BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES JANUARY 28, 2013

PRESENT:		
N. DUTTA	H. FEDER	S. GROSS
G. KELLY	H. LINK	R. MYERS
L. PINN	J. PORCELLI	G. REILLY
M. SHAMES	M. SILVERMAN	L. SONES
B. STOLTZ		
EXCUSED:		
E. ANDERSON	D. BRAVO	S. LONIAL
S. MILLER	T. MISKEL	D. YESKEL
ABSENT:		
P. BLAKE	T. REEVES	
GUESTS:		
J. STEIN – REP. FOR NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
L. ALLEN	S. WYGODA	P. GRIECO
C. HARKNESS	K. LEVIN	N. ELBOGEN
L. CARLEN		

MINUTES

Presentation and discussion with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection on the agency's response to Hurricane Sandy.

Julie Stein from DEP made the presentation on the impact of Hurricane Sandy. She provided a handout giving post-Hurricane Sandy updates.

- \$95 million dollars of damage
- Some sewage discharged into the canal
- Testing regularly since the storm
- Pumping station off line for 33 hours on October 30 to October 31 due to loss of power and flooding damage.
- Construction is 61% complete for the pumping station and flushing tunnel
- Hurricane Sandy resulted in an additional 3-month delay.
- Anticipated project completion is Spring 2014.

Q&A:

Mark Shames asked if 2014 is realistic? A: Yes Glenn Kelly – would there have been CSO discharge? A: Yes

Glenn Kelly was there damage to CFC equipment – loss of utility power. A: No

Bette Stoltz – does rendering show the dykes and dams? A: No

Bette asked how high was flood? A: 18 inches.

Matt Silverman – Cost of putting oxygen transfer station online? A: Still evaluating

The committee chair, Gary Reilly concluded the presentation.

Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of 499 Union Street LLC, at 499 Union Street (at Union/Bond Streets) in our district.

Joseph Levy and Akiva Reich were present and Mr. Levy spoke as to their plans for the venue:

- Multi use/community use
- Test kitchen concept
- Chefs from all over will be "guest" chefs

Q&A

Gary Reilly asked how far are they from PS 32? A: Over 200 feet.

Is this the entire square footage? A: yes

Lou Sones – what is the location and are you going to allow rent out space for independent caterers?

A: Yes. Screening process required for safety and liability.

Hildegaard Link – Community center with two bars? A: Events with alcohol would be private.

Regina Myers – Open to the public? How much concert venue? A: Private events mostly – no live events. Glenn Kelly – flush out uses of space. A: Artists will showcase.

Matt Silverman – what about parking? A: An abundance of parking.

Sara Gross – coordination of multiple events? A: Sufficient space – Yes coordination.

Joe Porcelli are there any opponents? A: None

Bette Stoltz – any outdoor rooftop? A: No

Neena Dutta – liquor license? A: Liability is main concern.

Regina Myers – When there's nothing planned for the space, what happens in it? A: Not open

Lou Sones made a motion to approve, seconded by Bette Stoltz.

VOTE: 11.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION MOTION PASSED

Presentation and review for a renewal of an on-premises Beer and Wine license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Lucky Lou's Café and Grill at 396 6th Avenue (between 6th/7th Streets) in our district.

Q&A

Lou Sones asked why are you up for renewal after only 10 months? A: Wine and beer license is for one year.

<u>Note:</u> Gary Reilly read info regarding complaints and the fact that they have been addressed.

Glenn Kelly – be careful with regards to sound.

Joe Porcelli moved to approve the request seconded by Hildegaard Link. An amendment was made by Glenn Kelly to make sure that the doors are closed.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Terroir Park Slope LLC, at 284 5th Avenue (between 1st Street/Garfield Place) in our district.

Paul Greco Joe Porcelli moved to approve and Glenn Kelly seconded

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation and review of an unenclosed sidewalk café permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Mescals of 5th Avenue Restaurant Corp. at 223 5th Avenue (between President/Union Streets) to permit 14 tables and 18 seats.

Steve Wygoda represented the corporation.

Bette Stoltz made a motion to approve seconded by Hildegaard Link.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

Neena Dutta made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Regina Myers.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

465 Court Street – Robert Callahan and Chris Harkness

Mark Shames made a motion to push through. It was not seconded and then withdrawn.

Request: Nathan Elbogen requested to include 4th Street basin to be included in boundaries for the Superfund and that the 4th Street basin be remediated and restored.

Responses: Mark Shames - we would like to see the Board consider this.

Comment from Lou Sones: Christos Tsiamos of the EPA does listen and may be considering remediation possibly including 4th Street basin.

Glen Kelly – what is the benefit to community?

Hildegaard Link - why important to you?

Regina Myers – how are pieces being left out?

A: Walthar: Contamination on 4th Street described by Christos Tsiamos as "severe."

Lou Sones – after remediation would you want it to returned to water? A: Yes

Lance Pinn made a second motion to adjourn.