



CB12M NYC

**Community Board 12 Manhattan (CB12M)**

**Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

**Committee members present:**

- Members: Isidro Medina, Ángel Vásquez, Robin Cruz, Cimary Hernández, Leo Jiménez, Joel Abreu, Marielle Ali.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct: Sergeant Rodriguez & 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct: Lieutenant Taveras, Translator: Lily

| BOARD MEMBERS             | 1   | 2                        | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8       | 9   | 10  | 11          | 12  | 13  | 14                         | 15  | 16  |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Isidro Medina, Chair      | Yes | Withdrawn During Meeting | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No  | Abstain | Yes | Yes | Cannot vote | Yes | Yes | Withdrawn Prior to Meeting | Yes | Yes |     |     |
| Ángel Vásquez, Asst.Chair | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No  | Yes     | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes |     |
| Robin Cruz                | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No      | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Leo Jiménez               | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Abstain | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Cimary Hernández          | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No  | Yes     | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Joel Abreu                | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No  | Yes     | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Marielle Ali              | Yes |                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No  | Yes     | Yes | Yes | Yes         | Yes | Yes |                            | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ashley Fernández          |     |                          |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |             |     |     |                            |     |     |     |     |
| Barbara Frazier           |     |                          |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |             |     |     |                            |     |     |     |     |
| Cindy Matos               |     |                          |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |             |     |     |                            |     |     |     |     |
| Rosy Pérez                |     |                          |     |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |             |     |     |                            |     |     |     |     |

**A. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Isidro Medina, Chair**

- Recently announced in a statement from the governor it seems like the masks are going to go down and hopefully the restaurants are going to start making some business. We just hope that you know some of these requirements that have been established by the governor will soon start to wither away.
  - if you have any questions regarding your application or how to apply don't hesitate to call the office 212-568-8500.
- DOT will now supervise road restaurants and café. Before it was under the jurisdiction of another department, but now under DOT umbrella. They provided timeline to introduce permanent open restaurants starting in 2023. Timetable: Administer early 2022. Hearing yesterday, now a vote by the council. In Spring they will have detail of all intended parameters and designs of the structure. Summer/Fall they will do community engagement. Hope they will come with expectations and policies to CB12M. No mention on how this will relate with SLA. DOT will reinforce structure. NYPD will address noise pollution. Sanitation will take care of garbage. Idea is to clear out how it is connected with SLA, since they are in charge of alcohol sales outside property. 5 Pillars of enforcement and how to build including stability, appearance, equity, neighborhood context, and safety. As they build and comply with restrictions. Everyone has to apply again. No grandfather in. Hope it will be an easy avenue to reach the community board. We used to do the licensing for sidewalk café. It added to the agenda, but we have not done it in the last 3 years. That will start in 2023.

- <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openrestaurants.shtml>
- <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/or-design-guidelines-borough-boards-dec2021.pdf>
- Briefing on process/flow of the meeting.
- To applicants, please note that votes tonight are only a recommendation that we're going to provide to the general board meeting the final vote was going to take on the last Tuesday of every month, so please feel free and join us on our board meeting and for that link you can always call the office 212-568-8500 and they'll send you the link for you to join on that meeting.

## B. State Liquor Authority *Renewal* Licenses:

### On-Premises Liquor License

1. La Casa del Mofongo 207 LLC – 546 W 207th Street (at the corner W 207th Street)
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Julio Betances, manager.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Public notice provided, complete questionnaire. Last health inspection was an A. Last at CB12M in February 2020 there was no opposition by the board.
    - Isidro Medina: Congratulations as a matter of fact I was there on Friday and I had a great time. Great food, great prices, great ambiance. Very happy you are able to stay open. very happy that you are able to stay open and we hope that you do well because you do employ a lot of people from the community there.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: No objections. I do want to emphasize that the other day we needed cameras from the location, and they were very welcome to us and they provided us with the video
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
    - No community feedbacks.
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
    - Joel Abreu: A staple of this community. Every time I go there is good food, and a general good vibe. Keep on the good work and hopefully we vote that license in.
    - Robin Cruz: Doing an outstanding job. Keep doing what you are doing. Food is good.
    - Ángel Vásquez: Echo same sentiments, running great establishment. Staple in our community. Thank you for being an excellent business in CB12M and neighborhood.
    - Isidro Medina: I will go more on Fridays for the classical merengue sessions 70's, 80's, and 90's. Brought a lot of memories. You will see me there more consistently
  - f. **VOTING**: The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
    - **Yes**: 7
    - **No**: 0
    - **Abstain**: 0
2. ~~El Nuevo Jobo Restaurant & Bar Inc. — 3915 Broadway, Store 3 & 4 (at the corner W 164th Street)~~  
**WITHDRAWN DURING MEETING**
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Miguel Acosta, representative on behalf of Arelis Hernandez. Unsure if documentation is complete.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: No questionnaire. No photo of public sign.
  - c. **33<sup>rd</sup> PRECINCT**:
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
  - f. **VOTING**:
    - i. **Yes**:
    - ii. **No**:
    - iii. **Abstain**:

3. Francisco & Francisco Inc. dba Pop & Pour – 200 Dyckman Street (btw Broadway and Vermilyea Avenue)
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Miguel Acosta, representative on behalf of Yajaira Gonzalez.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Public notice provided, complete questionnaire. Last at CB12M no objections for this operator’s renewal. Last health inspection was an A. Owner has done an outstanding job in the community. Yajaira has done an outstanding job in the community.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: No objections.
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
    - No community feedbacks.
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
    - Isidro Medina: Email sent to CB12M highlighting that this is a great operator. Doesn’t surprise me. Our residents are happy about this establishment. Live music is classic, not too loud, great ambiance overall. Great food and decent prices. One of the best sandwiches in Inwood.
    - Leo Jiménez: Echo Isidro. Has been a great neighbor, good live music, good host, outdoor seating maintains cleanliness and peaceful environment. Great asset to the community.
    - Ángel Vásquez: echo same sentiments. Running excellent establishment. Bring value to the community. I always bring friends to this excellent neighborhood spot. Thank you for what you bring to our neighborhood.
  - f. **VOTING**: The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
    - **Yes**: 7
    - **No**: 0
    - **Abstain**: 0
  
4. 565 West Side Café Corp dba Raices – 565 West 207 Street (btw Sherman and Vermilyea Avenues)
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Miguel Acosta, representative on behalf of Richard Wong.
    - Isidro Medina: question here, you have made this a renewal request are based on Raices, but there was a corporate change made some time ago. Am I mistaken?
    - Miguel Acosta: Well, it was actually submitted still hasn't been approved so Richard Wong is still the principal shareholder in this entity. It’s still in the process so because of that it's required by the liquor authority to submit the information as is Mr. Wong who's the principal shareholder still and so the state liquor authority approves the new change
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Complete questionnaire. Public notice photo was sent in. Last health inspection was an A. No objections last time with CB12M.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: 2020 there were a few incidents. A male shot and robbed outside. A fight after that. I contacted who I thought was the owner Mr. Ramon Peña. The times we spoke it was good conversation and did his part to try and work with us. But now I see it was going back to previous owner.
    - Miguel Acosta: Lieutenant the thing is this it's still Ramon handling the operations with Richard Wong so basically the communication is still stay there. The reason that Mr. Wong is submitting this application for the renewal is because the license has still had not been approved, so we addressed this information i think it was October or November when we submitted the information to the community board and addressed all the incidents that had occurred and how Mr. Peña had addressed and complied with the precinct. how m Mr. Peña was fixing everything that was going wrong in the business and so Mr. Peña is still working with Mr. Wong in charge of the operations, but Mr. Wong is required by the liquor authority to submit this application for the renewal

- 34<sup>th</sup>: Like I said, since Ramon took over, he had a different manager there and we had a few issues. But since he started running the business, the precinct has had no interaction.
- Isidro Medina: You feel comfortable the new ownership will take care of issues from past management?
- 34<sup>th</sup>: Yes, as long as it is him, Ramon Peña, not any manager he hires to run the business. I believe that was part of the problem before the manager he had working. When he came as the face everything started running better.

