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February 12, 2025

City Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Present

Danielle Brecker, Vice Chair
Warren Davis
Zeeshan Ott
Norberto Saldana
Caroline Spitzer
Mohammad Hossen
James Kim

Absent

Stephen Cooper Chair
Chhemang Lama

Public Members

Andres Yllanes

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado

Guests

Supatta Banklouy
Kitiya Mokkarat
Chi Watt
Ratthee Rveanspisansin
Natcha Ekteeraprapa
Jameso Sullivan
Patrica Dumphy
Michael Kelly, Representative
Sherry Xu
Oscar Aparicio
Alex O Ropeza
Musa Hexha
Steven Betellc
Karol Zapata
Raymond Ruiz

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

AGENDA

NYC DINING OUT APPLICATIONS

1. Safir Mediterranean applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **47-31 Vernon Boulevard, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The applicant did not attend the meeting.
- The applicant was re-invited to next month's March 12, 2025, City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting.

2. Tacombi applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **27-10 43rd Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The applicant did not attend the meeting.
- The applicant was re-invited to next month's March 12, 2025, City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting.

3. Bolivian Llama Party applicant applying for a Dining out Application at **44-14 48th Avenue, Woodside, NY** (1st Invite)

- The hours of operations are Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM and on Saturdays it closes at 10:00 PM.
- Dirk McCall, Executive Director of Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District provided a strong recommendation in support of the Bolivian Llama Party's Dining Out Application.
- There will be 8 seats in the outdoor dining area.
- The applicant will have background music.
- A motion was made not to oppose by Caroline Spitzer and seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

4. Mercato LIC applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **47-46 Vernon Boulevard, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The outdoor seating will be open from 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Monday – Sunday, seven days a week.
- The establishment has been open for 2 and a half months.
- The applicant wants to have two separate areas for outdoor dining.
- On the corner of Vernon Boulevard and 48th Avenue, there will be 3 chairs.
- On the roadway on 48th Avenue there will be 12 chairs and 6 tables.

- Mercato LIC will not have outdoor background music in their dining out area.
- A motion was made not to oppose by Norberto Saldana and seconded by Mohammed Hossen. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

5. Little Chef Little Café applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **5-43 48th Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- Diana Mamalang, the applicant, attended the committee meeting.
- The hours of operation for the outdoor dining area are Monday - Sunday, seven days a week, from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM.
- The applicant intends to add 6 tables and 12 seats to their outdoor dining area on 48th Avenue.
- Little Chef Little Cafe has been open for five years and has had an outdoor structure for three and a half years; the outdoor structure was removed back in November.
- The establishment received many letters of recommendation from Community Board members and neighbors supporting its outdoor dining application.
- Little Chef Little Café applicant stated that they have one of the widest streets, so they make sure their outdoor dining area is six feet between the building frontage and the curb.
- They also mentioned that they have an adjustable ramp that has been used and when needed it will be used.
- There will be no outdoor music and there is no platform.
- A motion was made by Norberto Saldana and seconded by Zeeshan Ott. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6. Sean Og applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **60-02 Woodside Avenue, Woodside, NY** (1st Invite)

- Michael Kelly, the representative, attended the meeting with James O. Sullivan, the owner of the establishment.
- The applicant wants to have two separate sections for outdoor dining on the roadway and sidewalk.
- The outdoor areas will be open Sunday through Thursday until 11:00 PM; on Fridays and Saturdays, they will close these areas at 12:00 AM.
- The sidewalk outdoor portion will have 13 tables and 26 seats.
- The roadway café section has two sections, both 35 feet by 8 feet with a maximum seating capacity for 30 tables and 60 seats.
- Both of these structures will be located on 60th Street.
- The establishment has been open and operating for over 26 years.
- There will be no music in the establishment's outdoor dining area.
- A motion was made by Mohammed Hossen not to oppose and seconded by Zeeshan Ott. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

7. The Alcove Restaurant applicant applying for a Dining Out Application at **41-11 49th Street, Sunnyside, NY** (1st Invite)

- Michael Kelly, the representative attended the meeting with the applicants.
- The applicant intends to have two separate areas for outdoor dining: Sidewalk Café and Roadway Café.
- The outdoor dining areas will be open seven days a week. On Sunday through Thursday, the outdoor dining areas will close at 11:00 PM, and on Friday and Saturday they will close at 12:00 AM.
- The establishment has been open for 8 years.
- The Sidewalk Cafe will have 8 tables and 16 seats using 7 feet of a 15 foot sidewalk, leaving a required 8 foot clearance.
- The Roadway Café is 20 feet by 7 and a half feet with 9 tables and 18 seats.
- The outdoor dining area will have markings for pedestrians and cars to ensure safety.
- There will be no outdoor music.
- A motion was made by Caroline Spitzer not to oppose and seconded Andres Yllanes. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY MATTERS

LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS

8. SDLIC Inc. d/b/a Sugardaddays applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **51-07 27th Street, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The applicant did not attend the committee meeting.
- The applicant was re-invited to next month's March 12, 2025, City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting.

9. Dim Sum applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **24-28 Jackson Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The establishment will open seven days a week from 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM.
- The establishment Dim Sum is replacing was in business for 135 years.
- The landlord and Dim Sum agreed on the lease that the bar wouldn't be altered to preserve its historic nature.
- The bar will have 10 seats and there will be around 128 seats. The applicant will update the PA since the table layout has changed.
- The establishment will open in March or April as the applicants are renovating the establishment, they will change the flooring and kitchen.

