

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
PUBLIC SAFETY/ENV PROT/PERMITS/LICENSES COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2011

PRESENT:

P. BLAKE	M. DEPALMA	M. KENTON
J. LODGE	S. MILLER	M. SHAMES
M. SILVERMAN	L. SONES	

EXCUSED:

T. MISKEL	G. REILLY	M. SCOTT
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ABSENT:

T. ALEXANDER	B. STOLTZ
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GUESTS:

L. DEPALMA – REP. FOR HON. M. MARKOWITZ, BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT
H. REICHBACH – REP FOR HON. STEPHEN LEVIN, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
P. NELSON - REP. FOR HON. JOAN MILLMAN, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER.
P. RHEAUME – REP. FOR HON. YVETTE CLARKE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

A. OFALITAS	S. ETTINGER	J. COLON
J. ADLER	G. AUSTIN-LEON	F. SERVELL
L. PINN	L. KAROFF	R. CAHILL
K. BARTHAMUS	J. SHAMES	M. LAUDICINA
S. KALOUSEK	R. HOLLAND	C. MCMILLAN

***** MINUTES *****

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. Quorum in attendance.

Introduction and presentation by the new Executive Director of the Red Hook Community Justice Center, on the current programs and services offered at the center and contemplated for the future.

Executive Director Julian Adler gives overview of Justice Center and its jurisdiction – Criminal, Housing, and Family Court. He states that the Center employs a holistic approach that includes problem solving and social work. He invites anyone to stop in for more information.

Deputy Director Jessica Colon speaks about the center’s outreach programs and highlights the Restorative Justice work of the Youth Court.

Continued review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Prime Six, Inc. at 242 Flatbush Avenue (southwest corner Flatbush/6th Avenues).

Applicant Akiva Ofshtein updates the committee-He says he's had 2 meetings with community since last CB6 appearance. One Facilitated by Flatbush BID and a second directly between applicant and Harry Lipmann and Steve Etlinger representing communities concerns.

He says he and the community have come to agreement on many issues—

- Garbage Flatbush only
- Snow removal by contract
- Cigarettes Flatbush only
- St Marks entrance is emergency only
- No music or smoking in rear yard

A complaint logs and directs access for complaints to Mgr.

Applicant states that the remaining points of contention surround hours of operation of rear yard. He proposes summer hours of 11pm week nights and 1am on weekends. He references the other restaurants in the area and says anything less would put him at a competitive disadvantage.

Mark Shames opens the discussion and questions to the committee members and the community. The discussion includes—

- Bonded Bouncers
- Sound proofing
- Rowdy arena crowd vs. Local Patrons?
- Table Service outside vs. Bar
- What type of food on menu?

An Upstairs resident voices his support.

Regina F. Cahill, President North Flatbush BID recommends that the hours of outdoor use should match the proposed Assembly bill that has been sponsored by Assembly Woman Joan Millman.

Harry Lipman, Attorney for the community outlines the neighborhoods efforts and voices their concern. Submits letter to Mark Shames dated March 28th - its 9 key points outline what he believes the applicant has agreed to. He also states that the hours of operation are the key sticking points. *See letter as exhibit.

Continued discussion of hours of operation.

Mr. Lipman asks for a solution but says he reserves the right to take legal action.

Pauline Blake states a strong need for more compromise from the applicant and makes a motion to recommend the application conditional upon the acceptance by the applicant of the 9 points of community concern outlined in the Lipman Letter and hour of backyard use of 10pm weeknights and 12 pm on weekends. Also recommends all food service end at 2am.

Lou Sones prefers an 11pm weeknight backyard closing but seconds the motion Pauline has put on the floor.

Motion Passes

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of 604 Pacific LLC dba Players at 604 Pacific Street (between Flatbush/4th Avenues).

Applicant was not present – Mark Shames made a motion to deny.

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of SE Pacific LLC dba Social EatZ at 604 Pacific Street (between Flatbush/4th Avenues).

Applicant was not present – Mark Shames made a motion to deny.

Continued review of an on-premises liquor license renewal application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of The Cherry Tree Corp. at 65 4th Avenue (between St Marks Place/Bergen Street).

The applicants state that they have done further community notification and present photos of the outdoor space as requested in previous meetings.

Open discussion of hours of outdoor operation and noise concerns.

Steve Miller makes motion to approve conditional on outdoor hours of 10pm weeknights and 12am weekends.

Lou Sones seconds motion.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Approved.