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Economic Development Committee

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Hon. John Lynch, Chair

Minutes

Committee and Board Members in Attendance: John Lynch, Donna Gill, Manny Rivera, Cicely Harris

Presentation:

Mr. Donald Notice and representatives of the West Harlem Group discussed employment and workforce development opportunities arising from the NYCHA Randolph Houses Development construction project.

NY State Liquor Authority Applications/Renewals:

Renewal

- Hotel 124 LLC, d/b/a Aloft Hotel, 2300 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10027 (b/w 123rd - 124th Streets, East side) – Full Liquor License. The Committee voted 4 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions to support the renewal application.

New

- Sogona Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Yeresso Lounge Bar, 2400 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10030 (b/w 140th - 141st Streets, West side) – Wine and Beer License. The Committee voted to postpone consideration of this application due to significant community opposition and questions raised regarding whether the applicant is in violation of its lease for the premises, which expressly prohibits establishments selling liquor.
- Grafted Hospitality Group, d/b/a Clay Restaurant, 553 Manhattan Avenue, New York, NY 10027 (SW Corner 123rd Street) – Full Liquor License The Committee voted 4 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions to support the renewal application.

New Business:

- a. Recent Americans with Disability Act Lawsuits against local businesses

b. Recently opened “Harlem Hookah Lounge” at 387 Lenox Ave (between 129th – 130th Streets, West side).

c. Potential Round Table Discussion to be developed by the Economic Development Committee and the Land Use Committee regarding loss of small businesses due to rising commercial rents, landlord “warehousing” of vacant commercial space and the proliferation of chain stores/box stores.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by John Lynch