

**Community Board 12 Licensing Committee**

*Minutes, Wednesday, March 9, 2016*

**Committee Members Present:** Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally

**Committee Members Excused:** Aldemar Diaz, Arlene Schulman

**Committee Members Absent:** Angela Sanchez

**CB12 Members Present:** Richard Lewis

**CB12 Staff Members Present:** Ebenezer Smith

**Community Members Present:** Altagracia Marrero, Miguel Duarte, Shadawn Smith, Lisa Bagshaw, Christopher Russell, Soon T. Hui, Kal Narvilas, Tracy Key, Vicky Sadoff, M. Hernandez, Kathleen O’Sullivan, Diel Walter, Arelia Taveras, Juan Lora, Michael Reilly, Laurie T. Abreu, Joel Yoffie, B. Giuffre, Kiana Diaz, Michele Travis

**33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Representative:** Lieutenant Caraballo, Officer Danny Guzman

**34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Representative:** Officer Matthew Pena

**Minutes:** Domingo Estevez

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**A. Welcome & Opening Remarks –** Isidro Medina, Assistant Chair

**B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:**

***On-Premises Liquor License***

1. The Metropolitan Museum of Art dba Trie Café – 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Ft. Tryon Park & Trie Cloister

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Lisa Bagshaw
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Full-service restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	10am-5pm Saturday through Thursday, 10am-7:30pm Fridays
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	20 tables, 60 chairs
<b>Music</b>	None
<b>Security Cameras</b>	Art museum has sophisticated security system
<b>Security Personnel</b>	Full security staff patrolling 24 hours a day
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes

<b>Employees</b>	3 full-time, 1 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	60
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No concerns
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: Abstain: Not Voting:

2. Merlion Specialty Foods Inc. dba Next Door – 813-815 W. 187th Street, (bet. Pinehurst Ave & Ft. Washington Ave.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Soon Hui
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Asian/Tex-Mex Fusion restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Friday, 11:30am-10:30pm Saturday & Sunday, 11am-10:30pm
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	21 tables, 42 chairs, 9 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	Background music
<b>Security Cameras</b>	6 inside, 0 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	8
<b>Capacity</b>	51
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez supports this application.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

3. Vida Enterprises Inc. dba Pat' E Palo – 251-253 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Payson Avenues.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Maria Figueroa
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	European/Caribbean Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Thursday, 4pm-2am Friday, 4pm-4am Saturday, 3pm-4am Sunday, 12pm-2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Indoor: 14 tables, 28 chairs, 9 barstools Outdoor: 23 tables, 46 chairs
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	12 (2 outside, 10 inside)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10
<b>Capacity</b>	50
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	Not specified
<b>Precinct</b>	The 34 <sup>th</sup> precinct has received various noise complaints. A summons was issued on 4/17/15 for unreasonable noise. In 2015 they had a total of 43 calls to 311 and there have been 10 complaints so far in 2016. The precinct does not object to the license renewal but wants to meet with the business to discuss better noise management strategies.
<b>Community Comments</b>	A resident who lives several floors above the business complained that the loud music from this business can be heard clearly in that resident's apartment. Other local residents, members of Moving Forward Unidos, expressed concern over the loud music and cleanliness of the sidewalk outside this establishment.
<b>Stipulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire licensed sound engineer</li> <li>• Meet with the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</li> <li>• Operate sidewalk café no later than 10pm Monday through Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday</li> <li>• Post good neighbor sign (Verbal agreement)</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez wants to meet with the business.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Shahabuddeen Ally, Domingo Estevez No: 0 Abstain: Priscilla Mota-Willis Not Voting: 0

**Restaurant Wine License**

4. La Caridad Restaurant #2 – 2092 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 164th & W. 163rd Sts.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal Restaurant Wine
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Altagracia Marrero, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Latin Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	7am to 4am, 7 days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	14 tables, 42 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox
<b>Security Cameras</b>	6
<b>Security Personnel</b>	2, weekends only
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	8
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	There have been several complaints of after-hours consumption. The Precinct has sent several agents posing as minors to purchase alcohol, but none was sold to them.
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	Buy and install a sound limiter.
<b>Notes</b>	Business representative stated that she has not received complaints from neighbors, and that the last time the police stopped by the business was 6 months ago to ask that they reduce the volume of the music.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

5. Kukaramakara Restaurant Inc. dba Kukaramakara Restaurant – 1601 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 190th St.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal Restaurant Wine
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Elvis Lora, Owner; Arelia Taveras, Representative
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Latin Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Thursday, 6am-midnight Friday-Sunday, 6am-3am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	15 tables, 60 chairs, 3 barstools
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox
<b>Security Cameras</b>	9 (3 outside, 6 inside)

<b>Security Personnel</b>	Saturday, 2; Friday & Sunday, 1
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	9
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Precinct</b>	The 34 <sup>th</sup> Precinct objects to the renewal of this license based on numerous violations, for which summonses were issued: 7/7/15: Under age sales of alcohol 3/8/15: Unlawful nightclub and unreasonable noise 4/26/15: Operating without a dance hall license; occupancy not posted; unreasonable noise. Bottles of liquor were also found on the premises, even though they only have a Restaurant Wine license.
<b>Community Comments</b>	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez does not object to this application.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	The owner stated that the person who sold alcohol to the minor was training to be a bartender.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: 0 No: 4 (Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally) Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

