



Community Board 12M

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Business Development Committee Minutes November 14th, 2017

Present: Jonathan Reyes, Chair, Jason E. Compton, Eleazar Bueno, Sara Fisher, Rud Morales, Obie Bing.

Excused: Pamela Palanque-North, Glennis Aquino

CB12 Members Attending: Natalie Espino, Richard Lewis

Public Member: Bruce Robertson

1. Welcome / Opening Remarks

2. New Business

a) Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) - Info Presentation

DCA Representative presented on the NYC Sidewalk Café Design and Regulations Guide

Items discussed: Three Types of Side Walk Café's, Zoning Restrictions, Side Walks and Side Walk Safety, Clear Path Regulations, Inspection Checklists and the License Application Process.

BD Committee expressed an interest in having DCA play a more enforcing role in Sidewalk Café approval process.

b) Street Vending Modernization Act Discussion:

BD Committee recommends that the current bill includes a "similar business restriction clause," wherein, a street vendor with a similar service or product cannot station itself within a service threatening vicinity of a brick and mortar establishment.

BD Committee recommends that the current bill include a "sanitation liability clause," wherein, a street vendor is mandated to share the street cleanliness liability with the brick and mortar establishment with which the street vendor shares a station area.

BD Committee recommends that the current bill include an "insurance clause," wherein, a street vendor must have insurance, however, insurance levels must not proportionate to earnings and must not present economic barriers to the vendor.

BD Committee would like to request information on the current street vendor waitlist, specifically the type of business that are on the wait list.

W.H.I.N's policy proposal was discussed:

- Policy proposals focus on incentivizing healthier food options
- Reducing costs for vendors with economic barriers.
- Ending the black-market sale of vending licenses.

3. Old Business

a) 2420 Amsterdam Avenue Hotel – Hiring Process (Update)

BD Committee discussed the current status of the Young Woo Project

Future environmental discussions will be transferred over to our Health and Environment Committee.

The following responses were submitted by Yong Woo:

Will the remediation efforts conclude by 10/9/2017? If so, please share the results of these efforts

YWA: Remediation efforts are just getting started now as part of our RAWP and include the removal of all soil from the site down to bedrock. We have not started taking material offsite yet but this will begin fairly soon. We need to prepare the site and install our support of excavation before we can excavate any material. We expect the remediation work to continue into early next year.

Have aforementioned remediation effort included the adjacent properties?

YWA: Our remediation project does not include adjacent properties, however we did install off-site wells which tested clean.

b) GWB Terminal Market-Mercado (Update)

No Update from SBS Officials. Tim Currier SBS – Executive Director, Warren Gardiner SBS – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Community Relations

4. Adjournment