

Date: 3/17/09

Attendees:

Committee Members

Debi Rose-Chairperson- excused
Anjail Ameen-Rice co-chair- present
Janine Borowski – CB 1
Grace Ferrante – CB 1 - excused

Board Members

None

Guests

William Morris – Arlington Civic Association – Non Board Voting member
Robert Tirone
Sylvia Ancrum – Representing Assemblyman Matthew Titone
Eddie Dombish – Clip and Fluff Boutique
Dennis Alestra – Divine Wood Furniture
Gloria Imsirovic

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. A quorum was present.

o **Liquor License Renewals:**

- La Riviera Restaurant - ok
- Fun Record Inc, - Studio Club, 18 Linden Ave - concern over a history of crime at this facility. It would be a good idea to increase lighting around the exterior of the building. There were questions about where the garden/grounds alcohol consumption would be taking place and how that would impact the surrounding residents. Are they ever in operation when school is in session?
- Bella Mama Restaurant – ok
- David's First Corp – We need more information about the type of facility it is.
- Richmond Avenue Gardens – (assuming they are located inside Denino's) - ok
- Bhusan Deli and Grocery – The application was incomplete because it did not list the hours of operation, type of establishment, or type of alcohol served. The committee would like to review their completed renewal application.

Liquor License Application

- Café con Pan Bakery & Restaurant, 137 Port Richmond Ave – The committee had a lot of concerns with this application.

Questions: Is it a bakery or a bar? Traditionally bakeries don't serve alcohol so including bakery in the name is very misleading. Is it legal to market oneself as a bakery if you are actually a restaurant? Will the liquor license be solely for the purposes of serving drinks in a dinner like setting?

2- We needed clarification on the law regarding selling alcohol in an area that is surrounded by churches. The committee identified at least 5 churches in a one block radius. One is located directly across the street.

- o We reviewed some of the highlights of the Army Corps of Engineers meeting. Residents have been given the opportunity to have a Pre-blasting home assessment by contacting 201-339-6470. So far only 3 residents who live in the St. George/ New Brighton Area have signed up for this.
- o We reviewed a letter announcing the opening of Pollo Tropical on April 4th.

Port Richmond, Mariner's Harbor, Elm Park, Arlington, Graniteville, etc.

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- There was a very detailed letter from a family member of a resident on Blackford Ave citing her concern over what appears to be illegal activity going on at a house located on the block.
- Lake Ave Block Association has a problem with their easement. The residents have been working with Assemblyman Matthew Titone's office and Betsy Gotbaum's office. Their problem should also be forwarded to The Land Use Committee.
- Bayview Autowreckers continue to park vehicles on the sidewalk on Richmond Terrace near Arlington.
- An announcement was made about the demolition of 206 Pulaski Street.
- Department of Environmental Conservation will be injecting trees located within the freshwater wetland with pesticide over the next 3 years because they have had found Asian Long Horned Beetles in trees in Mariner's Harbor.
- An announcement was made that the building located at 86 Bush Ave has been declared unsafe.
- Residents were still upset because day laborers hang out on the corner of Castleton Ave and Port Richmond Ave. They eat breakfast and lunch there and do not throw their trash in the trash receptacles, which results in the garbage being blown up to the front yards of 210 and 206 Park Aves. They also loiter past 11:00 am and do not utilize El Centro as their waiting area. They often hang out near the dumpster located in an alley way near 1564 Castleton Ave. which is disruptive to residents on Park Ave because they are often drinking beer and littering.
- Port Richmond Ave has become an area with high loitering and an excess of garbage. The store owners are concerned about their safety and don't think it's fair that the Dept. of Sanitation writes them tickets. The trash cans along Port Richmond Ave should be emptied more than once per week.
- 128 Port Richmond Ave is a lot that has a lot of trash in it.
- The Dept of Sanitation Lot cleaning report was reviewed.
- There has been a tremendous amount of graffiti under the train tracks on Faber, Sharpe, Treadwell, Maple, and Nicholas Ave. There is also graffiti under the Bayonne Bridge on Terrace at Newark Ave.
- A building located at 70 Grove Ave appears to be sinking. It has been reported to the Dept of Buildings.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:
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