

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Minutes of the
Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 20, 2015**

Attendance:

Avi Leshes – Chairperson
Timothy Thomas – CB9
Pearl R. Miles – District Manager

Mr. Steven Fishman – Erv’s Café
Mr. Anthony – Balboa Restaurant

Review application submitted by Steven Fishman, to the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs for an “Unenclosed Sidewalk Café” with seven (7) tables and fourteen (14) chairs, for new Sidewalk Café, “Erv’s on Beekman,” 2122 Beekman Place, Brooklyn, NY 11225-4856.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Leshes asked Mr. Fishman if he had any complaints from residents/neighbors about the noise or any other issue pertaining to the bar currently, to which Mr. Fishman responded that he did not. The District Manager informed that she had received one noise complaint about the location; the complaint was about noise from patrons who were outside to smoke cigarettes, there were also arguments among patrons. The District Manager said it was the only complaint she had received about the location.

It is being recommended to the Board that Mr. Fishman’s application be approved with the following condition: that should complaints arise from neighbors, that Mr. Fishman would work with them to resolve the concerns they expressed. Mr. Fishman said he wanted to be a good neighbor and would work with the community on achieve a peaceful co-existence.

It should be noted that Mr. Leshes and Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Fishman why he couldn’t enclose the sidewalk café, to which Mr. Fishman responded that since there was a light pole near the proposed location, and since the Department of Transportation requires a certain amount of clearance around the pole, enclosing the café would not be feasible.

Consider Alteration application to the NYS Liquor Authority for proposed expansion of the interior of Balboa Restaurant, Inc., 1655 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225 – the expansion of the dining area into the rear storage area of the building to accommodate thirty-two (32) seats; as well as the expansion of the kitchen, and the conversion of the 25’ food counter into a “cash bar” with nine (9) stools. Current seating in front dining area will remain unchanged at forty-two (42) seats

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Leshes asked Mr. Anthony if the expanded section of the restaurant was soundproof, Mr. Anthony said it was. Mr. Anthony added that he informed the residents on both sides of his restaurants of his intentions, and they were ok with it. It is being recommended to the Board that Mr. Anthony’s application for expansion be approved.

The committee did not have a quorum therefore these recommendations are being made to the full Board for final approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Respectfully submitted
Avi Leshes, Chairperson
May 26, 2015**