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## **Economic Development Committee**

Thursday, February 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Hon. John Lynch, Chair

### **Minutes**

**Committee/Board Members in Attendance:** John Lynch, Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Cicely Harris, Cheryl Smith, Victoria Pannell, Jenifer Prince, Mari Moss-Yawn, Lisa Downing, Raquel Vazquez

**Excused:** Stanley Gleaton, Victoria Horsford, Earl Keller, Manny Rivera, Danni Tyson

### **Agenda**

#### **1. SLA Applications**

##### Renewals

- Blue Ocean Group Inc., d/b/a Café Amrita, 301 West 110<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10026 (b/w Frederick Douglass Blvd. – Manhattan Avenue, north side) – Full Liquor License. Applicant principal Robert Song presented. The Committee voted to support the application by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

#### **2. Old Business**

Discussion was had regarding the concept and potential difficulties of an “alcohol-free corridor” on 116<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.

#### **3. New Business**

a. Harlem Nights Ltd., 145 West 138<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10030 (NE corner of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.). Discussion was had regarding SLA charges brought against this establishment as a result of operations in contradiction of the “Method of Operation” initially represented in the establishment’s liquor license application to the SLA (i.e., live music). Since the occurrence of a murder at the establishment last year, the NYPD and the SLA have been strictly observing the business and bringing many technical violations.

b. "Soha." Discussion was had regarding a proposed Resolution condemning the use by certain real estate brokers and businesses of the term "SoHa" in reference to certain sections of Central Harlem.

c. Proposed 197-A Plan. Board member Raquel Vazquez reported on Task Force efforts to develop a 197-A Plan for our District.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned

*Minutes submitted by John Lynch*