- A motion was made by Mohammed Hossen not to oppose and seconded by Andres Yllanes. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

10. Running Water 6 LLC d/b/a Sky Bar LIC applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **23-20 Jackson Avenue, LIC, NY** (1st Invite)

- The applicant did not attend the meeting.
- The applicant was re-invited to next month's March 12, 2025, City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting. This application has been withdraw.

11. 52-50 Van Dam Deli Corp. applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **52-50 Van Dam Street, LIC, NY** (2nd Invite)

- The applicant did not attend the meeting.
- The applicant was re-invited to next month's March 12, 2025, City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting.

12. Soothr Koon Limited d/b/a Soothr LIC applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **25-20 43rd Avenue, LIC, NY** (2nd Invite)

- Frank Palillo represented the applicants for Soothr Koon.
- The establishment's hours are from Monday through Friday are from 12:00 PM – 2:00 AM.
- The establishment will have 42 tables, 120 seats and ten barstools.
- There will be recorded music, and occasionally, there will be live jazz performed by one performer on a weekday, such as Tuesday, to increase customers.
- The landlord of the establishment said that the building Soothr Koon will operate is not a residential building, and Long Island City could use some music.
- There will be no outdoor space or dancing.
- A motion was made by Andres Yllanes not to oppose and seconded by Caroline Spitzer. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

13. The Green Storm applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **43-22 Greenpoint Avenue, Sunnyside, NY** (2nd Invite)

- Frank Palillo represented Oscar Aparicio and Paulo Brian, the applicants for The Green Storm.
- The hours of operation indoors will be Monday through Sunday, seven days a week, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 AM; the patio will close at 10:00 PM seven days a week.
- The Green Storm is taking over the premises of the previous establishment.
- Indoors, there will be 8 tables and 28 seats; the bar will have 16 seats, and there will be 11 tables and 22 seats on the patio.

- The square footage of the backyard is approximately 500 feet, and for ground floor is approximately 2,000 square feet.
- There will be a jukebox and recorded music.
- There is only one apartment above The Green Storm.
- The establishment will open once construction is finished, either in April or May.
- A motion was made by Andres Yllanes not to oppose and seconded by Zeeshan Ott. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

14. Partake LLC d/b/a Partake applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License at **10-29 44th Road, ground floor & Cellar, LIC, NY** (Reinvited)

- Frank Palillo, the representative, represented Raymond Ruiz, the applicant; this was their third visit to the office. They returned to the office because the most recent stipulation did not reflect Partake LLC's and the City Service & Public Safety Committee's agreement, allowing the establishment to use their backyard.
- The backyard seating has 7 tables and 28 seats and will close at 12:00 AM, seven days a week.
- The area is completely non-residential.
- A motion was made by Warren Davis not to oppose and was seconded by Andres Yllanes. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

WINE, BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS

15. Tagpuan Bakery Café and Restaurant Corp. applicant applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License at **70-06 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY** (1st Invite)

- The establishment is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM.
- There might be acoustic music on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays to attract customers. The music might include background music or live, probably with keyboards or guitar, and will be from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM or 11:00 PM, at the latest.
- There will be no outdoor area.
- The establishment will have 26 chairs and 8 tables, and there will be no bar.
- The applicant committed to submitting the remainder of the documents necessary for the Liquor License Applicants so they can receive a stipulation to sign.
- A motion was made by Andres Yllanes not to oppose and was seconded by Norberto Saldana. All were in favor and no oppositions.

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

OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT

16. Karol Zapata applicant applying for a Cannabis License at **10-29 44th Road, LIC, NY** (Reinvited for review of stipulation agreement).

- Karol Zapata, the sole member of the entity; Carlos Angelucci, who will help operate the entity; and David Feder, an attorney representing Karol Zapata, attended the meeting.
- The applicant received a dispensary stipulation before, and there were no issues, but the applicant wants to go over technicalities.
- The Office of Cannabis Management has a 10k foot rule, which states that cannabis dispensaries cannot be within 10k feet of each other unless they provide a unique convenience and advantage to the public.
- Karol Zapata, the establishment, will pursue this route by requesting a variance. They will claim that they are presenting a unique service to the community with onsite consumption of cannabis, which they believe will foster a safe environment to consume the product and get educated on cannabis. The onsite-consumption area will mirror that of a lounge; it will have no more than 15 seats.
- Additionally, the dispensary will sell packaged goods and dispense cannabis at the location.
- There will be a security vestibule right at the front of the property, and nothing will be visible from the sidewalk. Money and products will be kept separately; security will be inside and outside the premises. They are committing to spending a lot of money on an air filtration system that specializes in the removal of cannabis smell.
- The establishment has a new certificate of occupancy as they added an extension to the building. The new extension is separate to the other entities operating next to it. They would like to add the C portion to the establishment's address on the stipulations if possible.
- The area is nonresidential.
- The applicant for the establishment requested that their hours of operation be from 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Monday through Sunday, seven days a week and that the lounge area be open from 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Monday through Sunday, seven days a week. A motion was made by Warren Davis to not oppose and seconded by Andres Yllanes. All were in favor and no oppositions.
- Warren Davis made an amendment to his motion so that the hours of operation for the dispensary will be from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM, Monday through Sunday, seven days a week, and the lounge area will be open from 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Monday through Sunday, seven days a week. There will be no live music, only background music. All were in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Warren Davis made a motion that was seconded by Danielle Brecker to adjourn the City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Nava