

**Community Board 12, Manhattan
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**530 West 166 Street, 2nd Floor
July 24, 2018 - 6:30 pm**

Board Members Present: Richard Allman; Francisco Alvarez; Mary Anderson; Wayne Benjamin; Tanya Bonner; Eleazar Bueno; Daryl Cochrane; Robin Cruz; Gerard Dengel; Sara Fisher; Fe Florimon; Mitchell Glenn; Fern Hertzberg; Osi Kaminer; Elizabeth Lehmann; Richard R. Lewis; Matt Levy; Nicholas Martinez; Isidro Medina; Ariel Miranda; Deborah Nabavian; Jonathan Nunez-Frometa; Mary O'Shaughnessy; Edgar Roman; Gabriela Rosa; Steve Simon; Curtis Young

Board Members Absent: Shahabuddeen Ally; Glennis Aquino; James Berlin; Jennifer Chung; Waldys Cruz; Katherine Diaz; Domingo Estevez; Barbara Frazier; Bianca Guerrero; Danielle Jettoo; Yosef Kalinsky; Andrea Kornbluth; Maria Luna; Jay Mazur; Rud Morales; Ayisha Ogilvie; Victor Pena-Bastella; Angelina Ramirez; Jonathan Reyes; Luis Tapia Karen Taylor; Christopher Ventura;

Board Members Absent - Excused: Elizabeth Lorris –Ritter

Staff: Ebenezer Smith; Paola Garcia; Ely Silvestre

Call To Order: *First Vice Chair Richard Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm. Quorum is attained shortly after the meeting begins. Agenda adopted. Last month's minutes adopted.*

First Vice Chair's Opening Remarks: Richard Lewis' report covered the following topics:

- Upcoming event announcements.

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**Report on Legionnaires Disease Outbreak** – Ricky Wong – NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene.

- Outbreak in Lower Washington Heights and Hamilton Heights ongoing. One person has died so far.
- A type of pneumonia, but not contagious. Symptoms are cold and flu-like.
- Often spread by cooling towers. All cooling towers are supposed to be tested annually.
- Treated by antibiotics.

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Licensing Committee Resolutions

The Licensing Committee Resolutions are to be considered by the Committee of the Whole. The COTW will vote but the resolution must be considered by the Full Board at the next General Meeting:

1. Café Sahara Inc. – 4026 10th Avenue (btw w. 214th St. & w. 215th St.) State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses – On-Premises Liquor License
2. Bocaditos Bistro & Espresso Bard LLC dba Bocaditos Bistro & Espresso Bar – 4863 Broadway (btw W. 204th St. & Academy St.) State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses – Restaurant Wine License
3. Restaurant 101 Inc. dba Dyckman Express Restaurant – 101 Dyckman St. (at the corner of Nagle Ave.) NYC Department of Consumer Affairs Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Café

4. Vida Enterprise Inc. dba Pat'e Palo – 152-253 Dyckman St. (btw Payson Ave. & Seaman Ave.) State Liquor Authority Corporate Change License – Change of Principal
5. Jue Lan Kitchen LLC dba Jue Lan Kitchen – 400 West 202nd St. (At the corner of 9th Ave.) State Liquor Authority New License – On-Premises Liquor License:

Chair Isidro Medina opened the discussion. Highlights of the discussion follow:

