

**Community Board Six Business Affairs and Streets Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting Thursday, March 30 2017**

**Attendance:** per the sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., and minutes are rendered in the order of applications heard.

**Item 1a New OP Liq. Lic. For William Zafiros Aristotle Hatzigeorgiou dba TBD, 499 E. 34 St. bet. First Avenue and FDR.** Represented by William Zafiros and Attorney Michael Ferrari. They came back for another chance for a BASA vote. They answered questions about emergency helicopters and other technical information. BASA voted to have their hours as rendered. **Motion of No Objection: 4-2-1.**

**Item 2b Corporate Change OP for Go Nobu Inc dba Sushi Tsushima, 210 E. 44 St. bet. Second and Third Avenues.** Represented by Attorney Genki Shiohara, RBL Partners. This is a simple management change. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 3c Alternation OP for Carra LLC dba Dog & Bone, 338 Third Ave. at E. 25 Street.** Represented by Robert Callaghan from Consultant Michael Kelly's office. This is to add the sidewalk cafe to the liquor license. They are reducing the usage from 15 tables and 30 seats to 11 tables and 25 seats. Since they came before us and were approved last month for the liquor license, we had a **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 4d New OP Liquor License for Blask Group LLC dba Gramercy Kitchen, 184 Third Avenue at E. 17 Street.** Represented by Andreas Koutsoudakis, CEO, Trading Table. This was the Gramercy Cafe which was there for over 40 years. Hours of operation will be 6 am to midnight seven days a week. They advise that Father John of the Greek Orthodox Church has allowed them to serve liquor by waiving the 200' rule and this will be confirmed at the SLA. They also will not do 24/7 on the weekends. They expect to open in mid-June and showed us floor plans. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 5e Change in Method of Operation for AWOL Ventures LLC dba AWOL Bar & Grill, 337 Third Avenue at E. 25 Street.** Represented by Robert Callaghan (see above). They had kept the 2am closing time for a year and are now back to us for 4 am closing. There was considerable discussion about the geography of the venue and how it's on a strip of bars. The GPBA had representatives to protest this extension. They also want acoustic/guitar/live music. A compromise was offered that they are only open until 4 am on Thurs., Friday and Saturday nights and that all music is done by midnight. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-1.**

**Item 6f New OP Liquor License for Village Crown Caterers Inc. dba Esprit Events Caterers, 216 E.49 St. bet. Second and Third Avenues.** Represented by Marek Schwedt for Restaurant Solutions and Jacob Ottensoser, President. Hours of operation are 8:30 am to 5 pm. They have been there ten years. They intend to have 15 people in their tasting room. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 9i New OP Liquor License for 23 Lexington Associates LLC; Sydell Hostel Manager LLC & 3 other entities dba Freehand New York, 23 Lexington Avenue bet. E. 23 and 24 Streets.** Represented by Sydell Group: Bruno Vergeynst, Corporate Director, Operations and Phil Hospod, VP, Development. This is known as the George Washington Hotel. Components are ground floor with two restaurants, north and south, a mezzanine on the second floor, and a rooftop venue on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor. They also have 400 rooms with mini-bars and room service. 70% of the rooftop venue is indoors. The mezzanine is geared for guests while the two restaurants are geared for outside traffic. Guest rooms start at the third floor. There would be a DJ in the mezzanine. They have asked for 7am to 4am hours for all venues. We had considerable questions, especially about sound from the outside rooftop venue. We proposed the following: no DJ in mezzanine after 2 am and no sound from the rooftop after midnight. With these changes: **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 10j New OP Liquor License for 223 3<sup>rd</sup> Restaurant LLC dba Sal Anthony's, 223 Third Avenue at E. 19 Street.** Represented by Attorney James D. Wanderstock, Cynthia Graham and Anthony Macagnone, Sr. This was the former Anisette Restaurant. This is a beloved institution in the community and we are delighted to have them back. Operation hours are 12 noon to 11 pm seven days a week. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 11k New OP Liquor License for Turtle Bay Hospitality LLC dba TBD, 244 E. 53 St. bet. Second and Third Avenues.** Represented by Brian Owens, Principal. This was T.J. Whitneys. They asked for 4am and thinking on a case by case basis, they have Crave Fishbar and had another Crave which was lost after the E. 51 Street crane collapse. They have a good history with us and they will own the building housing their venue. **Motion of No Objection: 4-1-2.**

**Item 15o New DCA Application for unenclosed sidewalk cafe 8 tables and 16 chairs for Barfly NYC Inc. dba Barfly, 244 Third Avenue at E. 20 Street.** Represented by Robert Callaghan (see above) and Aldo, owner. This is just a corporate name change; he has been there over 30 years. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

**Item 13m New DCA Application for unenclosed sidewalk cafe 4 tables and 8 chairs for Silo East Inc. dba TBD, 963 Second Avenue bet. E. 50 and 51 Sts.** Represented by Robert Callaghan (see above). This was Baccarat. The block is known for its cafes and they will adhere to regulations. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

#### **Old/New Business**

It was noted by committee members as a reminder that we need policies regarding liquor licenses and cafes. Keith will speak to Rick so that we can have clear policies as we vote in Committee.

Frank Palillo came about Bar 263 and our concerns about the adult venue beforehand and meeting the principal. Michael Parker, manager, appeared and addressed our concerns to our satisfaction. This was not on the agenda tonight but needed to be addressed, and so Keith had brought this matter forward.

There being no additional old/new business, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Member of BASA  
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