

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

E. ANDERSON  
G. KELLY  
L. PINN  
M. SHAMES  
B. STOLTZ

D. BRAVO  
H. LINK  
T. REEVES  
M. SILVERMAN  
D. YESKEL

N. DUTTA  
S. LONIAL  
G. REILLY  
L. SONES

**EXCUSED:**

S. MILLER

T. MISKEL

R. MYERS

**ABSENT:**

P. BLAKE  
J. PORCELLI

H. FEDER

S. GROSS

**GUESTS:**

J. BOLTRA  
D. BERNSTEIN  
J. WILLIAMS  
L. BUFFINGTON

C. OPEZ  
A. CARABALLO  
P. ISOP

I. KARAN  
S. KLECKNER  
J. MOGRAY

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm.

**Presentation by CUNY Graduate Center Doctoral Candidate Suzanne Stemple on the impact of water conservation efforts during rain events and the impact citizens can have on reducing sewage discharges into the Gowanus Canal.**

Suzanne Stemple made the presentation about the Gowanus Canal and water conservation. Hildegard Link asked about the scope of the study and Mark Shames asked about implementation.

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Soi Thai Inc., at 194 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between (Union Street/Berkeley Place) in our district.**

Tammy and Li Wong appeared with counsel. The establishment is currently called Nom. The new place will be run just as Nom. Gary Reilly asked if anybody was present in opposition. The answer is no.

Q: What is your relationship with the current owners?

A: Friends. They will be taking over the establishment essentially as is.

Q: Is this a new liquor license?

A: It is a transfer of the existing license.

Q: Are there other Thai restaurants in the area?

A: Yes. Mei Thai.

Q: Outdoor space? Sidewalk café? Is there a school within 200 feet?

A: No. No. No.

Glenn Kelly made a motion to approve, seconded by Lou Sones.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

As of 7:15pm, the Chairperson, Gary Reilly announced that the committee has a quorum.

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Cooper Square 227 LLC at 227-229 Flatbush Avenue between (Bergen Street/Dean Street) in our district.**

This is a dual operation – Elbow Room/BBQ – one application.

Gary Reilly asked if there were anyone from the community to speak against the application. The answer was no.

Q: How many other bars/liquor establishments within 500 feet?

A: There will be a 500 foot hearing.

Q: Do these locations go through the back?

A: No

Sayar Lonial made a motion to approve and Neena Dutta seconded.

**VOTE: 12.....YEAS 0.....NAES 2.....ABSTENTIONS WITHOUT CAUSE  
MOTION APPROVED**

**Presentation and review of an alteration to a current on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Simmons Provisions of NY LLC dba Kiwiana at 847A Union Street (between 6th Avenue/7th Avenue).**

- Amendment to liquor license to account for a sidewalk café.

- Sidewalk café application not being brought at this time.
- Discussion: Makes more sense to see the 2 applications together.

Lou Sones made a motion to table, seconded by Matt Silverman.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and review of a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Dinosaur Restaurants, LLC at 604 Union Street between (3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to permit 6 tables and 36 seats.**

Gary Reilly asked if anybody from the community wanted to speak against the application? There was one person to speak.

The liquor license was previously approved – they were back for sidewalk café.

Q: What are the hours of operation?

A: The sidewalk café is 12 and 1.

Gary advised them that the committee asks all applicants to abide by CB6 rules of 11 and 12. Applicant said they were amenable to that.

The community member (lives across the street) had noise concerns.

Applicant: we're primarily a restaurant; talking about six tables in front.

Q: What would you do to not interfere with other commercial spaces on block during the day?

A: We have 12 feet of clearance and flexibility in moving furniture.

Q: This is served dinner seating. Where do people congregate when waiting to be seated?

A: Accommodations inside.

Q: When are you opening? Indoor capacity?

A: May. Capacity is 239.

Q: Could you educate your staff regarding noise?

A: Will be personally overseeing. Very important to us to be good community members.

Q: Renting or buying?

A: Renting

Q: Are you going to have to change use?

A: Yes

A motion was made by made Glenn Kelly to approve subject to customary CB6 hour restriction and support amendment to liquor license – seconded by Lou Sones.

**VOTE: 13.....YEAS 1.....NAES**  
**MOTION APPROVED**

**Presentation and review of a new unenclosed sidewalk café permit application renewal submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs on behalf of Francesca Merchants LLC at 465 Court Street between (Nelson Street/Luquer Street) to permit 12 tables and 24 seats.**

The applicant is doing business as Prime Meats and is requesting a renewal of a sidewalk café permit.

A motion was made by Dominique Bravo to approve the request seconded by Hildegard Link.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

Sayar Lonial made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Lou Sones.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Other Business**

Mark Shames speaking to the EPA Gowanus Plan and proposed CB6 response.

Glenn Kelly: I'd rather not complicate our response with lots of content that EPA has no jurisdiction over.

Bette Stoltz: On phone with EPA today; confirmed that dredged material should be carried away by barge; de-watering must occur in Superfund area.

Hildegard Link: In favor of de-watering – in water/on barge.

- Continued discussion regarding de-watering.

At 8:30pm, Hildegard Link seconded by Lou Sones made a motion to adjourn.

Minutes were submitted by Eric Anderson.