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March 22, 2010

Jonathan Mintz, Commissioner
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

At its Full Board meeting on March 18, 2010, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolutions:

1. Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk cafe for:

567 Hudson Street, Inc., d/b/a/ White Horse Tavern, 563-567 Hudson St. btw Perry & West 11th Sts. Manhattan Block:633, Lot:52, Police Precinct:6, **with 24 tables & 48 seats, DCA# 0769952**

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant, Edward Brennan, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 30 feet and depth of 50 feet with two buildings of three stories, built in 1910 (est), with 1 residential units of a total 2 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning: C1-6, Zoning Map # 12A, in the Greenwich Village Historic District, and

Whereas, the last application of February 2008 was for 29 tables and 86 seats, and the plans submitted with application, dated April 1986 show that configuration but the application for 2010 specifies fewer tables and seats, And,

Whereas, there are no complaints and DCA signs are present,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board #2 recommends APPROVAL of this application for a **RENEWAL App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for 567 Hudson Street, Inc., d/b/a/ White Horse Tavern**, 563-567 Hudson St. btw Perry & West 11th Sts. Manhattan Block:633, Lot:52, Police Precinct:6, **with 24 tables & 48 seats, DCA# 0769952, CONDITIONAL UPON the submission of corrected sidewalk café plans showing the placement of 24 tables and 48 seats.**

VOTE: Unanimous , with 38 Board members in favor.

2. **Legendary Nightspots, Inc., d/b/a/ The Duplex**, 61 Christopher St. @ West 4th and 7th Ave. South, Manhattan Block:610, Lot:1, Police Precinct:6, with 18 tables & 36 seats, **DCA# 1190534**

Whereas, the area was posted, community groups notified and there were no community members present regarding this new application, and the applicant's representative, James Martin, was present, and

Whereas, this lot has frontage of 90.58 feet on Christopher St and depth of 149 feet on Seventh Ave., South with seven buildings of one story, built in 1915 (est), with 23 residential units of a total 31 units in an area of Mixed Residential and Commercial Buildings; Zoning: C4-5R6, Zoning Map # 12A, in the Greenwich Village Historic District, and

Whereas, the applicant wishes to replace a removable railing with removable planters around the sidewalk café and produced drawings for a sidewalk plan including planters that complies with Sidewalk Regulations, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to replace the drawings provided with this application with the amended drawings, and

Whereas, there are no community complaints and DCA sign is displayed and there will be no auxiliary heating devices in the café,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board #2 recommends APPROVAL of this application for a RENEWAL App. **For Legendary Nightspots, Inc., d/b/a/ The Duplex**, 61 Christopher St. @ West 4th and 7th Ave. South, Manhattan Block:610, Lot:1, Police Precinct:6, with 18 tables & 36 seats, **DCA# 1190534**, **CONDITIONAL UPON the submission of corrected sidewalk café plans showing moveable planters instead of removable railings.**

VOTE: Unanimous with 38 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Zella Jones, Chair
Sidewalks & Public Access Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Thomas Duane, NY State Senator
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Applicants

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Carole Post, Commissioner
Department of Information Technology &
Telecommunications (DoITT)
75 Park Place, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Post:

At its Full Board meeting on March 18, 2010, CB#2-Man., adopted the following resolutions:

Removal of pay phones on the north side of Canal St. (bet. Broadway & 6th Avenue)

Resolution recommending the removal of the extra large pay phones located at 279, 325, 375, 415 and 336 Canal Street.

Whereas Canal Street is a vibrant and popular commercial and retail corridor, with a proliferation of both legal and illegal vending activities including food carts, over-sized sidewalk displays, vending tables, suitcase peddlers, and vending touts luring customers to vans and other sites to purchase counterfeit goods, all contributing to overly crowded sidewalks and general mayhem, forcing pedestrians off the sidewalk into the street and obstructing and endangering pedestrian access; and

Whereas Canal Street is a major MTA-NYC Transit hub, which provides an indirect or direct link to every metropolitan transit line and is the only major thoroughfare in Manhattan lacking any cross-town public transportation, so, therefore, walking is the predominant mode to reach destinations along this corridor, therefore necessitating safe and unobstructed routes for pedestrian passage; and

Whereas the extra large pay phone booths located at 279, 325, 375, 415 and 336 Canal Street take up an inordinate amount of public sidewalk, obstructing and impeding pedestrian traffic; and

Whereas a business owner appeared before this committee testifying to the disruption of his business and lack of safety for his patrons produced by the presence of these phone booths inappropriate use; and

Whereas the First Precinct has identified these pay phones as predominately used for illegal enterprises: they function as display racks, hiding places and places of business by illegal vendors and criminals engaged in illegal enterprise such as drug dealing; and

Whereas the First Precinct has written a letter in support of removing the pay phone stations at 279, 325, 375, 415, and 336 Canal Street as they constitute a public nuisance; and

Whereas, 336 Canal St. is located in Manhattan Community Board #1 which will submit a separate resolution regarding this address, but CB#2 includes this address as a show of solidarity and as a matter of importance in substantiating the need for these removals, and

Whereas the removal of these booths should not impact the public's access to phone service as several other small public phone stands are in the immediate area.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board No. 2 Manhattan strongly recommends that DOITT remove the extra large public phone booths at 279, 325, 375, and 415 Canal Street; and

Be it further resolved that, in the future, DOITT consult with the Community Board in any future consideration for the placement and location of these extra wide telephone booths.

VOTE: Unanimous with 38 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



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