

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
PUBLIC SAFETY/ENV PROT/PERMITS/LICENSES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2012

PRESENT:

P. BLAKE	N. DUTTA	H. FEDER
G. KELLY	H. LINK	S. MILLER
G. REILLY	M. SCOTT	M. SHAMES
M. SILVERMAN	L. SONES	B. STOLTZ
J. WOLFE		

EXCUSED:

S. LONIAL	T. MISKEL
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ABSENT:

T. ALEXANDER	J. PORCELLI	T. VAZQUEZ
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GUESTS:

C. ZINNEL – REP. FOR HON. BRAD LANDEER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER		
D. BERNSTEIN	J. FINK	J. LYNCH

*****MINUTES*****

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Gowanus Canal Conservancy on the 6th Street Green Corridor project, which is a green infrastructure demonstration pilot project funded by the Department of Environmental Protection to manage stormwater run-off from public right-of-ways along 6th Street between 2nd/4th Avenues.

Hans Eslign, local community organizer for Project EPC, Ryn from DEP, Andrew Sims is the e-designer. Around 2006, three national goals – ecology and improve public access.

- Green infrastructure, try to manage stormwater project – will manage storm watershed of 1800 acres/888 infrastructure opp.
- CSO – combined sewer overflow
- Mimic natural processes – cooling/water plants
- Project guided by EPA

Q. Why bioswale project in a superfund site?

A. Limited to water sites. Superfund will dredge the canal. This complements greener way to CSO.

Q. _____ problem – EPA says CSO. DEP do large problem of large CSOs grey infrastructure?

A. Are doing grey infrastructure.

Q. Stress put on the Gowanus by the Atlantic Yards project. Any work done on addressing Atlantic Yards added strain?

A. No. Atlantic Yards did do a study, part of sewer plan.

Q. _____, serious issue with DEPs involvement. Community should have greater than 10% impact. Going to spend one half of a billion dollars to clean. Ongoing sources of pollution. DEP is a polluter. Is DEP allowing current outflow data?

A. No, but with monitoring equipment can see some impact.

Q. All plans will not affect - drop in the bucket.

A. Philly does same.

Q. Water diverting – where does it go now?

A. Catch basins

– is downhill from sewer going directly to canal?

Q. Where does _____, 2012-2015 – when say _____?

A. DEP decides. Info will feed larger scale.

Q. How well is it working in other cities? How well will it work on grid resolution.

A. EPA has accepted as part of plan. _____ will cut down. Don't know how long, but will capture. Needs volume.

Q. Green infrastructure - _____ from usual opposed. NYC – 1/5 of budget if green DEP _____dept. Bioswales minimize runoff domestic sewage into Gowanus Canal so goal – limit flow of sewer water to keep disease, VOD out of the canal

A. No motion on issue – excellent compliment – better for environment – would like DEC in. Problem – city operating under consent order.

CB: EPA says plan is inadequate. EPA did not endorse this project. Troubled by spending \$ 1 million on 11 spots. But city allowed twice the amount of permeable lead.

A. \$1/2 million - site analyst, design monitoring.

Q. \$350 million will have 30 million gallon:data.

A. Need more money spec green infrastructure.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 9, 2012 with a correction to the liquor license application for TTT Brooklyn, Inc. dba Jolie Cantina at 241 Smith Street (between Butler/Douglass Streets). The minutes are amended to reflect that Jolie Cantina already has a sidewalk café and that was not part of this application. Mark Shames made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Lou Sones seconded the motion.

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Dinosaur Restaurant LLC at 604 Union Street (between 3rd/4th Avenues.

- Questionnaire had been completed
- No request for outdoor space yet
- Repurposed building
- Child's memorial. Keep building – will accommodate.

Q. Parking?

A. Subway and parking lot – full.

Q. Live music?

A. No stage, no band sound system.

Q. Current zoning. Is it compatible?

A. C of O says factory – file with DOB.

Q. Large establishment? Large may _____. Local?

A. 130 _____. 12-15 _____

- Community – M-Th _____
- Lives next door
- Vermin issue – took long time to get rid
- _____/have refrigerator, garbage area
- No issues to date
- Noise/rats, already Holiday Inn crowd waiting on the street.
- No R with open air concepts. People be inside
- Exhaust system? Industrial. Will _____

Community Board:

- If you change design to glass, please treat like sidewall – soundproofing
- Ventilation – sidewalk 24 seats
- Filter – several smokers
- Possible – reburners, reignite smoke – not been _____ at other restaurants
- Basement? None
- How get CM? Rental notice

A motion was made by Lou Sones to approve as presented and seconded by Matt Silverman. Mark Shames called the question.

VOTE: 12.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of The Monro Pub, Inc. at 481 5th Avenue (between 11th/12th Streets).

- Questionnaire had been completed
- Notice was given but presented verbally only

The representative will return when notification has been done.

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Cambrian Industries LLC dba South Brooklyn Local at 147A Columbia Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets).

- Questionnaire completed
- Notice served
- Agreed with hours

- Seasonal menu – burgers, fresh ingredients. Has a cook.

Matt Silverman made a motion to approve subject to our hours. Seconded by Mark Shames.

VOTE: 10.....YEAS 2.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED

Presentation and review of an on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Milk Fed LLC at 357 3rd Street (between 4th/5th Avenues).

Stone Park event space

- Notice was sent
- Limited catering license – 65 people
- Question of parking/own kitchen

A motion was made by Bette Stoltz and seconded by Lou Sones to accept as presented.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Continued discussion and review of proposed Brooklyn CB6 policy regarding the issuance of “waiver letters” for liquor license applicants.

Mark Shames: Accept recommendation on points 1, 2, and 3. District Office contact police precinct, 311 and other agencies, to find if there are other complaints. No letters from neighbors – no 5-day notice.

Matt Silverman: Non-trivial complaint friendly amendment.
Seconded by Lou Sones.

The committee’s proposed policy on waiver letters is therefore as follows:

- (i) that the liquor license application be for renewals only (no new applicants would be considered);
- (ii) that any requests for a waiver letter be considered on a one-time basis;
- (iii) that the liquor license establishment not have a history of complaints, which would have triggered a committee-level review of the renewal application;
- (iv) that the district office shall check with the respective local precinct and, if possible, the City's 311 system to determine if there were substantial complaints about the establishment; and,
- (v) that when the above conditions are met, in the absence of any substantial complaints, the district office can issue a waiver letter.

Mark Shames made a motion to adjourn. The minutes were submitted by Neena Dutta.