d. **RESIDENTS:**

- No community feedbacks.

e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Joel Abreu: Is this the same 207 Prime Bar & Grill? Still DBA Raices?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Correct. They're still dba Raices. Well, the thing is that the licensed corporate officer change and what they call the assumed name which is an endorsement that was submitted in July of last year hasn't been approved yet. Unfortunately, the license had some situations that are being addressed from 2019 and we're still handling that and until those matters are not finalized the name of Raices will still be on the certificate and the corporate officer of change is still in process.
- Isidro Medina: I do stand corrected, last time there was an objection from the board because of some of the issues that were brought up by the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct. But later a corporate change was requested and that was approved. We look forward to new management taking over this establishment and obviously rectifying some of the problems and issues.
- Marielle Ali: I see on NYS Liquor Authority Mapping Project (LAMP) <https://lamp.sla.ny.gov/>, that the establishment has to pay \$15K fine. Could you speak to that a little bit thank you?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Basically, there were some issues that were there prior to the pandemic that were being addressed during the pandemic in which the result of the incident that occurred in 2019 resulted in a \$15K fine. That was recently paid, and those cases have been addressed and closed out by the SLA.
- Marielle Ali: Could you say exactly what those issues were I'm glad to hear that it's been resolved but it would be helpful to know exactly what those issues were
- Ángel Vásquez: To Marielle's point the questionnaire says SLA fines are between \$4K, I'm hearing two different numbers so I would also like some clarity.
- Isidro Medina: I also see that on the last resolution there was the fine was about four thousand dollars so perhaps it's somewhere in the middle of those were SLA violations.
  1. Miguel Acosta: I did not represent them on this case.
- Isidro Medina: Based on the questionnaire, they were dealing with the COVID violations. There were 10 violations in total and that was at the start of the pandemic if I'm not mistaken.
- Marielle Ali: I wanted to make sure they were being addressed.
  1. Miguel Acosta: Yes, from my understanding they were resolved.
- Isidro Medina: I know this restaurant. They have gone through some financial problems that came to them. Failed partnership. I hope the corporate change goes through, so Mr. Wong can recoup his investment.

f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.

- **Yes:** 7
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

5. The Metropolitan Museum and Bon Appetit Management Company dba Trie Café – 99 Margaret Corbin Drive (in Fort Tryon Park & Trie Cloister)
- a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: 4 representatives. 2 from MET and 2 from Bon Appetit Management. Sujin Kim, attorney for MET. Alina Agusti, manager of government affairs for MET. Juan Millan with Bon Appetit Management and resident district manager at MET. Catherine Straighter dining operations manager for Bon Appetit Management at the MET. I just wanted to share that in the past we've applied for a renewed liquor license seasonal liquor license for the café individually and then we submitted an application last year that was approved by the liquor authority and endorsement application so that we are now hold the license as a co-licensee with Bon Appetit Management as well as individual. Will open in April since a bit cold right now.
    - Isidro Medina: Great establishment, beautiful view. Absolutely gorgeous during Springtime. Service outstanding.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Complete. A in last health inspection. No objection when last at CB12M.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: No objections. Nothing to report at this location.
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
    - No community feedbacks.
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
    - Ángel Vásquez: Appreciate the extension of the MET right here in our backyard it is a beautiful space. I love walking around and visiting it. Thank you for being here and what you have to offer to our community.
  - f. **VOTING**: The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
    - **Yes**: 7
    - **No**: 0
    - **Abstain**: 0

C. State Liquor Authority Corporate Change Licenses:

6. Floridita Restaurant Uptown, Inc. – 4162 Broadway (btw W 176th & W 177th Streets)
- a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Arelia Taveras, representative. It's the same this was a corporate change that was approved in October. I just want to make sure I'm submitting it now I was supposed to submit it in October, but the seller was sick he had some issues with cancer, so we are signing and submitting it now. The owners will be Sonia Enrique Rayleigh Toribio and her son Angel. The same people that have been managing the location are going to be owners now.
    - Isidro Medina: Sonia and her sons will now the majority owners?
    - Arelia Taveras Yes, they are getting shares from Jose Perez.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Full questionnaire. Last time at CB12M in January 2020 no objection from board. No picture of public notice submitted. Last health inspection received an A. Corporate change request to get shares from Jose Perez to Sonia Enrique Rayleigh Toribio and her son Angel.
    - Arelia Taveras: Everything was complete, we posted the signs.
    - Isidro Medina: I think that we all know Sonia very well so I would not even ask for her credentials. She's well known she's very active in the community.
  - c. **33<sup>rd</sup> PRECINCT**: No objections, nothing to report.
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
    - No community feedbacks.
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
    - Ángel Vásquez: I love the establishment and location. A question on why the picture was not submitted if it was posted? It's a new practice we are trying to establish and implement to help facilitate the application process and be sent in the Friday night before the meeting.

1. Arelia Taveras: I did not know it was a requirement. I would have sent it. I have sent it in the past as a courtesy.
  - Isidro Medina: Very good food. Prices are very reasonable. Staff is very well trained.
- f. **VOTING**: The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
  - **Yes**: 7
  - **No**: 0
  - **Abstain**: 0

D. State Liquor Authority Class Change Licenses:

7. Sushi and Bar Inc. – dba Jade Sushi Steak & Bar - 1506 Saint Nicholas Avenue (btw W185th and W 186th Streets)
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Not present.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Did not submit a complete application or submitted all the necessary documents.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**:
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
  - e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
    - Isidro Medina: I have some serious questions about outdoor space, litter and garbage. We don't have a complete questionnaire, the merchants are not here to answer questions, so we will not even ask the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct we'll go to a straight vote if there are no objections.
  - f. **VOTING**: The application **DID NOT** pass. 2,5,0.
    - **Yes**: 2
    - **No**: 5
    - **Abstain**: 0
  
8. Dyckman Billiards Café Inc. – 100 Dyckman Street, 2nd Floor (at the corner of Nagle Avenue)
  - a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Miguel Acosta on behalf of Martin Jimenez. Change of class from a wine and beer for a full-on premise.
  - b. **APPLICATION**: Public notice displayed. Complete questionnaire submitted. Last health inspection A. Last time that this applicant came on to CB12M the community board objected the renewal of this application based on issues that are brought up by the 34th president that included many summonses by the NYPD and SLA where the establishment was open when they were supposed to actually be closed. That was based on the resolution that was voted on for the month of October 2020.
  - c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: There was an incident at the location in 2021. After this incident there has been no other incident. Every time I drive by, I check the area. It happened once, it should have never happened, but I will not hold that against them. I believe they learned from the incident. Since then, nothing else has happened. It was me that was there that night. We do not have any objections.
    - Isidro Medina: What was the incident?
    - 34<sup>th</sup>: During COVID, they were open after hours. At that time, you were supposed to be closed by midnight. What happened on this night they were open after hours? Meaning not really after business hours, but because of COVID business had to close at midnight. They were open at approximately 1AM. I was drawn to location because music was excessively loud. As I stated before, I believe they learned, and I do not have any objections. I have not seen any other violations.
  - d. **RESIDENTS**:
    - No community feedbacks.

e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Ángel Vásquez: I see in the questionnaire there were \$29,500 in SLA fines. Are these related to the COVID closure incident?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Yes, these violations were paid in December 2021, these were COVID-19 related issues as the 34<sup>th</sup> addressed. Matter have been resolved. I have spoken to the operator on how to manage alcohol, and he has the experience. Unfortunately, it was an hour situation not mishandling of alcohol. My client has experience in a previous billiard location with a full liquor license. Upgrade license to offer wider variety of drinks to patrons.
- Isidro Medina: I recall they were shut down by SLA at one time and even after they were shut down, they stayed open without actual documentation.
  1. Miguel Acosta: I am aware of the incident; this is what has been mentioned already. The actual incident that occurred during 2020, but they ended up finalizing and resolving the matters in 2021. The lessons were learned you know since then they they've demonstrated to be good operators. No violations have been issued. The precinct has no issues with them. There are no double-parking issues they are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. They will continue operating the same way as they have been now.
- Isidro Medina: I thought they had full liquor?
  1. Miguel Acosta: No, they're wine and beer presently. They're trying to upgrade a full liquor license. They're losing a lot of clientele to competitive liquor in the area. The businesses that have full liquor in the neighborhood so for example post billiards you know has full liquor you have right there Tina they have full liquor, so basically, they're just trying to be a little more competitive when it comes to this type of business.

f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 4,1,2.

- **Yes:** 4
- **No:** 1
- **Abstain:** 2

Isidro Medina: This application passes congratulations Miguel. Please let other operators know that you know we are a little bit concerned about what has been said in the past, but we are more than happy to have approved this license for change of class and hopefully they'll do well and thank you very many guys.

E. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premises Liquor License & Temporary Retail Permit

9. 3DDD Inc. – 421 W 202nd Street (btw 9th & 10th Avenues)

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Frankie Cruz, owner.
- b. **APPLICATION:** Submitted a copy of the floor plan, full questionnaire, and food menu as required by CB12M. Unsure on public notice, was it posted?
  - Frankie Cruz: Yes, we posted.
  - Leo Jiménez: Reminder for future applications, we should receive pictures in the office. If we're not able to go around and verify, just to you know avoid that he said she said and have concrete proof especially when we present it to the board thank you.
  - Isidro Medina: Goes mostly for all the representatives please make sure that you submit a copy of the public sign that has been posted.
  - Isidro Medina: Location is where Taboga used to sit. Frankie Cruz is the new owner. I know Frankie as a previous officer. We worked together in some ventures where we

provided safety with commercial corridor in Washington Heights. Auxiliary officers to provide patrol in the area. Applicant is requesting a DJ, karaoke, live music, security personnel as required by NYS. No sound limiter. Hours of operation: Monday thru Sunday from 5PM to 4AM. Capacity of 150 people. 11 employees. 66 tables/chairs. 10 barstools. Will not hire 3<sup>rd</sup> party promoter. With the floor plan, you still have restrooms where Taboga used to have it. I do see that you moved bar to the center of establishment. I do have a question about the old barber shop that was there, what are you doing with that space?

1. Frankie Cruz: Establishment has some left-over sound equipment, but I have to purchase further sound equipment. In the past I believe they had a barber shop or not a barbershop they had a barber chair there. It's what was one single chair so that's not going to be there, there's not going to be a barber's chair anymore there that's just going to just be additional space for patrons to you know sit and partake. There's some grating there so that's going to be removed so that they have a clear view of the establishment from where they're sitting.
- Isidro Medina: I also see that perhaps you're doing some alteration because from the area where you come in you should see the bar but now you come in there is a wall?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Not a wall, more of a partition but it will be coming down. Definitely.
  - Isidro Medina: What do you bring to community? What is your experience? And why should we grant your application:
    1. Frankie Cruz: I work in the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct under several capacities including but not limited to nightlife establishment team. I am familiar with the rules and regulations. I have done marches, undercover work, all of it. Last post was a community coordinator because I was really able to make an impact on young men and women in the community. What brings me here now is to bring something a little different in Washington heights. An environment similar to downtown. Live music to give a platform to young artists that are talented but have no outlet besides social media. Giving them a platform/venue to showcase skills in the community that may also help their social media presence. Low ambient music. The hours are longer are because of my time in nightlife enforcement unit. I want to be able to have the ability to be flexible. Just to have that flexibility to give the command a bit of relief.
  - Isidro Medina: I do appreciate the fact that you do have a lot of experience in dealing with nightlife knowing the full SLA requirements and regulations. That is something that you know no one can match you on your experience. I'm a little bit curious though as far as like you're experience in handling alcohol. I'm a little bit concerned about perhaps your lack of experience in handling alcohol and on that matter, who are you going to hire or who would do the alcohol handling on this establishment?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Before I pursued this venture, I have been mirroring two general managers in the area locally every day for four months. I know the regulatory side of the business. You are right, I don't have or didn't have the experience. But I had a deep dive four months. where I was able to see and even partake in many of the you know day-to-day issues operations of some of these establishments and I picked up a lot. I will bring in someone who has a wealth of experience in at least general managing.
  - Isidro Medina: You will not be there every single hour the establishment is open. So, I hope you hire trained and certified manager since you will not be present at all times. What kind of food will you bring?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Dominican style tapas food. Food that everyone has had but with a twist.

- c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT:** New location. No objections since new establishment. Regarding Frankie Cruz, I know him personally so I have faith he will run a great business. I have no doubt he will have a well-managed business. I hope you guys give him the opportunity to move on with his life.
- d. **RESIDENTS:**
  - No community feedbacks.
- e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**
  - Leo Jiménez: Appreciate all your experience as former NYPD and how SLA regulations works, where is this?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Where Toboga was.
  - Leo Jiménez: The hours. That area is nightlife so not impeding on residential buildings, but for flexibility of hours would you be willing to adjust hours to Tuesday0 thru Thursday to 3AM?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Absolutely. I wanted to have the flexibility to adjust to surrounding area. Something that is neglected by surrounding owners.
  - Isidro Medina: Which days?
  - Leo Jiménez: Tuesday through Thursday. Other spots have valet parking, will you guys have it as well?
    1. Frankie Cruz: Absolutely. That is a necessity in that area.
  - Isidro Medina: Valet is illegal in NYS.
  - Leo Jiménez: I saw you have cameras, but will you have security guards? During this time with an influx of crime in the in the city, will you have security guards to prevent any issues outside of establishment.
    1. Frankie Cruz: Absolutely that is key. A recommendation I used to give is, security is your ultimate line of defense. 100% key. To add to valet parking, we can work out a system to have 10-20 spots in nearby parking lots for our patrons. Looking to work something out with two garages nearby.
  - Joel Abreu: In regard to layout, Toboga had a barbershop. Will you still have that? And what kind of ambiance are you going for, night club? Or more sit down and eat?
    1. Frankie Cruz: No, it will be a sit down and eat. If we can have live music, I want it to be like downtown. A chill spot. Something we don't see past 96<sup>th</sup> street. I do not want a club. I am looking for a place with good food and safe and secure environment, offering a different environment.
  - Joel Abreu: It had two entrances, are you just having one or two?
    1. Frankie Cruz: It will be two since they are in the front. One may function as entrance and the other as exit.
  - Isidro Medina: **Four (4) STIPULATIONS** 1. Submit proof of purchase of Sound limiter no later than February 18<sup>th</sup> before 5PM. 2. Contact information of the manager/person in charge visibly posted in case residents have concerns and/or community issues. 3. Place a Good Neighbor sign on window and outside of premise for patrons not to hang out. Contact Shinelle at CB12M. 4. No double-parking sign to stand on the sidewalk 3'x2' wide.
- f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
  - **Yes:** 7
  - **No:** 0
  - **Abstain:** 0

**10. Chelas Hospitality Corp. – 3820 Broadway (at the corner of W 159th Street)**

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Joelle Ludwig and Oscar, owners (also owners of Locksmith). Opposite of locksmith, similar to Pio Pio. Arrangement of traditional Peruvian dishes including ceviche, lomo saltado, chow fam, and more but Peruvian rotisserie chicken will be the highlight. What we

bring to community is hiring within community with limited turnover. We train the employees. We partner with local organizations and schools. Provided PPE during pandemic and fed hospitals. Born and raised in Washington Heights. We still live here. Our son goes to school here and own a wellness center as well in the area. We are the community.

- b. **APPLICATION**: Complete. Copy of floor plan, menu, questionnaire, and picture of public notice.
- **Isidro Medina**: You came last December, so why are you coming back?
  - **Owners**: New law passed allowing them to come for temporary license. We are right at the end of the final steps of opening. Hoping to get temporary before the permanent.
  - **Isidro Medina**: We approved this license last December. No objections last time. No change in operations. Hours of operations until 1AM. Only thing I would add is a good neighbor sign.
  - **Owner**: We agreed last time, already posted. Issues in the past with previous owner and residents. We talked to them.
  - We know that we're going into a location that has had problems or issues with the community specifically in that building. One thing that we strongly believe in is making sure everybody inside of that area is comfortable with our production. That's what we did at locksmith. You know we talked to people in the building we were part of what any problems they have.
- c. **33<sup>rd</sup> PRECINCT**: No conditions to report. Pretty quiet location. If approved looking forward to the Peruvian chicken.
- d. **RESIDENTS**:
- No community feedbacks.
- e. **BOARD MEMBERS**:
- Marielle Ali: Hours of operations. Resolution from November stated hours as Sunday thru Thursday 11AM – 2AM, and Friday and Saturday from 11AM-4AM. But when I look at the application, I see Sunday thru Thursday 11AM – 1AM, and Friday and Saturday from 11AM-3AM.
    1. Owners: Must have been an error. We want to keep till 4AM. Something we do at Locksmith is last call at 3am regardless.
  - Marielle Ali: I understand as you mentioned, prior owners had issues with noise, conversation in November it was a sit-down establishment, so I am concerned with hours.
  - Isidro Medina: Echoing the hours. Hours you have here Sun-Thurs 11AM -1AM. Fr-Sat. 11AM 3AM.
  - Marielle Ali: hours on the application are comfortable. Hours on the resolution from November are a bit late for a family restaurant.
  - Isidro Medina: We will keep hours on current application. This is the official document that will be submitted.
  - Leo Jiménez: Locksmith is great. Great hospitality. My concern is not hours, but only issue is double-parking. My recommendation is a double-parking sign to remind patrons.
    1. Owners: We are in front of a bus stop, so there is no parking there. But yes, we will.
  - Ángel Vásquez: procedural question, if we passed the resolution and are not objecting to a license for a new on-premises like a license over a year and a month ago, why are we doing it again just a year later?
  - Isidro Medina: To speed up the process to get the liquor license.
    1. Owners: Not a year ago. We came in December, two months ago we went up for liquor license, the bill was just passed more recently that we can now get a temporary license before the permanent.

- Isidro Medina: Yeah, so if they were to follow the other application that was submitted in December, they will have to wait anywhere from six to perhaps even seven months. A new process now from the governor they will apply and they will get an answer within the votes after the community board surrenders this decision so it's a more as a quicker way is cutting the red tapes and we hope they will come back by the way and you so once they get a temporary license they're going to get a renewal on a monthly basis when I'm mistaken after three months they'll come back to the community board and SLA by that time will hopefully have the full liquor license in place with no temporary status.

f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.

- **Yes:** 7
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

Isidro Medina: We voted without the stipulations. Procedurally it will be a friendly amendment to the board. Applicant indicated they will not have any problem with stipulations. **FOUR (4) FRIENDLY AMMENDMENT STUPIATIONS:** 1. Submit proof of purchase of Sound limiter no later than February 18<sup>th</sup> before 5PM. 2. Contact information of the manager/person in charge visibly posted in case residents have concerns and/or community issues. 3. Place a Good Neighbor sign on window and outside of premise for patrons not to hang out. Contact Shinelle at CB12M. 4. No double-parking sign to stand on the sidewalk 3'x2' wide.

Owners: We have a sound limiter.

Isidro Medina: Stipulations without the sound limiter.

**11.** The Great Reset Restaurant Corp. DbA Bar 180 – 4241 Broadway (at the corner of 180th Street)

a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Miguel Acosta representative on behalf Egnys Garcia. The Sole principal will be purchasing assets from current business owner Mr. Batista. New corporation and not a corporate officer change. Ms. Garcia is the sole principal of the Great Reset will be purchasing the assets from the current business owner which is currently operating under Hudson Heights dba Bar 180. For the purpose of a new license, we need to submit this application since it's a new corporation and not a corporate officer change in order for Ms. Garcia to be able to apply for her new license and obtain a temporary permit.

- Isidro Medina: she bought at the new corporation and she's applying for the 30-day new application process
- Miguel Acosta: Correct is that correct you go yes that's correct Ms. Garcia nor Mr. Batista able to make it today to our meeting they're both working. Ms. Garcia is also currently operating a small restaurant on 177th street has experience in alcohol management. Salad Bar & Deli, it has a beer license. Hours of operation: Sunday thru Thursday 4PM to 12AM, Friday and Saturday 4PM to 2AM. Recorded music only. No changes to the method of operations, menu, or seating.

b. **APPLICATION:** Public notice posted, complete questionnaire, menu, and floor plan. Last time at CB12M no objection. Last health inspection was a B. This is not a new place. Wondering why this application came in, if already open and already serving drinks?

c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT:** Great establishment at the location. No incidents. Are they applying for liquor license?

- Miguel Acosta: Same license. New ownership to start fresh. Not to assume any issues the other owners may have.
- 34<sup>th</sup>: Area a bit congested, doesn't have anything against the premise we don't have anything of record for the current location at this place but no objection

d. **RESIDENTS:**

- No community feedbacks.

e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Leo Jiménez: If applying for a new license, do they have a completely different owner? Have they done a method of change of operations? Have they applied for a change of corporation through the board is my question?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Change of ownership. Both parties are related. Current license holder is looking to 100% pull back. Delvis pulling out and Egnys and Manny staying in. Method of operations not changing. Ms. Garcia will not change anything Delvis already had established. They're changing the corporation to a new corporation and changing the owners. Currently holding the license, the new owners are deciding to open up a new corporation and apply for a new license under the new corporation's name so they're not changing the officer. They're changing ownership with a new entity so that's why by law you're required to submit 30-day notice indicate that this new corporation as you can see on the 30-day notice it indicates that there is a current license which indicates Hudson Heights with the serial number so these are requirements when a new entity is coming to take over the place with a new officer so it's not a corporate office to change like we like you guys discussed on a previous note during this agenda
- Isidro Medina: Name of the corporation will be on the new license?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Correct
- Joel Abreu: Clear up some confusion. The old corporation owns the Lease.
  1. Miguel Acosta: Lease transferred to new corporation. It was just transferred to the new corporation which is a requirement in order for us to submit a new application under the new entity
- Joel Abreu: No change in menu or ambiance?
  1. Miguel Acosta: No everything will remain the same.
- Isidro Medina: **TWO (2) STUPLICATIONS:** 1. Contact information of the manager/person in charge visibly posted in case residents have concerns and/or community issues. 2. Place a Good Neighbor sign on window and outside of premise for patrons not to hang out. Contact Shinelle at CB12M.

f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 6,0,0.

- **Yes:** 6
  - **No:** 0
  - **Abstain:** 0
- Isidro cannot vote due to conflict.

**12.** The Inwood Farms LLC - 600 W 218 Street (at the corner of Indian Road)

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Thomas Bosco, owner. Complete new application for liquor license because it was surrendered a month ago. It has to do with a new corporate change. Accelerate the process similar to previous applicant.
  - Isidro Medina: Why change the name?
  - Thomas Bosco: We started making changes and throwing names out with new branding. We renovated the place and put our own spin on it. We did not intentionally mean to change the name, but in the end, it made sense to.
- b. **APPLICATION:** Public notice posted, complete questionnaire, floor plan and menu. Establishment is the Old Indian Road Cafe. Resolutions not included, treated as a new application.
- c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT:** Seems like place will be run by the same people. No incidents. No objections.
- d. **RESIDENTS:**
  - No community feedbacks.
- e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**
  - Isidro Medina: Nice establishment, great service.

f. **VOTING**: The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.

- **Yes**: 7
- **No**: 0
- **Abstain**: 0

13. 7 Henshaw Inc. dba Cloisters Grill - 7 Henshaw Street (btw Riverside Drive and Dyckman Street)

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE**: Miguel Acosta, representative on behalf of Yissell Reyes. My client is seeking a full on-premises liquor license previously licensed with a wine and beer. Business has been operating current hours of operation and will maintain Sunday thru Thursday. 9 30AM to 7 30PM, Friday 9:30AM to 8PM, Saturday 9:30AM to 10PM. Operating a full-service Spanish food restaurant with a steam table, we'll have no bar. Seeking this on-premises liquor license to add additional revenue to the location. My client has not had any issues with the liquor authority or the health department since its operations business been there for a few years now this person took over the establishment about two years ago and still has not had any issues. I know there has been some concerns with regards to double parking etc. I have provided photos of other establishments that are creating this double-parking situation and my client is just taking this license like I said to operate a full-service restaurant and offer a variety of alcohol.
- **Isidro Medina**: You used to have a wine and beer license is that correct?
  - **Miguel Acosta**: The previous owner had a wine and beer license which expired. So since then, basically my client has submitted for a full liquor license which was denied at the liquor authority with some conflicting situations with some neighbors that have notified the SLA that my client's establishment has been causing the neighborhood a lot of traffic and double-parked cars which I completely disagree with that. Like I said I've provided photos. My client also has an agreement with the parking space next door where customers could park for free. My client has provided photos of no double-parking sign which is in front of his deck. the last time we addressed this situation at the licensing committee there was some tenants that addressed some noise complaints over kids during the summer running around in the streets which is irrelevant to a business owner's operation. So basically, we're back at it again looking to see if the licensing committee can grant my client permission to resubmit reconsideration for his application that was previously disapproved.
- b. **APPLICATION**: Submitted a complete questionnaire, floor plan, public notice posted. Last health inspection was an A. Residents has expressed noise concerns and double-parking issues; operators quite loud. A few of the concerns that neighbors had we received a letter from a board member stating that this place has made her life impossible with noise double parking issues and sometimes even clienteles are leaving the cars up of vehicles parked outside to pick up food orders and they claim that operators are frequently quite loud and I can quote here I cannot imagine that having a local license of any kind would do any other than make this worse so again the members support as a board member and she writes that she plans to vote against this establishment.
- **Isidro Medina**: I passed by this establishment after listening about many complaints about noise and double-parking issues. I passed by three times to see how it was going. Last time was on Monday. They did comply with public notice. I also noticed no music being played at 6PM and they do close at 7PM. I am perplexed about the noise complaints. I understand the double-parking issue is a big problem, but I understand the parking issues caused by lot that sits 30 feet from the establishment. That's something that we're going to perhaps you know entertain and see how we how we can address or rectify this problem which I think is impossible. But the idea is that they want to explore having an option to get the full legal license.
- c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**: Nothing to report on this premise. No objections.
- d. **RESIDENTS**:

- Ted Gallagher: I moved to this neighborhood overlooking Henshaw street in 1982. We have never had the problems on this street with double parking before the cloisters grill there are other businesses in this street, they are not the problem. 17 months ago, you denied this application for reasons that were not necessarily negative toward the cloisters grill they were simply a way of saying this street is not equipped to handle any establishment that provides a liquor license option because the congestion is already beyond control. so what we're now seeing 17 months into this process since the last time we visited is the cloisters grill has become a hostile negative impact on the community and we know that because I look out the window every time there are emergency vehicles stuck on the street because of double parking and the people come out from the cloisters grill with their with their plastic bags filled with food it's not it's not the barber shop it's not the garage it's not the other good businesses on this street. We want good businesses on the street the cloisters grill is a negative effect in Inwood, and they have no business receiving any kind of liquor license anywhere in the city I mean that's just my point of view I can't tell you at 40 years is a long time to experience New York. Cloister's grill has made living here an impossible situation thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration.
- Josh Schaffner: I also appreciate your time and hearing my concerns regarding this application. Similar to ted I live in an apartment that overlooks Henshaw street. In fact, my bedroom window is directly above the entrance to cloisters grill and I agree with everything that he said. This is not an issue with the other businesses on the block. It is an issue with the customers that patronize cloister's deli and grill and there doesn't seem to be any attempt by the management of the deli to spur or encourage their customers to follow any of the rules that they are purporting to offer and it's endemic throughout the experience that we as neighbors of this establishment have had. The few times that myself or my wife or other neighbors have gone to the deli to voice our concerns directly we have been rebuffed. In some cases, rather rudely as if to say that we're making these things up and we don't witness them and we don't experience them and we don't see them for ourselves. There's really no reason to reward this business with the prospect of having patrons around for a longer period of time if you're just ordering food to go and you have to double park it's bad enough as it is. If you're now sticking around to have a drink while you're double parking, it's only going to prolong your visit to this establishment not to mention it does appear that the vast majority of patrons are driving and are double parking and it's not something that should be encouraged drinking and driving. Lastly the applicant has stated that they have an agreement with the garage it doesn't seem to be the case.
- Jose Tavares: I'd like to briefly share my experience. I've been there a handful of times always with welcome arms I appreciate the diversity the service and the culture there. It is isolated business that attracts the right people in my experience. Great Dominican cuisine I recommend anyone to go. I don't believe that the liquor license will make a difference or an impact in what my fellow residents are proposing. I think that we can the business can do better and maybe accommodating the residents but it's the only business there that provides all around in that block which they mentioned that provides or that caters to other residents that are there that are looking for food that are that are that are looking for change I don't think it's fair to the business um and yeah I mean that's all I got I think everybody should give it a chance and check the place out for themselves. Thank you for your time.
- Maggie Clarke: Longtime resident 43 years in an apartment overlooking Henshaw. I have a lot of experience with this, and I agree with what josh and ted had to say with every detail and the fact that they are blaming every problem that we witness on other people should is suspect and should make you think that they don't want to take

responsibility. The fact that we are already at saturation with the street space and since the last time they've built this very large shed which juts into the street making the street even narrower. In addition, as we mentioned last time there are schools in my building which is 1795 riverside there's a church a block away there's also within 500 feet of the cloisters grill there are three liquor licensed restaurants around the corner on Dyckman, Payson and Seaman. There has been public drunkenness public urination excessive noise at different hours. We can't afford to have any more and I have witnessed the fire trucks stuck on our block. Part of the reason that they use our block is because it's hard for them to use other blocks that are further to the east so we need to reject this once again for the same reasons or even more reasons than we gave you last time and hope that you will agree that nothing has improved since then. Thank you

- Eric Padua/Abreu: I've been a resident here ever since I was born. I have lived and worked on Dyckman for about six years. The closest girls one of my favorite places to go to with my co-workers to have a casual drink. It's a very isolated place. I like the vibe to it. It's something that me and my co-workers and the residents of this area lie. I believe they do deserve a chance to apply for their liquor license. It's a staple in our community. It's very well good to have this culture in our neighborhood and I feel like everyone benefits from it and I believe it's a very good opportunity for everyone who has been there to experience that experience. I feel like people that have been there and have been to that area have a say in what goes into it and what other can happen and if not, I feel like people you know that really haven't experienced it shouldn't. But in my opinion, I have been there, i've lived here for a while, and I've been there a couple times and I believe that it's a very good look on our community and for the residents. To enjoy and indulge in this establishment in my opinion. Thank you
- Dalia Quiñones: I'm a Latina, an Afro-Latina woman in this community. I've been here for over 30 years. I raised two kids here in this community and the quality of life with this particular cloister grill it's not good for our community it really isn't. I don't really see much of the patrons in the establishment as I see them outside sitting down in beach chairs in the summertime so Mr. Medina all due respect you came around two or three times however you really need to come down here in the springtime when everything is in full swing. When everybody's drinking on the side of the building the beach chairs are out the kids are out, and the families are out. Now I'm not saying that we wouldn't want a nice restaurant in our community and I'm not really sure if it's a nice restaurant. All I know is that this guy has been operating this restaurant here for the last two years and has not been good to us in our community so I don't you know I like I said I've lived here for 30 years and I've seen it come and go but this is horrible and if you grant them, if you even think about granting them a license it's going to make our life horrendous. Our quality of life is going to be really bad now try coming here in a couple more days when it's really a little warmer because it's a little cold now so no one's going to be hanging out in their beach chairs and the drinking it goes on right there in the street on the side of the building. And when they eat, they park their cars. That's just a norm let me park my car to eat, oh come on. I think for me personally the person who heads this establishment, he condones all that because he does it himself.  
Isidro Medina: a quick question, the drinking that you stated. Is it the liquor they purchased from the establishment or there are people that just bring in alcohol and drink it around the establishment?  
Dalia Quiñones: I am not sure, but I have video proof. Those are his friends, people that come to see him. This is all day. I can't imagine giving them a license. If they were a good neighbor, we wouldn't mind.
- Massiel Estevez: Taken aback by the negativity that's been communicated regarding this establishment. I personally go there with my family with my two kids, and you

know it's only a positive experience. The service is good the food is delicious everything is orderly. Their hours, I mean they have short hours I don't know why you know such negative feedback from the members of the residents in the community. When I go there, I park in the parking lot and enjoy my time there the staff everyone. You know traffic problems and people drinking in the streets that's not unique to that establishment and they shouldn't be held responsible for that. They deserve the same opportunity that all the other businesses deserve. There are no issues in terms of disorderly conduct or disruptions other than the ones coming from this group of neighbors that I'm listening to so I'm a little upset because that is entirely not my experience. I think this is an addition to the community it brings diversity, good food and just a change. I think they deserve the opportunity to be able to have you know get the license.

- Lisa Rizzari: I have 26 years living around here. I'm part of riverside drive and Henshaw as well. I'm just like surprised about the negative comments that they're making towards the restaurant. I go there a lot with my family and my mother. I never have an issue with anyone around there. With the traffic that they were talking about, there's other establishments there too as well. So, I just feel like why they are profiling a lot the restaurant and blaming the restaurant for the traffic when everybody there has an establishment. The best Spanish food up in Inwood is from that spot. I recommend that spot everywhere, it's like your mom cooking. Like it takes you back home to your mother's cooking. I'm just thinking like we should give him an opportunity he has a plan too and that's about it and thank you for having me.

e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- **Leo Jiménez:** I'm a little confused. I heard the concerns of residents we received numerous emails throughout the week. It's a shame, but earlier when Miguel mentioned the owner, he mentioned the woman's name Giselle something I don't remember her last name the community residents that have advocated against it have mentioned a man a male. So, it seems like the community residents that are advocating against it might have an agenda they have not spoken to the owner which is a woman. One other thing is last year this business came to a board for a license we rejected based on resident feedback. I decided a few times to visit at different points of weeks days just to see what's the ambiance I get out of work around four in the afternoon daily. I visited one time around seven o'clock assuming that it was going to be crazy the establishment on a Thursday closes at 7 30 p.m. which was very surprising to me because I was expecting rowdiness. I visited a couple weeks ago, great establishment great food great hospitality I pretended I was concerned resident with the noise I spoke to a manager the manager was Cristine. His recommendation and said anything I need he provided me a phone number. Which again was concerning because I'm hearing that these people aren't patrons that like to work with the community I decided to visit again yesterday right before the meeting just to see why it could catch you know it's always good to places like you said before I saw the sign on the sign for the meeting the advisory um I noticed double park cars further down the block one things I noticed about this block there's a parking garage about 20 30 feet like you mentioned there's also a window tinting business about 50 70 feet from there and further down the block there is a station van washes cars everybody who has a car and has experience who uses street vendors that do these type of jobs notice that they have two or three clients they would double park um it didn't seem like it was coming from the business. So, I'm a little concerned about the concerns because it doesn't seem like the residents in these locations go to the business directly it seems like there's a personal agenda. Moving forward I also think that it is not right that we continue to impede a business from grading revenue because of said incidents which have not reported. The NYPD did not report any 311 incidents. If there were 311 calls, which I've been in committee

for at least two years, and anytime there are bunch of 311 calls nypd will make sure that we hear about it. I don't understand what's going on. I encourage my committee members to dig deeper into this and for us as a committee to support businesses like this. It's not right that we go against these businesses based on hearsay and it seems like a lot of hearsay. You've heard other members of the community other residents saying that this business is a good business it's very alarming chair and I cannot stand behind accusations when there's no concrete base but a bunch of hearsay so that's just my opinion and I hope my other committee members vote for this business.

1. Miguel Acosta: Giselle Reyes is the principal shareholder of the entity. The person who you've been speaking with that is managing the establishment is mr Gomez. Mr gomez has been working in the establishment for two years he's the one that basically overlooks the operations and maintains the establishment the way you have seen it when you have visited the establishment.
- Leo Jiménez: I can attest mr gomez has done a great job at least with me.
    1. Miguel Acosta: I've been representing this establishment for over five years since the previous owners were there. Never had any issues with this location ever before twice never had a concern with the precinct and no three one calls no violence. Second what you're saying is there is an agenda because I have received notices that the community neighborhood members have been creating these meetings and basically giving direction and notices to the other tenants to what to say and what to do about these double-parked cars. I forwarded to Shinelle various pictures of different hours of the day where there is no double-parked cars besides a postal service truck which is not eating in the establishment who's providing service. I don't understand where these concerns are coming from as well from the community members. I've been living and representing this neighborhood for over 30 years and I've never seen a business gets get bombarded by neighbors the way this has been.
  - Leo Jiménez: I can attest that I've taken pictures as well as proof and every time I've been there, which again have been a couple handful of times. Must have been seven or eight in the last six months I have not seen double park cars in front of this business. Now with the window tinting business down the block I've seen it the car business down the block. I've seen it but right in front of the business I have not seen it and it also brings a concern one of the residents said that they see people drunk pissing all over the place if this business doesn't have an approved liquor license it just some things are not correlating, and I think we should get to the bottom of it versus disapproving of business again for hearsay I do not understand. As a community board member, I will not stand for it.
  - Joel Abreu: so, I hear the concerns of the community again just to reiterate I am confused about what's going on. No 311 reports. The 34th precinct hasn't said anything contrary to them being a good business. I'm confused why they are trying to halt the revenue of a business that has a shown track record of being a good establishment good for the community. As a new committee member this is kind of alarming. I'm also noticing that they close at eight o'clock at night. I mean some of these places around there close at three or four o'clock in the morning. I don't understand the concerns. I do hear them, but it does sound that it's not concrete. Something that I would understand it's three or four o'clock in the morning, but this establishment is serving food. I've been there a few times and the food is really good I think it's going to definitely help the business increase its revenue because of liquor license. They already have, if I'm not mistaken, a beer license so it's not like they're serving hard liquor now. I think it's only going to help the business, to sell liquor. It's just very confusing. The time, no 311 reports, no 34th precinct reports. What I hear from the other side is that it's a good

restaurant that abides by the community that listens to the community. I've been there myself and I have to tell you this is a good establishment something that is a staple in our community. That's all I have to say I urge my committee members to vote for this license thank you.

- Marielle Ali: I think this points to just a wider issue and then somewhat of a challenge that licensing committees face when you have an area with you know a lot of restaurants everyone you know business owners have a right to earn their business and make a living. It's unfortunate that street just happens to be a one-way street and I think as some of the community members mentioned it kind of you know comes off the highway and there definitely is a lot of traffic on that street and a lot of double parking. But again, though I think the wider point which others have mentioned I think it's hard to pinpoint all of the double parking on one particular business and all of the noise on one particular business and all of you just because someone's hanging out outside doesn't necessarily mean that they're from there. It's possible that some patrons are but again there's all these other businesses on that street as well. So, I think again recognizing that there are other businesses in the area it's in my opinion a bit unfair to pin it all on one establishment thank you.
- Ángel Vásquez: I have some clarifying questions. The first set of questions would be for the police precinct. Do we know if they have been shutting down later than the hours that are that are currently established? Are there any complaints of late shutdowns or anything like that?
  1. 34<sup>th</sup>: No, we don't have any complaints on this promise and with the 311 I only went back a year, so nothing related to this specific location. I could tell you from me personally driving especially during the summer driving down because he gets a little hectic by the old marina. It gets a little hectic in that area, me personally I have not observed anything that is related to this business. now I could tell you I could tell you today I was driving by and there were cars lining up double port because they were making a line for the car wash, I could tell you that personally. Anything I put it on the table is what from my personal knowledge and that's what I have to say.
- Ángel Vásquez: No complaints of loud noise, no complaints of shutting down past their hours have you heard from the FDNY about complaints associated specifically with this business because there was an allegation that was made the fire trucks can't make it down the street and it's because of the double parking caused by the business. Have we heard any complaints from FDNY?
  1. 34<sup>th</sup>: Not to my knowledge because I didn't know that this location had so much interest. I didn't feel that it was necessary to reach out to FDNY for this specific location, so not to my knowledge. I mean if there are cars double park, I could tell you that yes, the truck is not going to be able to get through. Now do the cars belong to the to the parking garage to the car wash to a building to the business I don't know. If there is a car double park, I could tell you yeah, the truck is not going to be able to get through yes sure.
- Ángel Vásquez: Sure, thank you officer and I mean I think to Marielle's point earlier, it's difficult to try to blame the double-parking situation on just all of the double-parking situation on particular establishment where you do have a parking garage. I live very close to one and I know what that's like when rush hour happens and there are lines. I've also used to have a car and I know what it's like to make a line to get into a car wash and so it's challenging for me to think that all of the double parking is due to one specific location. In addition to that I think it's very revealing what the officer mentioned just now that in the summer time a lot of traffic is driven over to la marina, well old La Marina now it's called Hudson, which would you know you would take a

left to get to and then you know I don't know if a study has been conducted to see this but you know there's the dike that piece of dyckman street has also been shut down to create a plaza I don't know if that's also having an impact overall on the traffic conditions and so for me it is really hard to tell a business that they should not be awarded a license because of traffic issues that I cannot necessarily say is completely on them as if they are the sole perpetrators in the traffic conditions that are associated or that that folks are complaining about I'm having a really tough time putting one and two together there really tough time.

- Isidro Medina: Difficult Situation. Divided community. Do they intend to keep outdoor seating? They will reply.
  1. Miguel Acosta: Yes, correct.
- Isidro Medina: This is a matter of enforcement. Perhaps 34<sup>th</sup> precinct can address the congestion in the area. Expand resources to alleviate problem. Quality of life issue consistent in community of people drinking outside. Many complaints brought by residents. Complicated matter. Visited and did not see any problem.
  1. 34<sup>th</sup>: I have been on NYPD for 19-20 years it was enforcement. In the past 2-3 years its more community outreach and education. Other laws also changed. I have issues with beer drinkers and music on the street. These are civil summons. Fine will not affect their wallet. We can point fingers back and forth. New mayor so things may change. Previous administration wanted education and outreach for minor violations.
- Isidro Medina: Are owners on the line? Residents should not be dismissed. They should address them
  1. Miguel Acosta: No, they are working. Any stipulations CB12M wants they are willing to take them. Hours of operations should not have adverse effect on neighborhood. By the time people get home from work. Information is conflicting. Majority of feedback is that they are courteous and polite. Contradicting to the experience of those who experience the location frequently. Something is happening here.
- Isidro Medina: The owners knew that they're going to be resistance to this application. A bit concerning no representation from the owners here. Owner should be present especially when there are controversial issues.
  1. Miguel Acosta: I sent the link to manager he will jump on.
- Isidro Medina: not enough time. A few board members are on board. I will have stipulations to address concerns.
- Leo Jiménez: I suggest a Double-parking sign, contact for manager and owner (whoever in charge of operations) visible at all times. Hopefully avoid resident harassment to manager, unfair to owner.
- Joel Abreu: Enforcement. Communication with 34<sup>th</sup> precinct to address resident concerns.
- Cimary Hernández: Good Neighbor sign to address any lingering patrons that may be from the establishment.
- Leo Jiménez: Would owner be able to close at 9PM on Saturday?
  1. Miguel Acosta: Yes, we can arrange that. I don't foresee a problem with that.
- Marielle Ali: Recommend for community members to construct the conversation with the other businesses in the area as well. Engage with the other businesses to see if something can be done collectively in conjunction with the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct to address parking issues.
  1. Miguel Acosta: Yes, that is fair.

- Isidro Medina: Outdoor seating was stated to be a problem. It will be voted on again. When it comes along, I will have a strong objection to the shed built on that particular location because of street congestion.
  - **SIX (6) STIPULATIONS:** *1. Place Two (2) Good Neighbor sign on window and outside of premise for patrons not to hang out. Contact Shinelle at CB12M. 2. Contact information of the manager/person in charge visibly posted in case residents have concerns and/or community issues. 3. Submit proof of purchase of Sound limiter no later than February 18<sup>th</sup> before 5PM. 4. Two (2) no double-parking sign to stand on the sidewalk 3'x2' wide. 5. Management to do a walk-through to dissuade vehicles from parking. 6. Hour of operation change: 9PM closing on Saturday*
  - **Ask to 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct:** 34<sup>th</sup> traffic enforcement on that area to ensure residents are not affected
- f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
- **Yes:** 7
  - **No:** 0
  - **Abstain:** 0

#### Restaurant Wine License & Temporary Retail Permit

#### ~~14. 7 Henshaw Inc. dba Cloisters Grill – 7 Henshaw Street (btw Riverside Drive and Dyckman Street)~~

#### **WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO MEETING**

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:**
- b. **APPLICATION:**
- c. **PRECINCT:**
- d. **RESIDENTS:**
- e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**
- f. **VOTING:**
  - i. **Yes:**
  - ii. **No:**
  - iii. **Abstain:**

#### 15. Budda Corp. – 1654A Saint Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of W 193rd Street)

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Guillermo Gonzalez, owner. Retired veteran. He has experience in the business. He has a business in DR, was a licensed security guard in another establishment. Worked in every establishment uptown. Angel, manager. We are not requesting anything that was not approved in the last meeting. Not changing method of operations, not changing hours, or class. We just want what was approved in the past three months to take advantage of the program. Arelia Tavares, representative.
  - Isidro Medina: Question about your experience. Angel said it was extensive. Where did you work and for how long?
  - Guillermo Gonzalez: Mother's business in DR. Head security guard for several clubs in Manhattan. I have worked in most of the clubs in the area. Third Security Corp. I worked at Opus, MIA lounge, 809, Vaca, Tete Club for about 7 years as head of security. 20 clubs in 7 years because of scheduling.
  - Isidro Medina: Specifically, about alcohol handling which is most important?
  - Guillermo Gonzalez: In alcohol handling 4 years. DR club. Not in NY. Security only in NY.
  - Angel, manager.: he took alcohol handling certification.
  - Arelia Tavares: Wine & Beer license approved in the past. We understand community concerns. This is a temporary retail permit; it can be revoked. Owner was a security

guard and a veteran. Crime was not created by owner who has not even opened. Precinct does not administer licenses. We should see how they behave with this temporary permit and make a decision on the permanent.

- b. **APPLICATION:** Approved for Beer & Wine in September 2021. Temporary retail permit. Expectation here is to speed up the process using the renewal process put in place by new governor. To avoid waiting 6-7 months and receive it within 30-45 days. No objections in the past. Stick by previous stipulations for this temporary license. Submitted complete questionnaire, floor plan, menu, and poof public notice were posted.
- c. **34<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT:** Rejected from the beginning of this application. A few members came to the precinct to express concerns, after CB12M approval in September. We reject the application. Objection. Based on the area, residential area. Without the new business, it is very troublesome what is happening on those blocks. Traffic and crime. Pulling a lot of resources from 34<sup>th</sup> as it is now. When this business opens it will create more chaos.
- d. **RESIDENTS:**
- Eileen King: Board president from Mitchell-Lama Co-op. Appreciate the precinct for hearing us and considering how serious we are suffering from crime, noise, and cars. We cannot sustain this new establishment working there. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> time coming to a CB12M meeting. Approved 2xs but rejected 4xs. It has been rejected by SLA and CB12M in the past based on community concerns and establishment itself. Applicant does not have extensive history in the business. Owner has no experience in this business. Not quality of life, but serious health and safety issues that have to be corrected. They were rejected on full liquor license, and others. Now they come back for beer & wine to try and get a party again. Moving back to nightclub originally designed there.
  - Gabriela Estrella: I am not against businesses. I am a Dominican born and raised. I came to this country at 27 years old. I live across the street and I cannot avoid that it will impact my life. Not against the owner, he has an appealing story. This is to be consistent in the support I have to give to myself and my neighbors. The fact the license has been changed is because of the heavy community opposition. I won't take merit out of owners. You adjusted license every time. You were understanding our concerns and reduced time, changed type license and we value that. But still unfortunately the area where the business is opening is not the best area. Residential, church, schools, crime. 34<sup>th</sup> precinct is protecting us; we will have to call them for help. I want to clarify because this is the first time, I see Guillermo. I don't want him to feel I am against him or this a personal attack. I am as Dominican as your mother and you are, but I have to be consistent and voice why I am opposed to the location. I wish you well and I am sure you have a compelling story. Have to be consistent with the support to my neighbors.
    1. Guillermo Gonzalez: It's been two years I started the application. The first time didn't go through because of an error. I am unsure on crime in the area in past years. I have been paying rent on the location for three years. Have adjusted to requests every time I come to a meeting. For all meetings, I am last on agenda. I see other business with heavy crimes getting approved.
- e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**
- Marielle Ali: Touches again on the other agenda item earlier. We should not penalize the establishment for the area concerns. Business should be aware to avoid the issues or minimize them. They seem willing to listen to community requests. They were approved at the general board so they will still get the license. This is an opportunity to start business sooner. They seem willing to work with community, so I encourage members to vote yes.
  - Joel Abreu: I want to make a concise conclusion on what exactly we are going to do. Base it on facts. Do not understand what the correlation is between crime around the

area and the investment of owner. I heard precinct speak on the crime increasing because of the business. Owner deserves a chance especially on a conditional license, he has been waiting patiently for three years. Denying a license based on projections and assumptions is not healthy for our community. Throughout the meeting, constantly the 34<sup>th</sup> precinct stated no objection on new locations, but this specifically is a business causing trouble. I urge members to give this business a chance. Rely on the facts.

- Leo Jiménez: I will echo Joel and Marielle; it is not fair. We are consistent. WE are here to build each other up. Every time we give the business an obstacle they perform. We have heard the owner has sat and work with residents. Not fair to business and owner, who invested their money, to set them up for failure. We need to uplift each other. I cannot sit here and listen to these concerns when there is no base to them. Crime has gone up. We don't hold new businesses liable. Owner has done wonders in working with the community even while in a hotspot. I will advocate for businesses who have no previous incidents and are new to get approved to give them a chance. Give them support and do hold them accountable after the fact. We will make sure we hold them accountable if anything does happen that contradicts.
- Ángel Vásquez: We have already given approval for permanent license as a board. Consistency is important. I find it challenging to go tell someone who has invested in a space that they can no longer operate that space. It is a dream you are crushing and financial savings for years, based on assumptions of what may happen.
- Isidro Medina: **SEVEN (7) STIPULATIONS** from September 30, 2021 General board approval:

**Whereas, The applicant has extensive experience in the restaurant industry and believes the concept will help the area improve by installing security cameras and outside lightings and agreed to the following stipulations: 1) display a Good Neighbor sign, 2) a phone number to be displayed in case neighbors or patrons have any issues; 3) Purchase of a portable scanner & must send proof of purchase to the Community Board before Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm; 4) (3) "No Double Parking" signs with measurements of 3 feet high x 2 feet wide 5) Security personnel to patrol outside area; 6) Provide the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct with an emergency phone number; 7) Close retractable doors by 8:00 pm; therefore be it**

- **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.
- **Yes:** 7
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

**16. Easy Mail LLC dba One Love – 2085 Amsterdam Avenue (btw W 163rd and W 164th Streets)**

- a. **REPRESENTATIVE:** Miguel Acosta, representative. John Barkwende, owner. Bar Tavern Wine and Beer license requested. Location not licensed in the past. Floorplans, menu, location has never been licensed in past. Recorded Music & DJ. Hours of operations Monday to Wednesday 12PM – 2AM, Thursday 12PM -3AM, Friday and Saturday 12PM- 4AM, Sunday 12PM-2AM.
- b. **APPLICATION:** Submitted complete questionnaire, floor plan, menu, and proof public sign posted. No jukebox, DJ, Capacity 74, 14 tables. 4 barstool No karaoke. Recorded Music & DJ. Sound proofed. Sound limiter will be installed.
- c. **33<sup>rd</sup> PRECINCT:** Good luck on possibly getting license. Violent block, three drug sets crack and heroine. SW corner of 164 St. and Amsterdam 10/7/2021. Heavy double parking. 7.7.2020 Robbery/gang assault of father and daughter that made the news. A block away from Luperon High School. Person overdose and die right next door. Very violent block.
  - Isidro Medina: congested violent driven area, why should we grant license?
  - Miguel Acosta: bringing different culture to the neighborhood, he is African. 30+ clientele. Place of gathering. We understand history of the area and drug infestation.

Liven up the area. Offer at least wine and beer to patrons. Attract people that do not live-in area. In reality stay away from the drugs in the area. Things that happen in the neighborhood will happen whether business is open or not. New business owners investing in our community will change the vine in the area. Continue growing and people invest in the area. Same as Sherman Creek.

- Isidro Medina: What is the experience of owner in alcohol handling?
- John Barkwende: restaurant business and clubs since 2010, working in west village. Club in Manhattan on 11th Ave. and 45<sup>th</sup> St. Also, Bistro Shrine Bar & Restaurant 2271 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. for 5 years. 116<sup>th</sup> St. Worked at Silvana two years ago for one day a week., Alcohol training. Security jobs, experience in working with a lot of people. NYC College of Tech for NYC Business and hospitality management.

d. **RESIDENTS:**

- No community feedbacks.

e. **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Marielle Ali: Trying to get a sense of the environment or vibe you are going for? I see application reads bar/tavern and the menu more of a café vibe. Consider recognizing area is not the best through no fault of your establishment. Maybe reduce some hours. Establishment should be open to all.
- Ángel Vásquez: I do see the potential for making improvements. A new business opportunity to improve the area and the street. I am concerned about the drug and mental health issues in the area. If we can consider the late-night hours. Baby steps to make improvements, let's not jump to 4AM closures. It is a troubled part of the neighborhood.
- Leo Jiménez: Echo members, very troubling area. Concerning after dark especially. I am going to request and recommend to 2AM daily closure. It is an alarming area. If we allow merchants to come in and run a good business, the area can change. We want to make sure we set you up for success and take strong consideration on change of hours.
- Isidro Medina: I was also going to request the same closing time of 2AM., troublesome area to consider residents.
  1. Miguel Acosta: Fair 2AM
  2. John Barkwende: Appreciate it and the remarks.
- **THREE (3) STIPULATIONS:** *1. Place Two (2) Good Neighbor sign on window and outside of premise for patrons not to hang out. Contact Shinelle at CB12M. 2. Contact information of the manager/person in charge visibly posted in case residents have concerns and/or community issues. 3. Submit proof of purchase of Sound limiter no later than February 18<sup>th</sup> before 5PM.*

f. **VOTING:** The application **DID** pass. 7,0,0.

- **Yes:** 7
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:**0