

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
PERMITS & LICENSES  
February 26, 2018**

**Attendance:**

P. Blake	P
L. Branch	P
K. Broughton	P
M. Carter	A

E. Causil-Rodriguez	P
R. Freeman	P
G. Kelly	P
T. Miskel	E

L. Pinn	P
M. Racioppo	P
J. Skaller	P
M. Vacheresse	P

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

**Guests:**

J. Novar  
M. Medina  
J. O'Brien  
P. Yamazahi  
G. Reilly  
J. Fay-Hunitz

C. Metaxan  
L. Detwiler  
D. Molner  
L. Buff  
S. Ettlinger  
F. Castelluccio

R. Callahan  
M. Ewan  
A. Ofshtein  
E. Levinson  
A. Kolker

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

The meeting commenced at 6:37pm with a quorum of 7 out of 12 members. A motion was made by Josh Skaller and seconded by Pauline Blake to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 22, 2018.

**Motion Approved: Unanimously**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Popina NYC LLC at \*127 Columbia Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets).**

Presentation was made by James O'Brien, one of the owners. They have been in business for 6 months. They are adding a service bar to the backyard. There are 34 seats inside and they would like to service the outside area with 4 picnic tables and 4 small round tables – perhaps 30-35 maximum. There will be no music outside and door will be closed. The backyard closes at 11pm.

A motion to approve was made by Josh Skaller and seconded by Mike Vacheresse.

**VOTE: 7.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS**

**Motion Approved**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC at \*185 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue\* (between 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Streets).**

Presentation was made by Jessica Brewer, Attorney and the General Manager was also in attendance.

- Basic Beer/Wine/Margaritas – limit of one drink purchased at a time.
- Posted notice of application on establishment front door and will provide corporate documentation of community notifications.

Josh Skaller moved to table the application until next month to verify notification to the community. Motion seconded by Pauline Blake.

**VOTE: 7.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS**

**Motion Approved**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Chief's Tasty Catering LLC at \*347 Van Brunt Street\* (between Wolcott/Dikeman Streets).**

Presentation was made by James Novoa, one of the owners. They are doing business currently as Hope & Anchor.

- American cuisine with Spanish influence.
- Seats 65, all indoors
- Will only have recorded music.

Leroy Branch, committee member reported that he lives on the block and did not receive notice.

Applicant withdrew application and will return next month with documented notification.

**Presentation and review of an alteration to a current on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Varrio 408 at \*412 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue\* (between 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Streets) to permit 4 tables and 8 seats.**

The presentation was made by Robert Callahan and Martin Medina, owner. They are applying for a sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 chairs and will use 5ft. 1 in. of 16ft. 8in. sidewalk. They have been in operation since 2015.

A motion to approve was made by Josh Skaller and seconded by Karen Broughton.

**VOTE: 7.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS**

**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 Chela at \*408 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue\* (between 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Streets) to permit 5 tables and 10 seats.**

Presentation was made by Robert Callahan and Martin Medina, owner. They will change outdoor hours to close outdoor space at 10pm except for 11pm on Friday.

Motion to approve was made by Mike Vacheresse and seconded by Karen Broughton.

**VOTE:**

**Presentation and review for the renewal of a current on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Prime Six Inc. at \*242 Flatbush Avenue\* (between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Bergen Street).**

Presentation for “Woodlands” was made by Akiva Ofshtein and general manager, Pedro.

- Several community members spoke about problems – outdoor behavior is the main problem.
- Crowds sometimes block sidewalk – neighbors can be intimidated.
- There is often vomiting – sometimes on stoops.
- There are several hundred noise complaints.
- Another resident described the marked deterioration of the neighborhood since Woodland’s opening. “This is a nightclub not a restaurant”.
- Another resident observes that this is the only place in Park Slope where patrons are frisked.
- Another resident relates observing patrons peeing on the street, people engaging in sexual activity and people vomiting on the street. “People are clearly getting overserved.”
- Resident reports that weekend brunch is a big problem resulting in a lot of drunk patrons.

Suggestions were made to incentivize improved behavior as follows:

- Close backyard space one hour earlier and open 4 hours later on Sunday until conditions improve.

Applicant rejected our proposal.

A motion to disapprove was made by Leroy Branch And seconded by Glenn Kelly.

**VOTE: 9.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS**  
**Motion Approved**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of The Bklyn Juice Co., LLC at \*75A 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue\* (between St. Marks Avenue/Prospect Place).**

Presentation was made by Eric Levinson and Gerard Reilly, owners. They wish to create an interesting Bar/Lounge/Tapas restaurant with holistic/medicinal cocktails. Will have kind of a juke box and quiet live music.

A question about community notification was answered satisfactorily,

Motion to approve the application was made by Pauline Blake and seconded by Leroy Branch.

**VOTE: 8.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 0.....ABSTENTIONS**  
**Motion Approved**

**Presentation and review of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Waterfront Partners LLC at \*215 Columbia Street\* (between Sackett/Union Streets).**

Presentation was made by Lisa Detweiler and Michelle Ewan. They will operate a Gastro Pub previously operated as Tobys which has closed. Space was once a bar call “the Longshoremen”. Lisa Detweiler operates “Bar San Miquel” on Smith Street.

A motion to approve the application was made by Leroy Branch and seconded by Karen Broughton.

**VOTE: 7.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION**  
**Motion Approved**

There being no further business to come before the Committee. A motion to adjourn was made by Pauline Blake at 8:15pm,

Minutes were submitted by Glenn Kelly.