any and all equipment at all times. -Speaker will be relocated from front wall to the side wall -Bathroom will be made accessible within the license renewal period.
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting:

22. Park Terrace Café Corp. dba Cuevas Café – 5025 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 215th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Restaurant - Wine License
Owner/Representative	Troy Brathwaite, Owner Eddie Santos, Manager Ariel Ferreira, Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & Bar
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thurs; 11am-Midnight. Fri & Sat; 11am-2am
Tables/Chairs	Tables-16 Chairs-32 Bar Stools-7
Music	IPad and Occasional Live Music (Singers with Acoustic Guitars or Light Jazz)
Security Cameras	Inside-14 Outside-2
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	20
Capacity	74

Emergency Exits	2 exits (front & back)
34th Precinct	-34 th Precinct confirmed that location was currently closed. -34 th Precinct objects to this application and noted multiple concerns with prior operation of this establishment as well as continued Public Safety concerns (see License Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2016).
Community Comments	- Council Member Rodriguez supports this application.
Stipulations	
Notes	-Owner will be present in evenings. -Purchased professional kitchen equipment and will install. -Removed “Club” speakers. -Will install sound proofing. - Will distribute employee manual to all staff.
Committee Vote	Yes: 1 No: 0 Abstain: 3 Not Voting:

F. New Business/Adjournment