

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
BUSINESS AFFAIRS & STREET ACTIVITIES MEETING MINUTES

Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee

Thursday, April 27th, 2017 - 7:00 pm

NYU School of Dentistry, Nursing & Architecture 433 First Ave, NY, NY, 10010 Rm. 220

KEITH POWERS, Chair

1a. Alteration OP for VER34 LLC dba Wine 34, 127 E 34th St.& Lexington Ave Reso

Representative Virgo Lee and Volkan Muti Managing Member were present at the meeting. They are applying for a small unenclosed café permit. The hours of operation are Sunday, Monday-11am-midnight, Tues-Thurs 11am-1am and Friday, Saturday 11am-2am. Doors and windows will be closed 10pm on weekdays and 11pm on Weekends.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

2b. New OP Liq. Lic., Corp to be Formed dba TBD, 575 2nd Ave, btw E. 31st & 32nd Sts Reso.

The representatives from 575 2nd Avenue were not present at the meeting. Therefore, as is standard committee policy the committee moved to deny the application.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of to deny was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

~~**3c. New OP Liq. Lic., Corp to be Formed dba TBD, 439 3rd Ave. btw E. 30th & 31st Sts WD**~~

4d. New OP Liq Lic., Lucille II LLC dba Lucille, 2430 FDR Dr. @ E. 23rd St Reso.

The two owners from Empire Cruises were present to discuss their application for a liquor license. The operators use Skyport Marina as well as Pier 36, Brooklyn Army Terminal , Pier 1 (Staten Island) and Liberty Landing in NJ as points of departure. They have a particular niche in school trips, proms, graduation parties and corporate outings. Comments from the committee revolved around the owners making sure there was sufficient security and cabs waiting for patrons as they depart the vessels. The owners said they work with a livery service as well as yellow cabs that refill at a nearby gas station to ensure sufficient transportation.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

5e. New BW Lic, Cafe Alpine Inc dba TBD 686 3rd Ave @ E. 43rd St Reso.

Ji Soo Jeong, managing member and Eurie Choi, representative were present at the meeting for Cafe Alpine Inc, DBA Cade Hestia. Café Hestia is a deli, with a small indoor seating area. The hours of operations are 6am to 8pm Monday-Sunday. The operators have two other establishments with a similar set-up, one of which they have been managing for 16 years. The establishment will have 16 4-top tables. A committee member requested further information around the rules for serving and selling alcohol as in recent months several similar deli/seating area applications have been heard. Upon discussing the hours of operation the proprietors agreed to be within New York State Law and not sell alcohol before 8am.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

6f. Alteration OP Lic for MP Bedford Property LLC, SSH NY Renwick LLC & Bedford Ash Restaurant LLC dba The Renwick; Bedford & Co., 118 E. 40th St. btw Park & Lexington Aves Reso.

Donald Bernstein Esq. and a managing member presented before the committee. The Renwick and Bedford & Co is a boutique restaurant and bar on 40th street. The operators were seeking an unenclosed sidewalk café and a change in the method operation for the restaurant/hotel. Members of the committee commented that the area is largely commercial and such an offering would be positive for the overall enhancement of the area. The hours of operation for the interior will be 6am-2am Monday through Sunday. Hours of operation for the exterior will be 8am to 12am Monday through Sunday. The sidewalk café will have 8 seats. The restaurant will be occasionally rented out for private parties. Representatives said a DJ will be occasionally employed, specifically on the weekend. With further questioning from the committee, representative's stated that the nature of the DJ's work will be primarily to program music and esthetically enhance the environment and while the DJ is playing the music will be kept to the standard conversational level.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

7g. New BW Lic, @The Spot LLC dba @The Spot, 719 2nd Ave btw E. 38th & 39th Sts Reso.

Jie Yu Wu, President and Timothy Wong, ESQ presented at the meeting. They are applying for a new liquor license. @The Spot is a Counter-serve Vietnamese restaurant offering classic banh mi sandwiches, pho soups & other Vietnamese mains mostly to-go, however the representatives are seeking a liquor license for their small, 20 person capacity restaurant. The hours of operation are Monday-Sunday 11am to 10pm and will have no open windows or doors.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

~~**8h. Corp Ch for DMF Gramerey Ent. Inc. dba Pete's Tavern, 129 E 18th St @ Irving Place. —WD**~~

9i. Alteration OP for HHLP 52nd Lessee LLC & Hersha Hospitality Management LP dba Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan-Midtown East, 206 E 52nd St btw 2nd & 3rd Aves. Reso.

Donald Bernstein ESQ. and an operator of The Hilton Garden were present. They came before the committee seeking an alternation to their method of operation, specifically incorporation of an outdoor patio into the hotel license premises. The patio currently exists but does not have a liquor license. The patio has three tables with six seats and two small sofas with a seating of four.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

10j. New OP Liq Lic., Red Drop LLC dba Cello Wine Bar, 226 E 53rd St. & Vote For Pedro LLC dba Vote For Pedro, 231 E. 53rd St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves. Reso.

11k. New BW Lic., Big B Restaurant Ent. Inc dba Farmers Daughter, 229 E 53rd St. 2nd & 3rd Aves 2nd & 3rd Aves. Reso.

Having the same ownership team, articles 10j. and 11k. were heard together. Cello is a current popular wine bar and will move across the street to a new, more suitable location and Vote for Pedro is a new application for a Mexican restaurant which will operate in Cello's current space. The applicant previously came before the board for Vote For Pedro and had their application approved for another space but decided not to proceed with renting that space. The Farmers Daughter will be a "farm to table" establishment focusing on locally sourced cuisine.

Hearing no comments from the community, a motion of no objection was made and seconded. The committee passed the motion 5-0.

12l. New DCA App for unenclosed SWC, 12 tables/24 chairs, for Steel Pan LLC dba Eros Restaurant, 447 3rd Ave. @ E. 31st St Reso.

I don't have any notes or handouts about this.

13m. Discussion: Community Concerns of DCA renewal app for 411 Rest Corp dba Tonic, 411 3rd Ave @ E. 29th St.

There were no public comments and no committee comments in regard to Tonic, which previously has had issues in regards to noise and other problems.

14n. Chair's Report

There was no chairs report.

15o. Old/new business

Respectfully submitted by Dan Devine