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Municipal Services Committee Minutes

March 13th, 2025

Ngande Ambroise, Committee Chairperson

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Meeting Introduction and Date Change

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambrose introduces himself as the chair of the meeting and apologizes for the date change due to a conflict with the fall precinct council.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan confirms the date change without objection from the members.
- The second Thursday of the month is agreed upon as the permanent meeting date.
- Roll call is conducted to confirm the presence of a quorum.

New Business: INine Bistro Application

- District Manager Anthony Jordan reminds everyone that the meeting is being broadcast live and introduces the new business: INine Bistro's application for outdoor dining.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the new rules for outdoor dining in New York City, including the need for community board approval.
- The owner of INine Bistro, introduces himself and explains the history and impact of COVID-19 on their business.
- The owner details the changes made to the outdoor dining setup, including the removal of curbside seating due to issues with rodents and aesthetics.

Discussion on Outdoor Dining Setup

- Member Josephine Fernandez-Byrne inquires about the bench in front of the store, and the owner clarifies that the city-owned items have been beautified by the business.

- Member Audrey Dejesus asks about the capacity of the outdoor seating, and the owner confirms it can hold up to five tables.
- The owner explains the measures taken to address sanitation issues and the removal of roadside dining due to safety concerns.
- Member Audrey Dejesus and other members discuss the community's contribution and the importance of businesses feeling part of the community.

Public Safety and Community Contribution

- District Manager Anthony Jordan asks about public safety measures, and the owner details the security measures in place, including cameras and a roll-down gate.
- The owner mentions the proactive steps taken to address vandalism and the collaboration with other businesses on the block.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan inquires about the liquor license and the sale of alcohol, and the owner confirms they have a liquor license and do not sell alcohol to go.
- The owner discusses the challenges faced by the business, including increased costs and the impact of COVID-19.

Community Board Support and Future Plans

- District Manager Anthony Jordan asks about the community board's role in supporting businesses and the potential for economic development.
- The owner expresses gratitude for the community board's support and mentions the need for additional grants and resources.
- Member Audrey Dejesus recalls an issue with a van selling drugs and barbecue food on the block and the community's response.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the potential impact of a bid on local businesses and the importance of a merchant association.

Open Street Application

- District Manager Anthony Jordan introduces the Open Street application for Rae Street and St. Ann's Avenue, explaining the purpose and duration of the event.
- Member Audrey Dejesus provides a brief overview of the Open Street events, including activities for children and community engagement.
- Member Josepine Fernandez-Byrne makes a motion to approve the Open Street application, and the motion is seconded and passed without opposition.

Discussion on Public Housing and Policing Council

- Member Herman Francis Jr. discusses the vacancy in the presidency of the Precinct Council and the need for elections in June.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the challenges of marketing Precinct Council meetings and the importance of community engagement.
- Member Herman Francis Jr. highlights the historical context of housing police and the current state of public housing safety.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of public safety agencies being accountable to the community.

Announcements and Closing Remarks

- District Manager Anthony Jordan announces the upcoming construction of a new jail in the district and the importance of community input on the facility's design.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan encourages businesses to bid on contracts related to the jail's construction and to stay informed about the project.
- Member Herman Francis Jr. shares concerns about the impact of the jail on the community and the need for economic development.
- The meeting is adjourned after a motion to adjourn is made and passed without opposition.

Action Items

- Attend the full board meeting on March 27th at 6 PM at Lincoln Hospital to provide final approval for the INine Bistro outdoor dining application.
- Provide updates on the Bronx jail facility project and opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses.