

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY/ENV PROT/PERMITS/LICENSES COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 27, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

P. BLAKE  
G. KELLY  
T. MISKEL  
M. SILVERMAN

N. DUTTA  
H. LINK  
J. PORCELLI  
L. SONES

H. FEDER  
S. LONIAL  
M. SHAMES  
B. STOLTZ

**EXCUSED:**

S. MILLER

**ABSENT:**

T. ALEXANDER  
T. VAZQUEZ

G. REILLY  
J. WOLFE

M. SCOTT

**GUESTS:**

J. VOGEL-REP.FOR HON.VELMANETTE MONTGOMERY, STATE SENATOR

A. SCHIFILLOTI  
C. SMITZ  
P. SILVER  
B. ANFILL  
J. FRIED  
C. PRATT  
B. HENDRY  
A. ALBERT  
E. RADKE  
C. LUCERO  
L. TORRES  
T. HEMPHILL  
R. PAPPAS  
M. SMITH  
K. WETHERELL  
M. KRATZER  
N. O'NEILL

F. CORDEROS  
B. KAFASH  
A. TEMPAIR  
G. DILORETO  
D. MARKET  
S. FLANNIGAN  
J. STROMINGER  
J. SCHNAPP  
S. PORTER  
J. EVANS  
P. MORGAN  
N. BROWN  
D. MCINTYRE  
Z. ROSS  
J. DREIER  
L. DAVID  
A. GILLIS

M. NEE  
T. SHEA  
N. GLOVER  
J. QUINN  
T. TASHI  
T. PETTIT  
L. ALBRECHT  
S. KELLEY  
J. BELT  
K. KOENIGSBERG  
R. BROWN  
V. NG  
D. KLAGSBRUN  
R. LEVY  
K. SIMSES  
K. BLANCHARD  
G. FINK

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

**Presentation and review of an unenclosed sidewalk café permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of The Bell House at 149 7<sup>th</sup> Street (between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) to permit 5 tables and 20 seats.**

The request is for 5 tables (2x4) and 20 seats.  
No change to the number of seats.  
No kitchen – serving food from a restaurant affiliate in Williamsburg.  
No complaints on file and no one was present to speak against the applicant.  
The hours are Sun-Thurs to midnight and Fri and Sat until 1A.M.

Joe Porcelli made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Tom Miskel. Lou Sones spoke in favor despite change in hours.

**VOTE: 9.....YEAS 0.....NAYS**  
**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of The Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club at 514 Union Street (between Nevins Street/3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue).**

The applicant will set up a vintage shuffleboard club/social center.- may host Bingo nights and other old fashioned games. The goal is for a mellow environment.

- There will be live entertainment a few times a week but not loud music.
- There is a space for a food truck to pull into the space – perhaps a different one each night.

Mark Shames asked about the building.

A. They will occupy Union Street side – 85 feet deep and entire Union Street frontage.

Mark Shames: Has there been discussion with other commercial neighbors?

A. Yes, everyone seems okay.

Lou Sones asked how close are they to residential buildings?

A. Across the street.

Lou Sones – concerned about rooftop noise.

A. Will have a rooftop awning and a soundproof wall toward Union Street. Willing to wait 6 months to prove themselves to the neighborhood. Attended a noise conference to help minimize the problem.

Joe Porcelli asked about capacity?

A. 17,000 square feet for 300-500 people.

Neighborhood Residents presented a petition from local residents with 121 signatures.

- Map showing 500 foot radius shows 100 residential buildings in the residential core of the Gowanus neighborhood.
- A show of hands shows perhaps 60% of the guests support the club but only a few live within the 500 foot radius.
- All of the 40% opposed live within the 500 foot radius.

- A business owner from Bond and Pacific Streets points out that there is always resistance to change but his club has improved the neighborhood.
- A resident and landlord is concerned about renting his apartments.
- One resident refers to an acoustical canyon which exists and causes voices to carry.
- Most of the people who live on the block have children and the bedrooms are
- Points out that the commercial neighbors create noise from early in the morning until about 5pm. Now they will be asked to listen to as many as 500 people making noise from 5pm to 2am.
- One resident who has raised children and worked hard to make the block nice.

