

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis

Committee Members Excused:

Committee Members Absent: Angela Sanchez, Arlene Schulman, Luis Tapia

CB12 Members Present: Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Paola Garcia

Community Members Present: Jitlada Soipetch, Cheryl Miller, Mike Bowe, Thomas Loughlin, Franklin Cruz, Louise T. C., David Baily, Fabrino P., Nancy Preston, Socratis Foradoulas, Ramon Cabral, Jerald Tenenbaum, Josh Rose, Angel Ramirez, Mitchell Arias, Jeffrey Ledesma, Kiana Diaz, Miguel Duarte, V. Guerrero, Arelia Taveras, K.C.

33rd Precinct Representative: Lieutenant Caraballo

34th Precinct Representative: Office Matthew Pena

Minutes: Domingo Estevez

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Aldemar Diaz, Chair

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:

On-Premises Liquor License

1. Café Mathias Inc. dba Café De Broadway – 4996 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 212th Street.)

New or Renewal?	
License Type	
Owner/Representative	NONE
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	

Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
34th Precinct	No objections. Increase in 311 noise complaints.
Community Comments	Laurie Tobias Cohen from State Senator Espailat's office reminded those present that the Senator seeks balance between residents and business owners, and that he has proposed legislation that will make moratoriums like the one the Senator has proposed for Inwood possible.
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Priscilla Mota-Willis No: Isidro Medina Abstain: Aldemar Diaz, Domingo Estevez Not Voting:

2. Vida Mexican Inc. dba Papisito Mexican Grill – 223 Dyckman Street, (bet. Broadway & Seaman Avenues.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Silvia Chevere (co-owner)
Type of Establishment	Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Weekdays, 4pm-12am, Weekends, 4pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	65 chairs inside; 28 in sidewalk café
Music	iPod & DJ on weekends; soundproofing and sound limiter
Security Cameras	14, inside and out
Security Personnel	4, licensed, weekends only
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	39
Capacity	65
Emergency Exits	2
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	Council Member Rodriguez supports this application.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

3. 3920 BWY Rest Inc. dba PAR – 3920 Broadway, (bet. W. 165th & W. 164th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Manuel Hernandez (Owner)
Type of Establishment	Panamerican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thu, 11am-2am; Fri & Sat, 11am-4am; Sun, 11am-1am
Tables/Chairs	30 tables, 60 chairs
Music	Recorded music, no sound limiter
Security Cameras	34
Security Personnel	1, licensed, on weekends
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	110
Emergency Exits	2
33rd Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Install sound governor to be connected to any and all sound equipment at all times
Notes	There was a verbal agreement to install a sound governor, but when the new system was installed sound governor was not installed.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

4. South Beach Restaurant & Bar LLC. dba South Beach Rest. & Lounge – 1390 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 179th & W. 180th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Pablo Cabrera (General Manager), Victor Rijo (Manager)
Type of Establishment	International Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7am-1am Sun-Fri, 7am-4am Sat
Tables/Chairs	170 chairs, 50 tables inside; 16 chairs, 4 tables in sidewalk café
Music	iPod without sound limiter; DJ Saturday nights in soundproofed inner lounge
Security Cameras	42
Security Personnel	1-2 weeknights, 3-10 weekends, all licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	70
Capacity	298
Emergency Exits	8

34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	Install sound limiter; meet with Council Member Rodriguez
Notes	Lounge has sound governor installed. Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez want to meet with the owner of the business.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Isidro Medina Not Voting:

5. Pipers Kilt of Inwood Inc. dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood – 4946 Broadway, (bet. W. 207th & Isham Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Mike Bowe (General Manager)
Type of Establishment	Pub/Tavern
Hours of Operation	Mon-Sat, 11am-1am; Sun, noon-1am
Tables/Chairs	15 tables, 42 chairs, 12 barstools
Music	Jukebox, karaoke; open mic once a month
Security Cameras	16: 2 outside, 14 inside
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	21
Capacity	100
Emergency Exits	1
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	Meet with Council member Rodriguez
Notes	Council member requested a meeting with the applicant
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

6. La Casa del Mofongo Inc. – 1451 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 183rd & W. 182nd Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Franklyn Cruz (Manager)
Type of Establishment	Caribbean Restaurant

Hours of Operation	24 hours; alcohol served noon-4am 7 days a week; last call at 3:30am
Tables/Chairs	45 tables, 163 chairs
Music	iPod; DJ Fri & Sat, 11pm-3am
Security Cameras	33
Security Personnel	4-6, licensed, as needed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	97
Capacity	210
Emergency Exits	4
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	Meet w/Council Member Rodriguez; install sound limiter
Notes	Council member would like to meet with the owner
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Isidro Medina Not Voting:

Cabaret Liquor License

7. Manhattan River Group LLC. Db a La Marina – 348 Dyckman Street, (off Henry Hudson Parkway.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Jerald Tenenbaum (Co-owner), Josh Rosen (Co-owner)
Type of Establishment	Waterfront-inspired restaurant & lounge
Hours of Operation	Weekdays, 3pm-1am; Weekends, 11am-1am Seasonal, opening April 27 th (Closed during the colder months, except for special events)
Tables/Chairs	Indoor seating: 294; Outdoor seating: 600; Beach area: 1500
Music	DJ/recorded music; occasional (~weekly) live music
Security Cameras	~40
Security Personnel	~3-30, licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	~150
Capacity	~2400
Emergency Exits	4
34th Precinct	No objections

Community Comments	Concerns raised regarding how this establishment is impacting the surrounding community negatively, specifically regarding traffic, traffic noise and parking availability. It was acknowledged that the situation has improved in recent years.
Stipulations	
Notes	The current sound system, installed in 2014 to replace the system damaged by Hurricane Sandy, includes sound limiters. The Council Member supports this application.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina No: Abstain: Domingo Estevez Not Voting:

Restaurant Wine License

8. Ma Ruey Corp. dba Tung Thong Thai Restaurant – 561 W. 169th Street, (bet. Audubon & Broadway.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Jitlada Soipetch (co-owner/manager)
Type of Establishment	Thai Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, 11:30am-11pm; Fri & Sat, 11:30am-11:30pm
Tables/Chairs	10 tables, 20 chairs
Music	iPod without sound limiter
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	No (several steps; storefront too small to install accessible ramp)
Employees	5
Capacity	30
Emergency Exits	1
33rd Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Meet with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez; adhere to SLA regulations re: serving alcohol before noon on Sundays
Notes	Council Member requests a meeting with establishment
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

9. WAHI Diner LLC. dba WAHI Diner – 3915 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 164th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Socrates Foradoulas
Type of Establishment	Diner
Hours of Operation	24 hours; alcohol served Mon-Sat, 8am-4am and Sun, noon-4am
Tables/Chairs	74 chairs, 14 tables
Music	Satellite radio
Security Cameras	24
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	25
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	3
33rd Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

Change of Method of Operation

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

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Arelia Taveras, Representative; Jimmy Marine, Owner
Type of Establishment	Latin Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am-4am, 7 days a week
Tables/Chairs	16 tables, 49 chairs, 6 barstools
Music	DJ
Security Cameras	15
Security Personnel	1
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	8
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2
33rd Precinct	Only establishment in area with a DJ. No objections
Community Comments	

Stipulations	
Notes	Previous application was approved by the board. Council member Ydanis Rodriguez supports application.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

C. NYC Department of Taxi & Limousine Commission Renewal of Livery Car Base License:

11. R. C. Audubon Car Service Inc. – 2129 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 166th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Ramon Cabral (Owner), Johnny Reynoso (Manager)
Type of Establishment	Livery car base
Hours of Operation	24 hours
Number of vehicles	~175
Parking arrangements	Garage at 161 st Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue (60 cars) Garage at 165 th Street & Amsterdam Avenue (30 cars)
Security Cameras	4
Discipline Committee?	Yes; sanctions ranging from time out of dispatch service to termination
ADA Compliant?	Yes; contract with Vicente Limousine; at least 1 car available at all times
33rd Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

12. Seaman Radio Dispatcher, Inc. – 4020 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 214th & W. 215th Streets.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal
Owner/Representative	Miguel Duarte (President)
Type of Establishment	Livery car base
Hours of Operation	24 hours

Number of vehicles	~268
Parking arrangements	Garage at 10 th Avenue at Post Avenue (57 cars) Garage at Dyckman Street & Sherman Avenue (58 cars)
Security Cameras	24
Discipline Committee?	Yes; sanctions ranging from time out of dispatch service to termination
ADA Compliant?	Yes; owns 3 accessible vehicles and has contract with Vega Transportation to provide as many cars as needed at any time
34th Precinct	No objections, but complaints have been received regarding drivers honking their horns at night
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

Change of Location

13. Xpress Transport & Multi Service – 2326 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 176th Street.)

New or Renewal?	
License Type	
Owner/Representative	No one appeared to represent this livery car base. The Board received documentation from the applicant stating that the move was required due to problems with the availability of electricity at the current location.
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
33rd Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	

Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, No: Abstain: Domingo Estevez Not Voting:

D. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premises Liquor License

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

New or Renewal?	New
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Arelija Taveras (representative)
Type of Establishment	Latin fusion restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, 2pm-1am; Fri & Sat, 2pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	12 tables, 24 chairs, 6 barstools
Music	Jukebox with sound limiter; DJ, Fri & Sat, 10pm-4am
Security Cameras	9
Security Personnel	3-4 weekends; weekdays 1 (fall/winter) or 2 (spring/summer)
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Meet with Councilman Rodriguez; use sound limiter at all times; have all speakers facing away from windows at all times.
Notes	One of the previous owners of this business became a felon (convicted of embezzlement) after the license was issued; she has since sold her 20% interest in the business to the applicant. 37 signatures from local residents provided, supporting business. Business is sound proofed. Sealed air gaps in the windows and sealing. Sound limiter installed. Additional camera outside. Council member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the new owner of establishment.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, No: Abstain: Domingo Estevez Not Voting:

15. Anchor Heights LLC. dba Anchor Heights Wine Bar – 575 W. 207th Street, (at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New
Owner/Representative	Luigi Ghidetti (Owner)
Type of Establishment	Italian restaurant and wine bar
Hours of Operation	Weekdays, 11am-2am; weekends, 11am-4am
Tables/Chairs	11 tables, 47 chairs
Music	Recorded music, no sound limiter
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	6
Capacity	70
Emergency Exits	2
34th Precinct	Does not object, but requests a meeting with the owner
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Install sound governor and meet with the 34 th Precinct.
Notes	Floor plan and menu provided. Council member Ydanis Rodriguez opposes application, supports proposed moratorium in the area.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis No: Abstain: Domingo Estevez, Isidro Medina Not Voting:

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

New or Renewal? License Type	Withdrawn
Owner/Representative	
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	Submitted wrong license request; applicant intended to apply for a different license class.
Committee Vote	Yes: No: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez Abstain: Not Voting:

17. 151 Nagle Restaurant Corp. – 151 Nagle Avenue, (at the corner of Thayer Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New
Owner/Representative	Jeffrey Ledesma (Owner), Veronica Guerrero, Attorney
Type of Establishment	Mediterranean restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, 11am-2am; Fri & Sat, 11am-4am
Tables/Chairs	24 tables, 72 seats
Music	iPod with sound limiter
Security Cameras	16; 4 outside, 12 inside
Security Personnel	2, licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	20
Capacity	72
Emergency Exits	3
34th Precinct	Requests meeting with applicant
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Sound limiter; walk through with the 34 th Precinct
Notes	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez opposes application, supports proposed moratorium.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz No: Abstain: Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez Not Voting:

Restaurant Wine License

18. Company 47, Inc. dba Company on Edgecombe; Company Catered Events – 537 Edgecombe Avenue, (at the corner of W. 159th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New
Owner/Representative	Thomas Loughlin, David Wagner (Co-owners)
Type of Establishment	Casual café; catering establishment

Hours of Operation	9am-5pm Sat & Sun; if approved, will open 9am-10pm Wed & Fri, and 5-10pm the rest of the week
Tables/Chairs	2 tables, 12 chairs, 4 counter seats
Music	None
Security Cameras	5; 1 outside, 4 inside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Entrance only
Employees	2-6
Capacity	25
Emergency Exits	1
33rd Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	Sandbag their street sign, which is often blown into the middle of the sidewalk; meet with council member Ydanis Rodriguez
Notes	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez request to meet with business.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

Eating place Beer License

19. Bocaditos Bistro & Espresso Bar, LLC. dba Bocaditos Bistro & Espresso Bar – 4863 Broadway, (bet. Academy & W. 204th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New
Owner/Representative	Carmen Osorio (Owner)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant & bakery
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thu, 8am-12am; Fri-Sun, 8am-2am (bar opens at noon)
Tables/Chairs	32 chairs, 16 tables
Music	iPad & Pandora; no live music or DJ
Security Cameras	2 outside, 14 inside
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	20-25
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1
34th Precinct	Requests a walk-through

Community Comments	None
Stipulations	Walk-through with 34 th Precinct, no DJ, meet with Council Member Rodriguez and install sound limiter.
Notes	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez requests meeting with the management.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aldemar Diaz, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Isidro Medina, Domingo Estevez No: Abstain: Not Voting:

E. New Business/Adjournment