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April 9th, 2025

City Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Cooper, Chair
Danielle Brecker, Vice Chair
Warren Davis
Mohammad Hossen
Chhemang Lama
Norberto Saldana
Caroline Spitzer

Committee Members Absent:

James Kim

Public Members Present:

Public Members Absent:

Andres Yllanes

Queen's Community Board 2 Staff:

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Min Kim, Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant Corp.
Sam Park, Representative for Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant Corp.
Jennifer, Melania's Latin Cuisine Corp
Emily Hong, Representative for Melania's Latin Cuisine Corp
Anne Keogh, Jakk LLC
Raffaele Solinas, Osteria Brooklyn Leasing Corp.
Stephen Lee, 3Son LJ Inc.
Jae Yu, Representative for 3Son LJ Inc.
Pascal Escriout, Caloune Corp.
Kevin, Tacos LI Cuidad
Jae Lee, Jae's Pizza 1 LLC, and Nowon LIC LLC
Teddy Gonzalez, Representative for Jae's Pizza 1 LLC, and Nowon LIC LLC
Mufit Korran, Silk Road Authentic Cuisine

"Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth"

Marie McGuinness, McGuinness Bar
Leo Reynolds
Mandena Limbert
Bill Kloos, Retro Recess LLC
Laura Ryan, Representative for Retro Recess LLC
Angel Hart, LIC Partnership

Stephen Cooper welcomed everyone to the City Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting.

NYC DINING OUT APPLICATIONS

1. Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a sidewalk café set up at **50-22 39th Avenue, Woodside, NY** (1st Invite)
 - Min Kim, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting in-person with Sam Park, the representative.
 - Sam Park said Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant withdrew its application for the roadway cafe setup.
 - The sidewalk cafe setup will have 21 tables and 42 seats; 26 seats will be on 39th Avenue, and 16 seats will be on the side street.
 - The establishment will have a storm awning; its dimensions are 16.5 feet by 15 feet, and most of the tables and chairs will be inside the storm awning.
 - The business closes at 10:00 PM, seven days a week.
 - Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant was informed of State Law requiring businesses to complete an alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.
 - Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant's sidewalk café setup approval is contingent upon withdrawing their roadway café setup application and filing for the alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.

A motion was made by Danielle Brecker to not oppose and it was seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor.

2. Osteria Brooklyn Leasing Corp. applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a roadway and sidewalk café set-up at **1-50 50th Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)
 - Raffaele Solinas, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting in-person with an individual who did not identify themselves
 - Osteria Brooklyn Leasing Corp opened last year and offers Italian Cuisine with South Indian influence.
 - The sidewalk cafe setup will be on Center Boulevard, with 24 seats and 12 tables.
 - The roadway cafe setup will have 6 tables and 24 chairs.

- Osteria Brooklyn Leasing Corp's hours of operation are 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM, seven days a week.
- There won't be outdoor music.
- Osteria Brooklyn Leasing Corp was informed of State Law requiring businesses to complete an alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.

A motion was made by Danielle Brecker not to oppose the sidewalk cafe setup and it was seconded by Caroline Spitzer. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Danielle Brecker not to oppose the roadway cafe setup and it was seconded by Warren Davis. The motion was not unanimous as Stephen Cooper opposed the motion.

3. Jakk LLC d/b/a The Lowery Bar & Kitchen applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a roadway and sidewalk café set up at **43-02 43rd Avenue, Sunnyside, NY** (1st Invite)

- Anne Keogh, the owner of Jakk LLC, attended the committee meeting in-person.
- The sidewalk cafe setup will be on 43rd Avenue and have 14 seats.
- The roadway cafe setup will be on 43rd Street and have 21 seats.
- The roadway cafe setup will have an outdoor structure with visibility on the sides. Anne Keogh showed images of the outdoor structure to the committee members.
- Jakk LLC's hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM, Monday - Wednesday, 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM, and Thursday - Friday, 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM.
- Jakk LLC was informed of State Law requiring businesses to complete an alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.

