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License & Permits Committee Minutes

December 9th, 2025

Robert Barnes, Committee Chairperson

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Introductions and Meeting Agenda

- Committee Chair Robert Barnes calls the meeting to order and introduces board members.
- Audrey Dejesus, Argelia Ortiz, Patricia Simpson, and Freddie Perez introduce themselves as community board members.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces himself as the district manager and welcomes everyone to the licenses and permits committee meeting.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions no old business except for the issue around Las Mangos, which he plans to discuss at the end of the meeting.

Renewal Applications for El Viejo Grand Cafe, Great Performances Artists, and Clock Cafe LLC

- Committee Chair Robert Barnes lists the renewal applications for El Viejo Grand Cafe, Great Performances Artists, and Clock Cafe LLC, noting they have no outstanding issues with the precinct.
- El Viejo Grand Cafe, located at 498 East 138th Street, has license number 1272785 and does not need to attend the meeting.
- Great Performances Artists as Waitresses, located at 2124 17/3 Avenue, has license number 1334525 and also does not need to attend.
- Clock Cafe LLC, doing business as Charlie's Bar and Kitchen, located at 112 Lincoln Avenue, has license number 1259881 and also does not need to attend.

Presentation by Juan Mendez of Bar and Lounge

- Committee Chair Robert Barnes introduces Juan Mendez of Bar and Lounge for a presentation of his renewal license.
- Juan Mendez mentions his 20 years of experience and participation with the police and community.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the policy that if there are no issues around 9113, businesses do not have to appear unless directed by the chair or committee.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of posting information about the business in the windows for community members to testify.

Discussion on Bar and Lounge's Operating Hours

- Audrey Dejesus questions the operating hours of Bar and Lounge, noting the application states 9 o'clock, but Juan Mendez mentions 5 o'clock to 4 o'clock.
- 1st Vice Chair Freddy Perez clarifies that the liquor license does not necessarily mean they can serve alcohol at that time.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan asks if someone helped Juan Mendez fill out the document, and Juan Mendez confirms his accountant did.
- The committee discusses the need to amend the operating hours on the application.

Concerns and Clarifications on Bar and Lounge's License

- District Manager Anthony Jordan and Member Freddy Perez discuss the need for Juan Mendez to bring a copy of his SLA license for further review.
- The committee emphasizes the importance of accurate information on the application to avoid errors.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions the need for special training on ethical and code of ethics for the committee.
- Member Freddy Perez advises committee members to always pay their bills when dining out to avoid any ethical concerns.

Las Mangos Situation and Voting on Renewals

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the Las Mangos situation, noting the business has received complaints about noise and operating hours.
- The committee decides to deny support for Las Mangos based on historical complaints and the recommendation of the district manager.
- The committee votes to approve the renewals for El Viejo Grand Cafe, Great Performances Artists, and Clock Cafe LLC.

- The committee tables the renewal for Bar and Lounge until further information is provided.

Ethical Guidelines and Meeting Adjournment

- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of ethical guidelines and code of ethics training for the committee.
- The committee discusses the need for refresher training on ethical guidelines and conflict of interest.
- Audrey Dejesus motions to adjourn the meeting, which is seconded and approved by all members.
- The meeting is adjourned with a vote from all members.

Action Items

- Work with el barrio restaurant and lounge to address the discrepancies in their renewal application and bring it back to the committee.
- Provide ethical and code of ethics training for the committee members in the new year.
- Ensure committee members pay their bills when dining at local establishments to avoid any potential ethical concerns.