

Community Board Six Business Affairs and Streets Committee

Minutes of Meeting Thursday, November 30, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Per the sign-in sheet. Kyle Athayde chaired and Cody came from the Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and each item was done per the Chair's prerogative.

Item 1a New WBC License for Hsu, Inc. dba Tanaka Sushi, 222 E. 51 St. bet. Second/Third Aves. Represented by owner Kwang Jhong. This is a new full food menu high end Japanese restaurant with hours 11am to 11pm Monday through Saturday and 3-11pm on Sundays. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 2b Method of Operation Change for Land Fortune Inc. dba Land of Plenty, 204 E. 58 St. bet. Second/Third Aves. Represented by manager Michael Ng. They have been in business for over eight years with no community concerns and this application is for a change in hours: 11am to 2am seven days a week per their application. Their restaurant is large, seating about 100 people. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 3c New DCA Application for unenclosed SWC, 6 tables and 12 chairs, for 23 Lexington Tenant LLC dba Freehand New York, 23 Lex. Ave. bet. 23/24 Sts. Represented by attorneys Jake Lamstein and Benjamin Savitsky of Bernstein Redo, This will be a cafe with a retractable awning and no outdoor music. Since this would be across from Baruch and near the post office, it was felt overall that it would be a benefit to the community. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 4d New OP License for Aqua Restaurant Group dba Hutong, 731 Lexington Avenue bet. 58/59 Sts. Represented by Max Bookman of Bookman & Pesetsky and principal David Yeo. This venue replaces Le Cirque and will be a high end restaurant. Hutong is a Northern Chinese cuisine and hours will be 10am to 2am 7 days a week with no cafe nor bar. A list of politicians in favor of this venue was submitted and community response was sought. It will be strictly a ground level venue. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 8h New OP License for Kessler 211 East 46th St. LLC dba TBD, 211 E. 46 St. bet. Second and Third Aves. Represented by Max Bookman (see above) and principal Joshus Kessler. This will be a high end restaurant with 65 seats with hours of 11am to midnight Monday through Wednesday and Sunday and 11am to 1am Thursday through Saturday. They hope to open in April of next year. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 5e Alteration at CRC Hospitality Group LLC dba Handcraft Kitchen & Cocktails, 367 Third Avenue bet. 26/27 Sts. Represented by principals Chris Delmond and Chad Gaudet. This is to add a bar in their rear dining room. They have been before us for their other applications and have a closing time of 4am with the board's approval. Their main focus is their restaurant operation. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 6f New WBC License for Chin & Sue, Inc. dba Mona Cafe, 310 E. 44th St. bet. First and Second Avenues. Represented by principals Jae Yu and Ace Pak. This will be a sushi restaurant with background music. It is also an ownership transfer with a new corporation. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0.**

Item 7g Renewal OP License for JMMT Cafe Inc. dba The Mad Hatter Saloon, 360 Third Avenue bet. 26/27 Sts. Represented by principal Michael Traynor. Kyle advised him of noise complaints and furniture in their back yard; he is complying by closing the yard at 11 pm. We asked that he display his contact number for the community on his premises. **Motion of No Objection: 6-0-0 pending the posted contact number.**

Item 9i Renewal OP License for 1079 1st Ave. dba Under the Bridge, 1079 First Avenue bet. 58/59 Sts.

Represented by attorney Brian Brombery of Bookman and Pesetsky and principal Dimitrios Sarantopoulos. Hours of operation are 10am to 2am 7 days a week. Kyle mentioned noise complaints of music late into Sunday morning. It appears to be one tenant's problem, but items to improve conditions included notification in advance of special events, a contact telephone number posted, curtains and tiling to reduce noise, moving the speaker and signs to keep smokers from the front of the venue. We need all these items in a change agreement and this must be presented to us before the next full board meeting in order to secure a committee vote of no objection. They will work on this. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0 (Keith joined us) pending a change agreement with all the items discussed.**

Item 10j New OP License for GQ Times Inc. dba TBD, 248 E. 52nd St. bet. Second and Third Aves.

Represented by owner Ryuichi Munekata who has been in business for twenty years. This is a new corporation and the venue will be Japanese ramen. Hours are 11:30 am to 11pm Monday through Wednesday, 11:30am to 4am on Thursday and Friday, and 12pm to 11pm Saturday, and 12pm to 10pm on Sunday. They will have a full food menu with 70 seats. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

Item 12l Method of Operation Change for RDM Bar Restaurant Corp. dba ER Bar, 605 Second Avenue bet. 33/34 Sts. Represented by representative Marek Schwedt and President Dennis Agalli. Mr. Agalli is 100% sole owner and he also is a part owner of Rocky's. They wish to be open until 4am from Thursday through Saturday. Mr. Agalli has bought the building over the venue to prevent community concerns. He also brought a twenty page petition of community advocates who support them. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

Item 13m New BC License for Lucero Food Corp. dba Joe Junior Restaurant, 167 Third Avenue at E. 16 St. Represented by Jian J. Du of Michael Floyd Inc. This is a well known coffee shop in the community and they would just serve beer/cider to diners. They have a full food menu and close at 11pm seven days a week. **Motion of No Objection: 7-0-0.**

Old/New Business

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We briefly discussed the language with new applications: corporate change versus new. It's a matter of semantics but it can get confusing to applicants and attorneys.

Paige reminded us that we must discuss the change in cabaret laws and its impact on CB6/BASA.

Keith bade us a fond farewell as he is soon in public office. BASA congratulated him.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14.

Submitted: by Public Member Carol Schachter December 3, 2017