Harry Feder asked if the applicant has ever opened and run a club before?

A. They will seek out a manager with substantial experience to run the club. They have not managed a club before.

- One resident is concerned about an increase in crime due to the large amount of transients.
- A Park Slope resident speaks about the mellow nature of the shuffleboard club she has seen in Florida.
- Hildegard Link said that she grew up next to a shuffleboard club in the Adirondacks – it is a quiet pursuit (there was no alcohol).
- They might consider busing people to the subway.
- Must control your business.
- Pauline Blake is concerned about 500 people and the rooftop .

Matt Ruiz is concerned about the other uses. How often will that happen?

A. Will occasionally have special events and can limit occupancy for some events. Have decided during the last few days to delay the rooftop portion.

Harry Feder also fondly recalls shuffleboard from his childhood but is still concerned about the capacity and a full liquor license. Suggest tabling this since it is the end of the summer. Would like to know who the general manager is.

Mark Shames asked about the timetable – putting it over until September - would that be a problem?

A. No. No problem.

Mark Shames points out that this is a manufacturing zone.

Matt Ruiz asks about the capacity?

A. 40 people on the courts. Has seating for 240. There are cutoffs at 299 and 499.

- A friend speaks well of the applicants as kind people who want to add to the neighborhood.

- A resident is concerned about the effects on the street and the lack of enforcement. It is possible to cover the shuffleboard courts to increase capacity. Makes a statement that the alcohol is not necessary.

Hildegard Link suggests re-evaluating the capacity.

A. Has a security plan in place to control access and loitering.

Lou Sones points out that it is a big place and will be expensive to build out so that profits will have to be maximized. It is impractical to reduce the size.

Hildegard Link made a motion to reduce the capacity to 300, provide some shuttle to public transport and rooftop sound control using vegetation. The motion was seconded by Neena Dutta.

Glenn Kelly points out the likelihood that this neighborhood will be rezoned and become increasingly residential. This business is likely to find itself increasingly isolated and likely to make a nuisance of themselves. They should find a location without residential neighbors.

Pauline Blake and Joe Porcelli both spoke against the motion because the business is too big.

Bette Stoltz spoke against the motion because of the bad review of the beer hall which we approved a few months ago.

Sayar Lonial is opposed to the motion because of the shuttle requirement.

Mark Shames calls the question.

**VOTE: 3.....YEAS 8.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION  
MOTION DENIED**

Applicants decide to withdraw their application and return with revisions.

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Pavilion Park Slope Cinemas 9, LLC at 188 Prospect Park West (corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street).**

The applicants are doing an internal renovation with 9 theatres – would like to add a liquor license to serve wine, beer and limited spirits (5) from 5pm to 11pm. The total capacity of the establishment is 1032 seats. There is no bar – just a cafe area with 10-15 seats and two concession areas for food and drinks. Alcohol is only served at one of the concession stands. This will be targeted toward people who arrive early and want a drink before the movie. It is possible to take drinks into the theatre.

Pauline Blake had two concerns: How will you protect against teenagers with fake ID's?

A: This is a problem at any licensed establishment. They will use a bar code scanner to control.

- Concerned that it will be difficult to control intake.

Joe Porcelli made a motion to approve. Hildegard Link seconded.

Matt Ruiz is concerned about young adults sharing drinks with minors.

A. They will have ushers and checkers to keep track of patrons.

Bette Stoltz asked about precedent – where else is this done?

A: Angelika and BAM.

The question is called.

**VOTE: 11.....YEAS 0.....NAYS**  
**MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of JJT Hospitality LLC at 213 Smith Street (between Baltic Street/Butler Street).**

New American Bistro Hunters Restaurant – they are purchasing assets from Athena. They have 2 chefs with 20 years experience. There is no outdoor space. The hours are:

Mon. thru Thurs. – 4-11pm

Fri. and Sat. – 4-2am

Sat. and Sun. – 9am for brunch

Seating capacity - 55 seats.

Lou Sones made a motion to approve. Sayar Lonial seconded.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

Sayar Lonial moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 25, 2012. Hildegard Link seconded.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

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

The minutes were submitted by Glenn Kelly.