

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES**  
**JULY 28, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

E. ANDERSON  
J. FRIEDMAN  
L. PINN  
G. REILLY  
M. SILVERMAN

P. BLAKE  
T. MISKEL  
M. RACIOPPO  
M. SCOTT  
R. UNDERWOOD

E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ  
R. MYERS  
T. REEVES  
M. SHAMES

**EXCUSED:**

G. KELLY

S. LONIAL

B. STOLTZ

**ABSENT:**

Z. ABRAMS

S. MILLER

J. PORCELLI

**GUESTS:**

G. SWITZER  
M. MENDOZA  
R. NASCA

S. AHMED  
R. CAHILL  
J. LEVEY

J. BISCAIN  
J. ELLIS  
L. PAULSON

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order at 6:46pm. A quorum was present.

**Presentation and review of the renewal of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Levy Premium Food Service, LP & Brooklyn Events Center, LLC at 620 Atlantic Avenue (between Flatbush Avenue/Fort Greene Place).**

- No changes from previously approved application.
- No public speakers

Pauline Blake requested a general update.

- Going into season 3 of operation
- 150 employees; up to 800 for events.

Gary Reilly inquired about adherence to stipulations.

- Applicant confirmed, yes.

Motion to approve was made by Mark Shames and seconded by Tom Miskel.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Just Salad at 252 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Streets to permit 13 tables and 26 seats.**

Gary Reilly communicated that general practice is to allow seating up to 50% or less of inside seating.

Applicant presented:

- Previous restaurant had a sidewalk café.
- Low indoor seat numbers due to shallow depth of the building.
- No modifications to storefront.
- Seats will be limited to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (corner location).

Gary Reilly inquired about frontage and tree pit. Trudy Reeves inquired about whether seating would all be under awning.

Applicant: Pretty much.

Gary Reilly communicated the practice of requesting no barrier.

Discussion over the appropriateness of the 2:1 indoor:outdoor seating rule of thumb.

A motion was made by Eric Anderson to approve with the removal of the 3 tables (6 seats) nearest the southeastern tree pit and commitment toward no enclosure of the sidewalk café. It was seconded by Mike Racioppo.

**VOTE: 10.....YEAS 3.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION  
MOTION PASSED**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor on behalf of Ring Ring Ring LLC at 185 Sackett Street (between Hicks/Henry Streets).**

Presentation was made by applicant.

- Essentially same proposal as presented 2 months ago for a different space on Smith Street.
- Confirmed the space is commercial
- The space was last occupied 5 months ago; it is a prior non-conforming use.

Trudy Reeves asked for clarification on seating.

Applicant: 35 seats (including bar stools).

Resident of Sackett Street inquired about use of backyard.

Applicant: communicated the backyard will never be used.

Resident communicated displeasure with closing time.

Matt Silverman inquired about having shorter hours on weeknights.

Applicant: suggested close monitoring of patrons but was not willing to close earlier.

Pauline Blake inquired about music.

Applicant: responded it won't be a problem due to no open windows and landlord in the building.

Mark Shames moved that we approve as presented with the stipulation that if there are complaints within one year of opening, they will return to the committee to discuss those complaints and if the committee requests, they will voluntarily comply with a reduction in the operating hours. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Friedman.

**VOTE: 10.....YEAS 1.....NAY 2.....ABSTENTIONS**  
**MOTION PASSED**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Little Birds at 231 Court Street (between Baltic /Warren Streets).**

Entre Deux Mers/Little Birds (change in ownership)

Presentation by applicant.

- French restaurant similar in theme to Rucola which is owned by one of the current applicants.
- Formerly Van Horn.

Regina Myers asked for clarification on outdoor space.

Applicant: Backyard seating area is enclosed; outdoor designation is just a Department of Buildings \_\_\_\_\_.

Robert Underwood made a motion to approve as presented and Jeremy Friedman seconded.

- Friendly amendment – the garden space beyond the “enclosed outdoor space” will not be used.
- Applicant agreed.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Parm at 210 Flatbush Avenue (between Bergen/Dean Streets).**

Presentation by applicant.

- Operates several spaces in Manhattan; never any complaints.
- James Ellis of the North Flatbush BID spoke in support of the application.

Motion to approve as presented was made by Tom Miskel and seconded by Mike Racioppo.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Toby's Public House at 215 Columbia Street (between Union/Sackett Streets).**

Presentation by applicant.

- Public comment by South Slope resident/Red Hook bar owner giving his support.
- Public Comment by Columbia Street Waterfront District resident in support.

Pauline Blake asked for clarification on closing hours. Applicant said 4am. She also asked for clarification on open windows. Gary Reilly suggested windows should be closed by 12am. Applicant agreed.

Tom Miskel made a motion to approve with stipulation that windows be closed by 12am. Robert Underwood seconded the motion.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Really Good Food Company at 264 Clinton Street (between Warren/Congress Streets).**

Presentation by applicant.

- Request for clarification of outdoor space. Applicant stated that it is space that may be appropriate for a sidewalk café – for which they would return for a permit.

Robert Underwood made a motion to approve as presented which was seconded by Tom Miskel.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

Gary Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on June 23, 2014. It was seconded by Tom Miskel.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were submitted by Eric Anderson.

