

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, May 13, 2015

Committee Members Present: Glennis Aquino, Aldemar Diaz, Angela Sanchez

Committee Members Excused:

Committee Members Absent: Isidro Medina, Martin Restituyo

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez, Richard Lewis, Priscilla Mota-Willis

CB12 Staff Members Present: Debra Blow

Community Members Present:

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Aldemar Diaz, Chair

B. State Liquor Authority *Renewal* Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

1. Tipico Dominicano LLC. - 4172 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 177th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Rogelio Diaz
Type of Establishment	Dominican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	24 hours, 7 days, alcohol served noon-4am
Tables/Chairs	23 tables, 106 chairs
Music	Jukebox, live music Sat & Sun (singer & keyboardist)
Security Cameras	10
Security Personnel	2, state-licensed, after midnight
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	
Capacity	120
Emergency Exits	3
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (as of Feb 2015)
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	

Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0
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2. RIO New York Inc. dba RIO Bar & Grill - 4892 Broadway, (bet. W. 204th & W. 207th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Carlos Bobadilla, Manager
Type of Establishment	New American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, Noon-midnight; Fri, Noon-2am; Sat, 11am-2am
Tables/Chairs	60 tables, 220 seats (indoor & patio)
Music	Background music in dining room, DJ and live music in basement private event room
Security Cameras	32, indoor & out
Security Personnel	2 licensed, weekends
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	11
Capacity	290
Emergency Exits	4 (2 on Broadway, 2 at side of restaurant)
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (as of April 2015)
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

3. Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Inc. - 1468 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 183rd & W. 184th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	William Ortiz, Owner; Cecilia Gonzalez, Manager
Type of Establishment	Mexican restaurant
Hours of Operation	10 am to 3:30 pm, 7days a week; alcohol served beginning at noon
Tables/Chairs	12 tables 44 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	16 cameras

Security Personnel	2, state licensed
ADA Compliant?	Entrance only
Employees	10
Capacity	44
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (as of November 2014)
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

4. Floridita Restaurant Uptown 2 Inc. - 3856 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 206th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Sonia Henriquez Vega, Owner; Aurelia Tavares, Representative
Type of Establishment	Latin Restaurant
Hours of Operation	24/7, alcohol served Noon-3:30am
Tables/Chairs	17 tables, 48 chairs, 18 stools
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	Yes, 16
Security Personnel	1 M-Thurs, 2 F-Sun all NYS licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	15
Capacity	66
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (as of June 2014)
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Precinct reports that there was a shooting in front of this business at 5am in April 2014. The bar was closed at the time, but food is served here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As a result of this incident, and another incident in which alcohol was sold to a minor the same week as the shooting, the owner paid a \$10,000 fine to the SLA, added a second security guard on weekends, installed 2 additional security cameras and no longer allows unaccompanied minors after midnight. The shooting is still under investigation, but the Precinct does not object to this license renewal.
Community Comments	A resident expressed concern regarding the security situation which may have contributed to the shooting.

Stipulations	None (The owner has complied with requests from the SLA and the NYPD.)
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

5. Don Pancholo Restaurant Corp. dba El Presidente - 3938 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 165th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Luis Muniz/Merrick Schmuz (sp?)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	24/7, alcohol served noon-4am
Tables/Chairs	13 tables, 52 chairs
Music	Ipod with amplification and sound limiter; soundproofing update has been completed, large speakers have been replaced with smaller units positioned 6 inches off the floor and pointing into the restaurant, not towards the street.
Security Cameras	12-16 cameras, including 1 outside
Security Personnel	2, state licensed, on weekends
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	B (as of February 2015)
33rd/34th Precinct	33 rd precinct reported that on April 26, an individual was struck in the head with a bottle; no arrest was made. 13 noise complaints have been made since the last renewal, but noise level tests have been completed at various times and no violations have been found. There is some disagreement within the Precinct regarding the official opinion on this renewal: Precinct management objects, but the field officers who patrol this area and have met with the owner to discuss security arrangements do not, in part because the security guards are state licensed, multiple unannounced sound inspections did not reveal sound levels above legal limits, and the owner cooperated with the police investigation of the violent incident.

Community Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilman Mark Levine, who was unaware of the violent incident, did not otherwise object to the license renewal. • A resident of the building in which the establishment is located reported that she has been reporting noise complaints for the past three years, but the noise level has improved, most likely because of the recent changes. • Another resident reported having lived in the same building for 13 years, does not hear music in his apartment and doesn't understand the multiple complaints, which he surmises are all by the same person. He attended the meeting because flyers were posted announcing this meeting and suggesting that this restaurant should be closed. The resident states that he does not know the owners or frequent the establishment, but does not want to see injustice done. • A third resident stated that he does not live in the building but patronizes this family-oriented establishment, which appears to be well run. • A fourth resident has patronized the restaurant for many years and supports the employees and their families.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

6. 839 W. 181 Food Inc. dba LE CHEILE - 839 W. 181st Street, (at the corner of Cabrini Blvd.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Dermot Burke, Richard Caffrey, Owners
Type of Establishment	American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	10:30am-11pm; alcohol served beginning at 11am weekdays and at noon Sundays
Tables/Chairs	20 tables, 70 chairs
Music	iPod, live jazz singer once a week
Security Cameras	14 cameras
Security Personnel	In house managers
ADA Compliant?	Yes

Employees	20
Capacity	70
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

7. C&H Hamlet Bar LTD. dba Irish Eyes - 5008 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 213th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Chris Doherty, Owner
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	8am-4am
Tables/Chairs	8 tables, 22 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	2
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	A resident expressed support for this applicant but concern about saturation in this area. (There are several bars with On-Premises Liquor licenses on Broadway and 10 th Avenue near this location.) Two other residents also support the application.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

8. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC. dba Chipotle Mexican Grill - 4009 Broadway, (bet. W. 168th & W. 169th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Ashley Hernandez, Manager; Alex Boland, District Manager
Type of Establishment	Casual Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am – 10pm, 7 days a week; alcohol served beginning at noon on Sundays
Tables/Chairs	7 tables, 21 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	5 inside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	25
Capacity	31
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (as of May 2014)
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Diaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

9. Negro Claro Corp. - 3805 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 204th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor / Alteration
Owner/Representative	Rud Morales, Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant, Lounge & Bistro
Hours of Operation	4pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	25 tables, 50 chairs inside; ~30 tables, ~60 chairs outside
Music	iPod; DJ Sat-Sun only
Security Cameras	Outside, 4; inside, 16
Security Personnel	6, state licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	30
Capacity	75 seats outside seasonal – 55 tables total in/out
Emergency Exits	5
Restaurant Letter Grade	

33rd/34th Precinct	No objection after having met with the management
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bar will be moved several feet away from its current location but seating capacity will not change as a result. This business will be sold in the near future and the new owners expect to change the name, but no corporate changes are being applied for at the moment.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

10. Lucky Seven Restaurant & Bar LLC. - 1447-1457 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 182nd & W. 183rd Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal On-Premises Liquor
Owner/Representative	Julio Betances, Manager
Type of Establishment	Restaurant/bar
Hours of Operation	4pm-3:40am
Tables/Chairs	45 tables, 180 chairs
Music	DJ, live Latin music
Security Cameras	48
Security Personnel	4-9 guards depending on day
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	~70
Capacity	256
Emergency Exits	3
Restaurant Letter Grade	A, as of February 2015
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	No comments/questions
Stipulations	Meet with the 34 th Precinct to conduct a walk-through and comply with their recommendations regarding public safety and quality of life

Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The method of operation for this business has not changed since the last renewal. Prior to this meeting, two police officers were assaulted as they attempted to stop a fight in front of this bar. Two individuals were arrested and charged with resisting arrest, but no summonses were issued to the establishment. This incident was not mentioned at the Licensing Committee meeting.
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

Restaurant Wine License

11. La Nueva Juquila Restaurant Inc. - 2106 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 164th & W. 165th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal – WL
Owner/Representative	No one appeared to represent this business regarding this renewal application.
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

NYC Department of Consumer Affairs New of Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Licenses:

12. FLK, Inc. dba Sushi Mambo - 431 W. 202nd Street, (bet. 9th & 10th Avenues.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New unenclosed sidewalk café
Owner/Representative	Vanessa Guerrero – Manager/ Michael Kelly – Rep
Type of Establishment	Restaurant/Bar
Hours of Operation	Mon-Sat, 5pm-2am; Sun, 2pm-2am
Tables/Chairs	12 tables, 24 chairs in proposed sidewalk cafe
Music	None
Security Cameras	9 inside, 3 outside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	12
Capacity	24 in proposed sidewalk café
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Already existing restaurant applying to have sidewalk café on commercial block, no residential building nearby/planters will be removed to accommodate sidewalk pedestrians/no changes inside restaurant taking place/no precinct obj/no public obj
Committee Vote	Yes: 3 A. Díaz, A. Sánchez, G. Aquino No: Abstain: Not Voting:

C. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:

On-Premise Liquor License

13. A-P 3964 Corp. - 3964 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 211th & W. 212th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New, about to start construction
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira – Rep
Type of Establishment	Bar/Lounge
Hours of Operation	F-Sun 10pm-4am, last call 2:30am for food, closing last call at 3:30am
Tables/Chairs	
Music	Ipod/sun Fri-Sat DJ

Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	4, 2 are retired NYPD
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	20
Capacity	100
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	A school sits between residential buildings and businesses on 10 th Ave. Concerns was expressed regarding this establishment being a “drinking only” place, and Inwood is becoming one big bar. Is another bar really needed?
Stipulations	Walk thru with 34 th Precinct.
Notes	Creating destination for patrons as after-hours location for nearby locations/looking into installing remote surveillance for 34 th precinct for extra security measures as well as learning tactical solutions for crowd control, emergencies, etc. with help of hired retired NYPD/ closest residential building about 100 feet around the corner, no residential buildings on 10 th Ave./no windows in establishment but there will be soundproofing on roof/A/C will not interfere with soundproofing/Opening date of July-August/Mr. Ferreira addressed community questions about another drinking business, stating there is only one other business (Made in Mexico) in area that is of the same nature/Business will make best effort to run properly and in consideration of neighborhood and quality of life/Earlier last call helps with crowd control and was recommended by former NYPD hired for security, to avoid security issues/ A. Diaz & A. Sanchez don't see any red flags with closing time of 4am for this business for the time being/
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

Restaurant Wine License

14. Japp Drink Business - 704 W. 177th Street, (at the corner of Broadway.)

New or Renewal?	New Restaurant Wine
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Ariel Ferreira – Rep / George Peralta – Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant/Tapas
Hours of Operation	Sun-thurs 12pm-2am fr-sat 12pm-4am

Tables/Chairs	4 tables
Music	Ipod
Security Cameras	8 – 2 outside
Security Personnel	Weekends, late nights 1 person
ADA Compliant?	yes
Employees	8
Capacity	50
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Precinct requested walk thru – Rep agreed to have done by GM and to send full menu by Monday 5/18
Notes	Will send more expanded menu via email/eco-friendly construction/
Committee Vote	Yes: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez No: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0

15. El Palacio Seafood Market Corp. - 1049 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 162nd & W. 163rd Streets.)

New or Renewal?	New – Restaurant Wine
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Nelson Maldonado – Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	10am-2:30am, alcohol served beginning at noon
Tables/Chairs	8 tables, 16 chairs
Music	Pandora
Security Cameras	2 – 1 outside, will be installed in 25 days
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	25
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	No comments from NYPD/community
Stipulations	Install security cameras within one month – Rep agreed
Notes	

Committee Vote	Yes: 3 A. Díaz, A. Sánchez, G. Aquino No: Abstain: Not Voting:
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16. La Catalina - 3835 10th Avenue, (W. 205th & W. 206th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New wine license
Owner/Representative	Rud Morales – Rep
Type of Establishment	Beer garden – not open yet/ will email menu & floor plans
Hours of Operation	Will open if licenses approved – 10am-11:30pm M-Sat 12pm Sun
Tables/Chairs	Seasonal space/summer only
Music	Ipod
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	74 seats
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Stipulations being asked for: menu/floor plans to be emailed, police walk thru, and specific sound system installation with sound governor
Notes	<p>Will also operate as parking garage off season/ Speaker system will be set up similar to Ganesha lounge (which has been approved for outdoor music and is managed by Ms. Morales)/Last call will be 11pm so everyone is out by 11:30pm/will provide smaller speakers in higher quantities so that the volume can be kept low along seating areas, as per lieutenant recommendations/willing to install sound governor/location is 20 ft from residential building/will request walk thru with precinct before next general meeting/ Ms. Morales has reservations about signing stipulations unless you are a troubled business and what it represents to police and community /Ms. Morales did not sign the stipulations and called for a meeting for the committee with community business owners/ Ms. Morales verbally agreed to all stipulations but did not want to sign stipulation agreement/committee voted against license due to lack of cooperation with signature of stipulation agreement</p>

Committee Vote	Yes: 0 No: Aquino, Díaz, Sánchez Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0
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D. New Business/Adjournment