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**License & Permits Committee Minutes**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Robert Barnes, Committee Chairperson**

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**Introduction and Initial Presentations**

- Committee Chair Robert Barnes introduces the meeting and the agenda, focusing on the renewal of the liquor license for the Xochimilco Family Restaurant.
- District Anthony Jordan asks for introductions from the participants, including Pedro Ortega and Valent Alvarez Juarez.
- Pedro Ortega provides a brief history of the business, mentioning its previous incarnations as Dino's Pizza and a deli before becoming the current restaurant.
- The business is described as clean and well-maintained, and the owners are seeking consent for a liquor license.

**Details of the Business and Application**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms the address of the business and the need for a certificate of occupancy.
- The business operates from Sunday to Saturday, with specific hours and a maximum capacity of 20 people at a time.
- The premises are not soundproof, and there is no live music, only background music.
- Valenti Alvarez Juarez confirms his ownership stake in the business and the need for a site visit before the full hearing.

**Community Board Requirements and Support Letters**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the requirement for community board hearings and the need for public posting of the hearing.

- The business is willing to comply with any stipulations set by the committee.
- Letters of support are mentioned, with one letter coming from a business within 1000 feet of the location.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan questions the proximity of other businesses and potential support letters.

### **Discussion on Liquor License and Community Impact**

- Member Audrey Dejesus inquires about other businesses in the area with liquor licenses.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms that the applicants are first-time applicants and there are no objections from NYPD.
- Member Audrey Dejesus raises concerns about patrons smoking outside and the potential for hookah use.
- The committee needs to verify the posting, conduct a site visit, and receive the certificate of occupancy before proceeding.

### **Second License Renewal Application**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces the second license renewal application for a family-owned business, Rey Tacos at 653 Melrose Avenue.
- The business has been operating for 17 years and is described as a quiet, family-friendly establishment.
- The hours of operation, seating capacity, and number of employees are provided.
- Letters of support are mentioned, and the business serves Mexican cuisine.

### **Community Feedback and Security Concerns**

- Member Audrey Dejesus requests a menu from the business to understand the type of food served.
- The business is not listed on any other licenses or applications, and it does not serve hookah or allow smoking.
- Argelia Ortiz shares positive personal experiences with the business but raises concerns about security due to potential incidents involving outside elements.
- The committee discusses the importance of security and the potential need for it in the area.

### **Voting and Next Steps**

- The committee votes to move both applications forward to the full board meeting.

- Community Coordinator Steven Palmers mentions receiving more liquor license applications in the mail and plans to add them to the next meeting's docket.
- The meeting is adjourned with a motion from Argelia Ortiz and a second from another participant.

### **Action Items**

- Verify that the posting for the new restaurant application is visible before the full board meeting.
- Conduct a site visit to the new restaurant location.
- Provide a copy of the certificate of occupancy for the new restaurant application.
- Obtain an additional letter of support for the new restaurant application from a business other than the one listed as a part-owner.
- Provide a menu for the Shimoko Family Restaurant.