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Queens Community Board 11

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Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Gary Sekdorian, Chair
Public Relations/Consumer Affairs Committee
RE: DCA Cabaret license application for Safari Beach Club
DATE: January 12, 2012

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, the Public Relations/Consumer Affairs Committee met to discuss the application filed with the Department of Consumer Affairs for a Cabaret license at the Safari Beach Club located at 40-05 Bell Boulevard. Present were Committee Members Gary Sekdorian, Chair, JoAnn Ferrari, Edith Basom and Gordon Keit. Frank Skala, attended as the President of the East Bayside Homeowners Association. Also present was Susan Seinfeld, District Manager, James Gargan, owner, Cary O'Connor, his business partner and Gregg Sullivan, a resident invited by Frank Skala.

Mr. Gargan said that he applied for a cabaret license because he has a large space, with a Certificate of Occupancy for 250 people, and would like to have music and provide a venue for organizations to hold benefits. Johnny Famous, the prior establishment, had a cabaret license for at least 20 years. He told the members that the FDNY, NYPD and the Department of Buildings had all made inspections. They only need a fire drill certificate for employees. Currently, they have a bar, offer bar food, televisions to watch sports games and a few pool tables. They want to host local bands, once they have the cabaret licensee, and improve the restaurant service. They have 4-5 security employees, all licensed and bonded. They have an ID machine to check for counterfeit IDs. They close by 3 am. The people coming to the bar are generally older than 23 years of age. Both men are local Bayside residents and care about what happens on Bell Boulevard. They have soundproofing in the rear and double doors in the front that help buffer noise. The new doors in front are accordion style but they would only be used seasonally during early restaurant hours. The term of their lease is for ten years.

Gordon Keit made a motion to recommend approval of the application. It was seconded by JoAnn Ferrari and all members voted to approve. Frank Skala, as EBHA president, recommended approval also. Although, the CB public meeting will be past the required 45 day review period, DCA will accept the Board's recommendation after the February 6th meeting.