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License & Permits Committee Minutes

June 10th, 2025

Robert Barnes, Committee Chairperson

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Attendance: *Robert Barnes, Audrey Dejesus, Patricia Simpson*

Guest Speakers: *Primlene Courtney, Alexa Gonzalez*

Introduction and Meeting Setup

- Committee Chair Robert Barnes calls the meeting to order and introduces himself as the chair of the license and permits committee.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan outlines the agenda, including a presentation from a local Tenants Association and multiple liquor license reviews.

Presentation by Bronx Tenants Empowered and Mobilized

- Courtney and Alexa introduce themselves and their organization, Bronx Tenants Empowered and Mobilized.
- They request a permit for their "Back to School Block Bash" event scheduled for August 10th.
- The event aims to promote literacy, financial literacy, and STEM exploration through various activities and sponsorships.
- They plan to have a Citgo-sponsored book bus, music production certification from the montha library, and skateboard demonstrations.
- The event will also include financial literacy workshops for both kids and adults, and STEM exploration activities for children.

Discussion on Event Logistics and Community Impact

- Member Audrey Dejesus inquires about the location and size of the organization.

- Courtney explains that they are currently a small group of five people but plan to expand to include more buildings.
- They discuss the impact of ongoing DOT construction on their event and their contingency plan to move the venue if necessary.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the process of obtaining street activity permits and the involvement of various agencies like NYPD, sanitation, and the health department.
- The committee members express support for the event and offer suggestions for alternative venues and logistical adjustments.

Outreach and Community Engagement

- Courtney and Alexa discuss their outreach efforts, including tabling at other events and engaging local schools and nonprofit organizations.
- They plan to invite small business owners to speak about launching businesses and share their experiences.
- The committee members offer to help with outreach and suggest ways to increase community engagement.
- Courtney mentions their collaboration with other tenant associations and their focus on improving the community through various initiatives.
- The committee members express their willingness to support the event and offer additional resources and assistance.

Introduction of Additional Agenda Items

- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces additional agenda items, including the transfer of Patricia Simpson from the committee on education, youth, and young adults to the license and permits committee.
- The committee members discuss the importance of transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the process of approving street activity permits and the role of the community board in facilitating these events.
- The committee members express their support for the new members and the importance of community engagement in addressing local issues.

Discussion on Liquor License Applications

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the status of various liquor license applications, including new applications and renewals.
- He mentions that some businesses have not responded to requests for support or additional documentation.

- The committee members discuss the importance of community input and the need for businesses to engage with the community board.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the process of making recommendations to the full board based on the committee's decisions.
- The committee members express their concerns about ongoing issues with certain businesses and the need for better communication and compliance.

Voting and Closing Remarks

- The committee members vote to support the "Back to School Block Bash" event.
- Anthony Jordan thanks the presenters and the committee members for their participation and support.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, which is seconded and approved by the committee members.
- The committee members express their commitment to supporting community events and addressing local issues through collaboration and engagement.

Action Items

- Coordinate with the Tenants Association to discuss the impact of the ongoing construction and options for the event location.
- Schedule a separate meeting with the Holy Ghost Missionary Temple Church to discuss the logistics of their event, including the potential impact on bus routes.
- Follow up with the liquor license applicants who did not respond to staff requests to provide additional information and appear before the committee.
- Provide the Tenants Association with information on the construction timeline and details.