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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD SIX
211 E. 43RD STREET, SUITE 1404
NEW YORK, NY 10017

**Business Affairs and Street Activities
Thursday June 28th, 7:00pm
211 E 43rd Street Suite 1404 New York NYC**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kyle Athayde (Chair), Susan Steinberg (Vice Chair), Dan Devine, Frank Scala, Paige Judge, John Keller

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes

Kyle Athayde (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.
Motion to adopt previous agenda and minutes so moved

Committee Business

1. Resolution: New On Premises License for Midtown Eats LLC 319 E 53rd Street bet 1st and 2nd Avenues

Srini Rao owner came before the committee for a new on premises license. Mr. Rao described the nature of the restaurant as "fine dining". The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 12pm-10:30am Friday-Sunday 12pm-12am. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

2. Resolution: Corporate Change of On Premises License for American Ootoya Inc. DBA Tempura Matsui, 222 E 39th Street bet 2nd and 3rd Avenue

Attorney Joseph Levy came before the committee with two new directors who are officers and there will be the same ownership. There will be no change to the operating agreement including the hours of operation. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

~~3. Resolution: New Beer/Wine/Cide License for Souvlakerie LLC. DBA Souvlaki GR Kouzina, 231 E 53rd Street bet 2nd and 3rd Avenues~~

4. Resolution: New on Premises License for An Entity or Entities to be form by Peter Davis, Richard Ravitch, and/or George Gaspar, 25 Waterside Plaza Unit C.

George Gaspar, managing partner and Alexander Victor attorney came before the committee looking to establish a new on premises license for the existing event space, flex

auditorium/theater. The hours of operation will be 11am-2am Monday-Sunday and there will be a DJ, pre-recorded music and live music depending on the events that may take place. The entity is located at Waterside Plaza and will primarily serve residents of the said area, though Mr. Gaspar made it clear that the space is open to all people. The Chair noted a letter the board received from Janet Handal. Writing as President of the Waterside Tenants Association, Ms. Handal, gave the association's full support of the application, saying the tenants are "very eager" for "eating, drinking and entertaining on-site." Hearing no comments from the community, a motion no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

5. Resolution: Corporate Change of On Premises License for Ichiban Foods Inc. DBA Wokuni, 327 Lexington Avenue bet 38th and 39th Streets

Attorney Euri M Choi came before the committee to discuss the application. There will be a new president of the corporation (Hidefumi Nakano), otherwise there will be no changes to the method of operation and the establishment will remain a high-end Japanese restaurant. The hours of operation will remain 11:30am- 2:45pm and 5pm- 10pm Monday-Wednesday, 11am-2:45pm, 5pm-11pm Thursday-Saturday and 5pm-10pm Sunday. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

6. Resolution: Corporate Change of On Premises License for RM El Torito LLC DBA, DBA Sinigual, 640 3rd Avenue Bet 41st and 42nd Streets

Attorney for the establishment came before the committee to discuss the application. There will be change of ownership, otherwise there will be no changes to the method of operation and the establishment will remain a quality Mexican restaurant. The hours of operation will remain the same. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

7. Resolution: Corporate Change of On Premises License for DiamondRock NY Lex Tenant LLC and Highgate Hotels, L.P. DBA The Lexington New York City, 511-515 Lexington Avenue between 47th and 48th Streets

A representative from Highgate Hotels came before the committee looking change the corporate officers. There will be limited alternations of the lobby lounge/restaurant and the bar will be slightly increased. There will be no changes to the method of operation or hours. The hours will remain 6:30-12am and will comply with NY State laws around servicing alcohol. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

8. Resolution: Corporate Change of On Premises License for Reins International New York, Inc. DBA Gyu-Kaku. 805 3rd Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets

Attorney Jonathan Bing came before the committee to discuss a corporate change to Gyu-Kaku. Mr. Bing explained that there will be no change to the hours of operation or method of operation. There will only be new corporate officers in place, as the executives often stay

heading the North American arm of the chain for a few years before being changed. The hours of operation will be Monday-Thursday 11:30am-11pm, Friday-Saturday 11:30-12am and Sunday 11:30-10pm. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