***Eating Place Beer License***

6. Elsa La Reyna Del Chicharron Inc. – 1249 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 172nd & W. 173rd Streets.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal Eating Place Beer
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Elsa Mejia, Victor Rodriguez
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Hispanic Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Sunday to Thursday, 9am-9pm Friday and Saturday, 9am-10pm
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	11 chairs
<b>Music</b>	None
<b>Security Cameras</b>	9 (2 outside, 7 inside)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	7
<b>Capacity</b>	Not specified
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2

<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No objections
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	Council member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the business.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

***Catering Establishment License***

7. Seaman Casandra Corp. – 4020 A 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 214th & W. 215th Streets.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal Catering Establishment
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Miguel Duarte
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Catering Hall
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday to Thursday, 10am-8pm Friday to Sunday, noon-2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	15 tables, 175 chairs
<b>Music</b>	DJ
<b>Security Cameras</b>	24
<b>Security Personnel</b>	3
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No (located on second floor with no elevator)
<b>Employees</b>	2
<b>Capacity</b>	210
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objections. "Always very good"
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the business owner.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

**Alteration to Current Method of Operation**

8. Vida Enterprises Inc. dba Pat' E Palo – 251-253 Dyckman Street, (bet. Seaman & Payson Avenues.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Alteration to Method of Operation (This is an application to add the sidewalk café to the licensed premises.)
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Maria Figueroa
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	European/Caribbean Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Thursday, 4pm-2am Friday, 4pm-4am Saturday, 3pm-4am Sunday, 12pm-2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Indoor: 14 tables, 28 chairs, 9 barstools Outdoor: 23 tables, 46 chairs
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	12 (2 outside, 10 inside)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10
<b>Capacity</b>	50
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	Unspecified
<b>Precinct</b>	The 34 <sup>th</sup> Precinct would like to meet with the owner to discuss this alteration. They were unaware that the business was not licensed to sell alcohol in the sidewalk café, but the Precinct representative believes he has seen patrons drinking alcohol outside.
<b>Community Comments</b>	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the business owner.
<b>Stipulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with 34<sup>th</sup> precinct</li> <li>• Operate the sidewalk café no later than 10pm Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday &amp; Saturday</li> <li>• Hire a licensed sound engineer</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

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

9. 164 Broad Corp. dba Heights Tavern – 3910 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 164th Street.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	Renewal Sidewalk Café
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Eric Binder
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	American Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Sunday through Thursday, noon-2am Friday & Saturday, 11am-3am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Outside: 24 tables, 48 chairs Inside: 40 tables, 140 chairs
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	28
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1, licensed, 7 days a week
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	49
<b>Capacity</b>	295
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No objections
<b>Community Comments</b>	A member of the Board commended the owner for going through great expense to sound proof the business.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

**D. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:**

***On-Premises Liquor License***

10. Blue Mountain Heights, LLC. – 499 W. 158th Street, (at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue.)

<b>THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.</b>	
<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	New On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Oral Walker
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant and Bar
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Café: Monday through Friday, 7am-2pm Bar: 3pm-11pm, 7 days a week Restaurant: 5pm-11pm, 7 days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	10 tables, 36 chairs, 8 barstools

<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	4
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	8
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	The Precinct advised the owner to keep the music low because the block is very silent and to have lights because the block is dark.
<b>Community Comments</b>	A member of the community objected strongly because there no permits were issued for construction, which was carried out by unlicensed personnel. Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the applicant.
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	<b>After a conversation with the Committee, the applicant withdrew this application.</b>
<b>Committee Vote</b>	N/A

11. The Uptown Garrison Inc. – 823 W. 181st Street, (at the corner of Pinehurst Avenue.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	New On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Kal Narvilas
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	American Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	7am-2am, 7 days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Not indicated
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	18
<b>Security Personnel</b>	0
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (2 compliant bathrooms)
<b>Employees</b>	15-20
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	The Precinct would like to conduct a walk-through.
<b>Community Comments</b>	Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez would like to meet with the owner.
<b>Stipulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct for a walk-through</li> <li>• Post a good neighbor sign</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0
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12. Little More Restaurant Bar Lounge Corp. – 3795 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 203rd & W. 204th Streets.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	New On-Premises Liquor
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Katty Alafeen
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Mexican Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday through Wednesday, 4pm-2am Thursday through Saturday, 4pm-4am Sunday, noon-4am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	45 tables, approximately 225 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Live music, DJ and recorded music
<b>Security Cameras</b>	32
<b>Security Personnel</b>	8-12 minimum at all times
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	Approximately 25
<b>Capacity</b>	172
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	5 (3 upstairs, 2 downstairs)
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	The 34 <sup>th</sup> Precinct expressed strong concern based on the history of the location. The prior operation, “Un Chin” (which means “A Little More” in Spanish) generated many noise complaints. There is a high volume of people in the streets at 4am, when the various nightclubs in the immediate vicinity close for the night.
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a good neighbor sign</li> <li>• Hire a licensed sound engineer for noise mitigation</li> <li>• Close no later than 3am Thursday through Sunday</li> <li>• Not open the roof canopy at any time</li> <li>• Meet with the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct for a walk-through (Verbal agreement only)</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	The owner has scheduled a meeting with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez.

<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0
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**Restaurant Wine License**

13. Tampopo LLC. dba Tampopo Ramen – 1 Bennett Avenue, (bet. W. 181st & W. 182nd Streets.)

<b>New or Renewal? License Type</b>	New Restaurant Wine License
<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Josh Frank
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Japanese Ramen Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Sunday through Thursday, noon to midnight
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	4 tables, 10 chairs, 5 barstools
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	2 (1 inside, 1 outside)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	5
<b>Capacity</b>	15
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	The Precinct has requested a meeting with the owner.
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes: Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Domingo Estevez, Shahabuddeen Ally No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

**E. New Business/Adjournment**