

April 8, 2004

Beverly Gotay
Assistant Director of Licensing
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway, 8th floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATION

Applicant: 505-23 Bar Inc., d/b/a The Half King
Location: 505-507 West 23rd St
DCA License No.: 1109467
Type: Renewal Application – Unenclosed Sidewalk Café
Tables/Chairs: 13 tables/50 chairs

Dear Ms. Gotay:

At its March 17, 2004 meeting, Manhattan Community Board No. 4's Transportation Planning Committee heard from the above applicant and reviewed plans for an unenclosed sidewalk café. One neighboring resident appeared before the committee to object to the sidewalk café's renewal, citing longstanding noise problems, the obstruction of her doorway by bicycles chained to the café railing, and further obstruction of the sidewalk by customers waiting outside for entrance to the restaurant. In addition, one committee member stated that he witnessed waiters serving from outside the café railing, not from the designated service aisle.

The applicant ensured that in the future nothing would be attached to the café railing, all patrons waiting to be seated would wait inside the restaurant, all service would be from within the designated service aisle, and that all complaints would be responded to promptly and courteously.

Therefore, the Committee unanimously voted, with one member present but not eligible, to approve the application for renewal of the sidewalk café.

On April 7, 2004 the Full Board approved the application for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Joshua David
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee



John Rust
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Elected Officials
Applicant
Emily Beecham, DOT