9. Resolution: Renewal of On Premises License for Do You Like Comedy LLC. DBA New York Comedy Club, 241 East 24th Street Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Attorney Frank Palillo, owner Emilio Sarone came before the committee to seek a renewal of the liquor license. The community has had problems (mostly around noise, smoking and outside crowding), which the proprietors have attempted to mitigate via added signs, security and crowd control. There are two security guards on the weekdays and three on the weekends and the owners have their personal information out front. There have been 30 or so noise complaints in 2017, however the proprietors never received a summons. Mr. Sarone explained that the police used to often stop by to see how everything was, but seeing no problems, have stopped coming by. The hours of operation are 1pm-12:30am Sunday, Monday 4pm-12:30am, Tuesday-Friday 4pm-2am, Saturday 1pm-2am.

The committee asked the requisite questions about security, signage and such and had their questions sufficiently answered. One committee member complimented the proprietors on what seems to be a successful attempt to run a more neighbor friendly business. Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

10. Resolution: New On Premises License Epsilon 493 Corp. DBA Blue Haven East, 493 3rd Avenue Between 33rd and 34th Streets

Owners Meghan Joye, Diarmuid Joye and attorney Frank Palillo came before the committee seeking to get a new on premise license for what is currently Mercury bar. The group currently operates several establishments in CB3. Mrs. Joye has successfully run Lucky Jacks for 14 years, Blue Haven for 8 years, and Donnybrook for 10 years, all with a 4am close and located within CB3 where she lives and is very involved. Ms. Joye said her strong relationship with the community and reputation as a great local proprietor assuaged the normally stringent CB3 when she applied to change locations of one of her establishments and allowed her to maintain a 4am closing.

Committee members initially expressed concern that the proposed location is in the current space of Mercury lounge which has historically been a problematic operator in the community. However, other committee members cited shuttered storefronts and many establishments closing in the area. Ultimately the committee came to the near consensus that Blue Haven should be given a 4am close citing the proprietors currently well run establishments, community involvement, and the barren retail footprint. There were also positive comments from the community.

There will be pre-recorded music, no beer-pong and the food menu is be significant part of business and strong. They will have the doors and windows closed by 10pm on Monday-Sunday. The hours of operation will be 11am to 4am. A motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-1.

11. Discussion of Community Concerns with Broken Shaker Bar in Freehand Hotel at 23rd Lexington Avenue

The general managers and ownership of the Broken Shaker were called in by and appeared before the committee because several members of the community voiced concerns about the recent opening of the Broken Shaker. Several community members appeared and cited noise, hours of operation, crowd control and garbage/construction as problems. Terry Reid of 144 E 24th cited concerns over the line being directed into the service entrance to the rooftop bar which meant patrons congregated outside 144 E 24th. Sebastian a neighbor across the street spoke of the loud speakers pointing out and prohibiting his ability to read at 11pm or read with the windows open. Rich Lai, building manager of 144 E 24th Street said that construction supplies, porta-potty and other debris were being left leaning on or in front of his building. He also said that lines from the Broken Shaker often got so long that they blocked the entrance to his building and made it uncomfortable for older/less able bodied residents to navigate past.

Management from the Broken Shaker promised to resolve (1) line issues, including trying to situate the line towards 24th and Lexington, moving the line inside the hotel, making sure the bouncers are quiet, and there is no unnecessary congregating outside (2) re-angling the speakers to face inward towards the hotel, not outwards and purchasing a decibel reader to make sure the music is not too loud (3) providing a direct contact outside the hotel so residents with complaints are able to contact managers on duty (4) have the construction debris quickly removed.

12. Discussion with Organizers of Vanderbilt YMCA Lexington Avenue Festival

Seeing no representatives from the organization present, a negative motion was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

13. Discussion with Organizers of Murray Hill Merchandise Fair

Seeing no representatives from the organization present, a negative motion was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

14. Discussion with Organizers of Lexington Avenue Summerfest

Seeing no representatives from the organization present, a negative motion was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 6-0.

15. Chairs Report

Report was waived

16. Old/New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:12pm
Minutes submitted by: Daniel Devine