- The process to be followed during the discussion of these licenses will be the same as the Licensing Committee follows during their monthly meetings.
 - For details of each application, please refer to the application and questionnaire.
1. Café Sahara –
 - Louis Carrera, owner, is present.
 - Isidro Medina reads the basic details of the application.
 - Regarding an existing violation with the Dept of Buildings, it has been dealt with and closed.
 - Osi Kaminer requests a copy of the existing license. Mr Carrera will get a copy of the license to the community Board by Friday.
 - Vote: Yes – 24, No – 1 Abstain – 2
 2. Bocaditos Bistro & Espresso –
 - Carmen Susan Osorio, owner, is present
 - Isidro Medina reads the basic details of the application.
 - Osi Kaminer states that the office did not provide the necessary information so that we can be fully informed about this application.
 - Ebenezer Smith responded that the packet went out with the Board packet at June's general meeting.
 - Richard Lewis indicates that this is a procedural matter and should be taken offline.
 - No substantive issues arise.
 - Vote Yes -25, No – 0, Abstain – 2
 3. Dyckman Express –
 - Jose Moronca, Owner. Jose Angio Santos – Owner are present
 - Isidro Medina reads the basic details of the application.
 - The sidewalk café is closed at 10pm for all service.
 - Vote – Yes - 23, No - 1, Abstain -3
 4. Pat'e Palo
 - Carl Cutting – new owner, appears. His previous experience included working as a security manager for restaurants. He suggests to the Community Board that this will be a new start for the business, and he wants to repair all the damage caused by the previous owners. He has no relationship to the previous owners.
 - Previous owners created numerous problems for the community. Isidro Medina asks that Mr Cutting explain how the operation will change under his ownership.
 - Isidro Medina reads the basic details of the application, and clarifies certain questions on the application.
 - Mr Cutting indicates that there has been no soundproofing added yet. Chair Medina introduces a stipulation that there be soundproofing installed by the end of August.
 - There were 4 SLA violations for serving underage patrons. Mr Cutting indicates that these have all been resolved through the payment of fines. There will be an ID scanner present when the restaurant reopens.

- Richard Lewis asks why the name of the establishment is not being changed, given the issues that have plagued the establishment. Mr Cutting says that this may be considered in the future.
- It was suggested to Mr Cutting that he reach out to local community groups to improve the reputation of the business.
- Steve Simon makes a strong recommendation that experienced restaurant management be added to the staff.
- Chair Medina walks through several stipulations. Mr Cutting agrees to each.
- Vote –Yes - 19, No - 4, Abstain - 3

5. Jue Lan Kitchen

- Represented by Fred Poisinelli, Michael Sinensky, Robert Collins, Alex Amano, John Paul. They bring decades of experience in the restaurant business. Other establishments owned by members of this group are represented to have no violations and no noise complaints.
- A new liquor license is being applied for.
- Isidro Medina reads the basic details of the application, and clarifies certain questions on the application.
- 54 tables and 218 chairs and 13 bar stools will be present. There will be 70 employees.
- The issue of parking arises. The owners have made no plans for managing the parking issue.
- Eleazar Bueno asks about the potential changes to be brought on by the Inwood Rezoning. The response is that there is a 17 year lease on the site.
- Edith Prentiss discusses accessibility issues. Having been in Hudson Terrace (one of the principals' existing establishments) , Edith represents that it is not actually accessible.
- Mr Collins suggests that this will be a regional business, and will offer varied pricing to attract all demographics.
- Isidro Medina wants to introduce stipulations:
 - i. Earlier closing hours. No later than Sunday – Thursday until 2am.
- Steve Simon suggests that we postpone the vote until September to do more research. Wayne Benjamin suggests researching what kind of establishment this will be. The representatives state that waiting until September will delay construction.
- A Vote to table this issue until September is proposed: Yes means to table to the September licensing committee meeting.
Since there is no longer a quorum, the meeting must be restarted at the Licensing Committee in September.

Report of the Personnel Review Committee

- The remaining board members were asked to fill out a survey regarding a desired salary increase for the District Manager. This survey is indicative of the thinking of the Personnel Review Committee.
- Final recommendations for the DM's increase will be presented to the Board in September.

New Business

- Edith Prentiss talks about the M4 Bus. The terminus in midtown has changed. The bus now terminates on 5th Avenue and 36th Street and riders must transfer there to the Q32. The transfer point is difficult for riders and the Q32 is overcrowded, meaning there are no seats for the transfers. Edith says that the uptown community was not consulted on this change. She is working to return the bus to its previous route. Edith also states that we as a community should

not put up with changes of this sort – as well as individual buses taken out of service because they are running late - that disproportionately impact uptown.

Motion to Adjourn- passed at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mitchell Glenn, Secretary
Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann, Assistant Secretary
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