A motion was made by Caroline Spitzer not to oppose the sidewalk cafe setup and it was seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Caroline Spitzer not to oppose the roadway cafe setup and it was seconded by Danielle Brecker. The motion was not unanimous as Stephen Cooper opposed the motion.

4. Caloune Corp. d/b/a Tournesol applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a sidewalk café set up at **50-12 Vernon Boulevard, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- Pascal Escriout, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting in-person.
- The sidewalk cafe setup has a five-foot clearance and will have 4 tables and 8 chairs.
- Caloune Corp closes at 10:30 PM, seven days a week.
- The establishment has operated for 23 years.
- There will be no outdoor music.

- Caloune Corp was informed of State Law requiring businesses to complete an alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.
- The City Services and Public Safety Committee informed Pascal Escriout that the office did not receive a signed SLA stipulation from the establishment when its SLA Liquor License was renewed.
- The approval of Caloune Corp's sidewalk cafe setup is contingent on them returning a signed stipulation.

A motion was made by Mohammad Hossen not to oppose and it was seconded by Warren Davis. All were in favor.

5. Sales Gild Inc. d/b/a Santa Chiara Caffè applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a roadway set up at **52-41 Center Boulevard, LIC, NY** (2nd Invite)

Sales Gild did not attend the committee meeting. They are re-invited to the May 14, 2025, City Services and Public Safety Committee meeting.

6. Silk Road Authentic Turkish Cuisine d/b/a Safir Mediterranean applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a roadway and sidewalk set up at **47-31 Vernon Boulevard, LIC, NY** (3rd Invite)
 - Mufit Korran attended the committee meeting in-person.
 - The sidewalk cafe setup will have 4 tables and 8 seats, with a big awning.
 - The roadway cafe setup will be 22 feet long and have 8 tables and 16 seats.
 - The hours of operation for Silk Road Authentic Turkish Cuisine are from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM, seven days a week.
 - There won't be outdoor music.
 - Silk Road Authentic Turkish Cuisine was informed of State Law requiring businesses to complete an alteration for adding or removing continuous or non-continuous space to serve alcohol outdoors.

The committee members unanimously supported the sidewalk café setup.

A motion was made by Warren Davis to oppose the roadway cafe setup and it was seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor.

7. Tacos LI Cuidad LLC d/b/a Tacombi applicant applying for a Dining Out Application for a sidewalk café set up at **27-10 43rd Avenue, LIC, NY** (3rd Invite)

Kevin, the head of construction for Tacombi, attended the committee meeting virtually; he was re-invited to the May 14, 2025, City Services and Public Safety Committee to attend in-person.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY MATTERS

LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS

8. Mario Gatti or Entity to be Formed d/b/a Running Water 6 applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **45-06 Pearson Street, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

Before the April 9, 2025, City Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting, the applicant requested to postpone their meeting for the following month. The applicant was re-invited to the May 14, 2025, City Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting. After not attending the committee meeting, a letter of opposition to the establishment was sent to them and the State Liquor Authorities.

9. Melania's Latin Cuisine Corp. d/b/a Rincon Melania Restaurant applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **35-11 Queens Boulevard, Store 1A, Long Island City, NY** (1st Invite)
 - Emily Hong, the representative, attended the committee meeting in-person with her assistant. Jennifer, the owner of the establishment, attended the meeting virtually.
 - Melania's Latin Cuisine serves Ecuadorian food and has been operating since 2017.
 - The establishment's hours of operation are Sunday - Thursday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Friday - Saturday, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM.
 - The establishment has 16 tables, 34 seats, and a bar area with 5 chairs.
 - There will recorded music indoors.
 - There won't be dancing activity in the establishment.
 - There won't be outdoor music.
 - The maximum occupancy for the establishment is 50 people.

A motion was made by Caroline Spitzer not to oppose and it was unanimously supported by the committee members.

