

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/PERMITS & LICENSES
JULY 25, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

P. Blake	P	H. Link	A	M. Ruiz	A
D. Buscarello	A	S. Miller	A	M. Shames	A
D. Carcache	A	T. Miskel	P	R. Underwood	P
B. Fuller-Googins	A	R. Myers	A		
P. Gibson	A	M. Peretz	A		
G. Kelly	E	L. Pinn	A		
J. Li	P	M. Racioppo	A		

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

GUESTS

J. Harvey – Rep. for Assemblywoman Simon

A. Smith	D. Gordon	J. Gordon
E. Woodward	D. Woodward	M. Landrigen
H. Armstrong	K. Rettig	S. Ellis
M. Holcomb	D. Shapiro	S. Shapiro
D. Hegarty	B. Fishman	P. Fishman
M. Harriman	T. Harriman	K. Scheider
D. Hagerty	S. Hagerty	J. Miller
T. Ullmann	S. Trignano	S. Hunter
J. Rankin	J. Kimmelman	J. Meisel

***** MEETING MINUTES*****

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Bayne Capital, Inc. at 517 Court Street, (between West 9th Street/Garnet Street).

Bayne Capital at 517 Court Street.

- Space was a coffee house with a liquor license
- Old space had beer and wine license
- No live music, no open windows
- Neighbors above - have been notified by owner and provided notice of the Community Board meeting.
- Old coffee house kept the same hours
- Snacks are available, but no kitchen

- No outdoor area

The committee will recommend approval.

Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Los Nopales Inc. at 191 5th Avenue (between Berkeley/Union Streets).

Los Nopales at 191 5th Avenue

- Mexican restaurant
- The space used to be a wine bar
- Owner provided notice
- Outdoor space won't be used – will change application
 - Notice form was not notarized
 - Didn't provide proper notification to the public
 - Owner plans to open on September 15th.

The committee will need to table until the next month's meeting.

Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Marquis 2020 Brooklyn Corp. at 84 St. Marks Place, (4th/5th Avenues).

Marquis 2020 Brooklyn Corp. – renewed/modified license application for beer hall.

- Minority shareholder now purchased business
- Applicant has met with community groups

Complaints:

- Evening noise
- Unruly customers
- Outdoor space
- Lack of communication with neighbors

Plans to address concerns:

- Keep music volume low
- Built foyer to “soundproof” front doors
- Hired additional staff to keep noise down
- Will hire security for large events
- Upgrade signage (no loitering, littering, loud noises)
- Initial proposal of outdoor space was to have hours until 10pm:
 - Will alter hours until 8:30pm
 - Space reduced by 40% (open parts to next building closed)
 - Concrete wall should limit noise
 - No amplified noise outside
 - Dog-friendly space

Owner willing to work with the community on an ongoing basis.

- Owner has monthly meetings with neighbors, an open door policy and e-mails
- Doors close at 8:30pm

- Awnings, foliage, umbrellas to reduce noise
- Place of assembly permit is \$240 – no change

Community questions:

Q. Emily, lives on the street: Outdoor bartender?

A. No

Q. Hunter Armstrong, lives on the block: Only commercial business on that side. How can zoning allow this?

A. Community Board only makes recommendations to the State Liquor Authority. We don't decide where bars can be established. If there are zoning issues, they will be flagged.

Q. Resident on the street: Residential Street can't support large beer hall; expansion would make it worse.

A. Hours: 2am on weekends, midnight on weekdays

Q. Dave Gordon, adjacent backyard: Beer hall agreed 2 years ago that they would install sound curtain, close doors etc. which they haven't done. He doesn't trust that promises will be kept since promises were broken in the past.

Q. Jessica Kimmelman, St. Mark's resident: Her bedrooms face the street. Windows in front of the bar are open. People congregate outside of bar with no visible staff. Records of 311 calls and noise complaints ongoing.

Q. Steve Caplan, St. Mark's resident: No crowd/noise control. Has complained in person multiple times in one evening. The staff is not accommodating to complaints.

Diane Mora, the business owner said that adjustments were made.

Tom Harron – community promises not kept. Owner had made the alterations.

Q. Ahana Smith, lives 3 doors down on Warren Street: Wants accountability to Warren Street about noise. Wants a community process.

Q. Steve Ellis, lives on Warren Street: Backyard noise travels – has had to close windows.

Q. Ron Kimmelman, resident on Warren Street:

- Two doors open late – sound emissions
- People drinking outside, no one monitors this, even when there is a party
- He doesn't trust owners' promises.

Q. Steve Levy. Neighbor of Marquis spoke about his good will and neighborliness.

Q. Hannibel Smith, resident of Warren Street: Thinks things will change because of ownership change.

Pauline Blake, CB6 committee member, suggested that a working group be formed to hash out some compromises.

- No Community Board decision until stipulations reached to append to application
- This will be useful when license is up for renewal
- Working group to meet within next two weeks before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

- Community members should let the Community Board district office know by Monday who will negotiate on their behalf.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The minutes were submitted by Jane Li.