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MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD SIX  
211 EAST 43RD STREET, SUITE 1404  
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**CB6 Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee**  
**Thursday, November 29, 2018 7:00PM**  
**NYU School of Dentistry**  
**433 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Room 220**  
**New York, NY 10010**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Kyle Athayde (Chair), Susan Steinberg (Vice Chair), Julie Block, Matt Bondy, Daniel Devine, Kevin FitzGerald, Jon Keller, Frank Scala, Seema Shah, Carol Schachter

**Absent:** Brooke Goldman

**Excused:** Paige Judge

**Guests:** Names of petitioner representatives and members of the public in attendance are noted in relation to the Items detailed in the “Committee Business” discussed below.

- Katie Loeb was in attendance representing CM Carlina Rivera

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

Chair Kyle Athayde called the **Meeting to Order** at 7:05PM ET.

Susan Steinberg made a motion to adopt the **Agenda**, seconded by Jon Keller. The motion passed: 9—0—0.

Julie Block made a motion to adopt the **Minutes** from the previous meeting, seconded by Kevin FitzGerald. The motion passed: 9—0—0.

**Committee Business**

**Item 1 New On Premises License for 447 3rd Ave Food Corp. doing business as Eros Meze at 447 3rd Avenue**

Represented by: Kathleen E. Negri Stathopoulos, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 11:00AM to 11:00PM.

- Ms. Negri clarified that there is no outdoor space at the moment. If the entity plans to utilize outdoor space in the future they will come back to us.

Motion of No Objection was made by Carol Schachter and seconded by Susan Steinberg. The motion passed: 9—0—0—0.

**Item 2 Class Change to an On Premises License for Souvlakerie LLC doing business as Souvlaki GR Kouzina at 231 East 53rd Street**

Represented by: Sam Park, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Sunday to Tuesday 11:00AM to 11:00PM, Friday and Saturday 11:00AM to 12:30AM.

Motion of No Objection was made by Susan Steinberg and seconded by Kevin FitzGerald.

The motion passed: 9—0—0—0.

**Item 3 Method of Operation Change for GPH Management LLC. doing business as Gramercy Park Hotel at 2 Lexington Avenue**

Represented by: Donald Bernstein, Attorney, and Peter Young, Manager.

Hours of Operation: The Hotel is open 24 hours daily, and the bar is open until 4:00AM daily.

Motion of No Objection was made by Julie Block and seconded by Carol Schachter.

The motion passed: 9—0—0—0.

**Item 4 New On Premises License for Dai Hachi Sushi & Bar Corp. at 1074 2nd Avenue**

Represented by: James Wang, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 11:00AM to 12:00AM.

Motion of No Objection was made by Jon Keller and seconded by Carol Schachter. The motion passed: 9—0—0—0.

**Item 5 New On Premises License for DK WGC LLC & Merritt Operators doing business as The Westin New York Grand Central at 212 East 42nd Street**

Represented by: Ellen Gustafson, Attorney, and Shannon Kenny, Representative from Westin Resorts.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 7:00AM to 11:00PM.

Motion of No Objection was made by Jon Keller and seconded by Carol Schachter. The motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

**Item 6 All Night New Year's Eve Permit for RDM Bar Restaurant Corp. doing business as ER Bar at 605 2nd Avenue**

Represented by: Marek Schwedt, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Sunday to Wednesday 4:00PM to 2:00AM, Thursday to Saturday 4:00PM to 4:00AM.

- Following multiple comments from Members of the Committee expressing concerns and potential benefits of the all night permit, Mr. Schwedt was amenable to closing at 4:00AM.
- Chairman, Kyle Athayde made a Motion to vote for the establishment to shutdown at 4:00AM, extending normal course business hours by two hours.

Motion of No Objection was made by Julie Block and seconded by Carol Schachter. The motion passed: 6—4—0.

**Item 7 Corporate Change for 513 Third Restaurant Ltd. doing business as Joshua Tree at 513 Third Avenue**

Represented by: Regena Stavropolous, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 11:00AM to 4:00AM.

Motion of No Objection was made by Kevin FitzGerald and seconded by Carol Schachter. The motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

**Item 8 New Wine/Beer/Cider License for Trendy Thai LLC doing business as Maison Thai at 625 2nd Avenue**

Represented by: James Wang, Attorney.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 11:30AM to 11:30PM

Motion of No Objection was made by Julie Block and seconded by Carol Schachter. The motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

**Item 9 New On Premises License for Convene at 605 Third Avenue LLC doing business as Convene at 605 Third Avenue, 7th Floor**

Represented by: Zahra Lucas, Attorney, and Courtney Wendell, Area Operations Coordinator.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 6:00AM to 11:00PM.

Motion of No Objection was made by Daniel Devine and seconded by Susan Steinberg. The motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

**Item 10 New On Premises License for Operation Craft 1 LLC doing business as Greats of Craft at 983 1st Avenue**

Represented by: Zahra Lucas, Attorney, Mike Vetten, Joe Schinco, and Matt Collins, Partners.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Sunday 6:00AM to 2:00AM.

- A question was asked by Anne Seligman (CB6 Board Member), as to if the establishment will serve growlers. The question was answered in the affirmative.
- The Committee made a stipulation to ensure that the owners would include signage in the window of the establishment with a telephone contact to be reached should someone have an issue with the establishment.

Motion of No Objection was made by Julie Block and seconded by Seema Shah. The motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

**Item 11 Discussion of New York City Council Introduction 0737-2018, the “Small Business Jobs Survival Act”**

- Chairman, Kyle Athayde made opening remarks stating that he hopes to generate thoughtful conversation and feedback surrounding the Bill in hopes to update it.
- Katie Loeb was in attendance representing CM Carlina Rivera
- Ms. Loeb expressed the CM Rivera is in favor of the general spirit of the Bill, highlighting several aspects of the Bill that would spur positive change.

- Committee Member, Matt Bondy astutely pointed out his points of opposition and concerns for the Bill, and also aptly stated that the Bill would be likely challenged in court if it were to pass.
- Anne Seligman (CB6 Board Member, expressed her concerns about the Bill being over 30 years old at this point, and since it is so dated she questioned “Why not start over and redraft the Bill?”. She continued to express that she had “serious concerns for the Bill.”
- We concluded that we would make a few proposed tweaks to the Bill, give everyone time to review it again, and vote on it at next month’s Board meeting.

### **Item 12 Chair’s Report**

The Chair reported that he had nothing additional to report.

### **Item 13 Old/New Business**

- Nothing additional to report.

### **Adjournment**

Carol Schachter made a motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by .

The Motion passed: 10—0—0—0.

The Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:54PM.

Minutes submitted by Kevin FitzGerald