10. 3Son LJ Inc. d/b/a TBA applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **37-04 Queens Boulevard, Suite 2-1, Long Island City, NY** (1st Invite)
 - Stephen Lee, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting in-person. Jae Yu, the representative, attended the committee meeting virtually.
 - Inside the establishment, there are 8 tables, 32 chairs, and a service bar.
 - There will only be recorded music.
 - The establishment closes at 11:00 PM, seven days a week.
 - 3Son LJ Inc has been operating since October 2024.

A motion was made by Caroline Spitzer not to oppose, and it was seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor.

11. Nowon LIC LLC applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **43-01 Dutch Kills Street, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- Jae Lee, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting virtually, and Teddy Gonzalez, the representative, attended in-person.
- Inside the establishment, there are 18 tables, 40 seats, and a customer bar with 5 seats.
- Nowon LIC LLC's hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Friday, 5:00 PM - 2:00 AM, Saturday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM, and Sunday, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM.
- There will be background music and karaoke. Karaoke will be "out in the open."

A motion was made by Danielle Brecker not to oppose, and it was seconded by Warren Davis. All were in favor.

12. Retro Recess LLC applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **10-40 46th Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- Bill Kloos, the owner of the establishment, and Laura Ryan, the representative, attended the committee meeting in person.
- Retro Recess LLC doesn't currently have a lease.
- The establishment would close at 12:00 AM Sunday – Thursday; on Friday and Saturday, it would close at 2:00 AM.
- Inside the establishment, there will be 7 tables, 55 seats, and a service bar with 12 seats.
- The establishment would have pinball and vintage arcade games from the 1970s and 1980s.
- There will be recorded music, but there will be no dancing inside the premises.
- There will be a doorman hostess or security guard checking IDs to ensure minors are not unaccompanied by an adult.
- According to the fire code, there is one means of ingress and an additional fire exit.
- Retro Recess LLC will be soundproofed.
- Stephen Cooper, the committee chair, requested that the establishment ensure no one outside the premises loiter and smoke.
- The committee chair said that the SLA License approval Retro Recess LLC obtains is contingent on the establishment securing the lease.

A motion was made by Warren Davis not to oppose and it was seconded by Danielle Brecker. All were in favor.

WINE, BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS

13. Jae's Pizza 1 LLC applicant applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License at **27-20 Jackson Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- Jae Lee, the owner of the establishment, attended the committee meeting virtually, and Teddy Gonzalez, the representative, attended in person.
- The establishment is not operating.
- The establishment will have a cellar and will be storage.
- Jae's Pizza 1 LLC's hours of operation are Sunday - Thursday, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM, and Friday - Saturday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM.
- The establishment will have a window counter with 7 seats.
- There will be recorded music inside the establishment.

A motion was made by Norberto Saldana not to oppose, and it was seconded by Caroline Spitzer. All were in favor.

TRANSFERS/ALTERATIONS/RENEWALS/CORPORATE CHANGES/CLASS CHANGES/CATERING LICENSES/METHOD OF OPERATION/REMOVALS

14. Rettley Inc. d/b/a McGuinness's applicant applying for a NYSLA Alteration Application for a sidewalk café at **44-23 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, NY** (1st Invite)

The City Services and Public Safety Committee did not receive the required documents to vote on a motion; once the committee receives those documents, they will be able to make a motion.

Public Comment:

- Two constituents attended the City Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting to voice their concerns about Lost in Paradise. This establishment is disrupting the quality of life in their neighborhood. These disruptions include blasting music during the weekdays, such as at 1:30 AM, people loitering, loud noises emanating at 4:00 AM, and regular alcohol consumption on the streets. CB2 will look into this matter.
- Stephen Cooper reported that he intends to invite representatives from the 108th Police Precinct to attend City Services and Public Safety Committee Meetings in the future so that the committee could bring issues to the precinct's attention.
- A committee member reported that there's an establishment immediately next to a family shelter that sells alcohol. The business obtained an SLA license without coming to a committee meeting after failing to show up for three separate meetings. The committee member acknowledged that many people living in that family shelter suffer from alcoholism, and he wants to know what can be done to protect the vulnerable people in there without running that establishment out of business.

The committee meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Nava