

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Minutes of the
Public Safety Committee Meeting
June 17, 2015

In attendance:

Tim Thomas – CB9
Astrid Charleus – Les Cayes
Omar Thorpe – Les Cayes
Corey Noble – Union Franklin One
Jesse Greenberger – Union Franklin One

Jacob Rabinowitz – Union Franklin One
Marek Schwedt – Oaxaca Rogers
Christian Njokede – Vchris Inc
Pearl Miles – District Manager

The meeting was chaired by Board and Committee member Timothy Thomas in the absence of Committee Chairperson, Avi Leshes.

- 1. Review application submitted by Ms. Astrid Charleus, to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Wine and Beer Only License for the Les Cayes Restaurant, 1067 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225; as well as the licensing of the Gardens/Grounds outdoor area.**

Ms. Charleus described plans to have a few tables behind her business in addition to serving wine and beer. Tim asked about whether there are neighbors who might be disturbed. Pearl asked to see drawing or plans for the backyard space. Ms. Charleus said she'd bring some to the full board meeting. Concern was expressed about noise or rowdiness, and Ms. Charleus explained that hers was not a bar, but rather she wanted to serve beer and wine to accompany the many other activities that take place in her business - mostly of a community nature. It's a multi-use space. Tim and Pearl wished them well, and could see no reason other than potential noise concerns not to recommend the license with the best of good luck.

- 2. Review application submitted by Mr. Michael Jacober to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License for the Gladys's Jerk Center, LLC, a Restaurant at 1751-1753 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225; as well as the licensing of the Backyard area.**

This applicant withdrew their application as they were not ready to move forward; they were not present for the meeting. No review of the application was made.

- 3. Review application submitted by Mr. Jason Ellison to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License for the Brooklyn Tap Corp, a Tavern/Cocktail Lounge, 653 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225; as well as the licensing of the Gardens/Grounds outdoor area.**

This applicant withdrew their application as they were not ready to move forward; they were not present for the meeting. No review of the application was made.

- 4. Review application submitted by Mr. David Schneider to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Wine and Beer Only License for the Oaxaca Rogers, LLC, a Restaurant at 406 Rogers Avenue,**

Brooklyn, NY 11225.

Mr. Schneider expects to open his Mexican restaurant soon at the location. He owns a number of other locations with the same business name and model. About 80% of the business is take-out and delivery. He will have a few tables (up to 30 seats or so) of in-house seating. He noted it's wine and beer only, and that it is not a full bar. Rather the alcohol served is meant as a complement to the food. The committee saw no reason not to recommend the application.

- 5. Review application submitted by Mr. Corey Noble to the New York State Liquor Authority for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License for the Union Franklin One, Inc., a Tavern/Cocktail Lounge, 829-835 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.**

Applicants have a great deal of experience running bars such as this, including in Bed-Stuy and the Upper West Side. Mr. Noble will be the primary manager of this location. Pearl and Tim asked many pointed questions about public safety, and were reassured that they understand the business and how to keep the bar itself and the area around it safe. Keeping patrons from becoming overly intoxicated is a priority for them. There were a couple of outstanding building violations prior to their lease-signing that the landlord must take care. They are renting the space. They hope to be excellent neighbors, and plan to keep the tavern's recorded music quiet enough not to disturb neighbors. The committee saw no reason not to recommend the application.

- 6. Review application submitted by Mr. Emad Ali Rabah to the New York State Liquor Authority for the renewal of a Wine and Beer Only License for KHF Food Corp, d/b/a Best Way, 708 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY 11225.**

Applicant not present

- 7. Review application submitted by Mr. Spiro Kourkoumelis to the New York State Liquor Authority for the renewal of a Beer Only License for Mike's Diner, Ltd, a restaurant at 630 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203.**

Applicant not present.

- 8. Review application submitted by Mr. Christian Njokede to the New York State Liquor Authority for the renewal of a Wine and Beer Only License for VChris, Inc., a restaurant at 568 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203.**

Mr. Njokede and associate have numerous police complaints against their premises. When questioned further why the situation had not gotten better since their last renewal request, the two seemed unable to provide coherent answers. They seemed perplexed that the police would have a problem, since the problems tend to come from the patrons not from them. Pearl reminded them that it IS their business who they attract and what they do while drinking at the restaurant. Tim suggested that they consult with the 71st Precinct prior to the Board meeting. The committee asks that the full Board consider the many complaints against the location, and the recommendation from the precinct not to extend the renewal to the applicant, based on Public Safety concerns.

- 9. Review application submitted by Ms. Rosemary Nunez to the New York State Liquor Authority for the renewal of a Wine and Beer Only License for La Nueva Estrella Del Castillo Restaurant, 948 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.**

Applicant not present

There was no quorum, therefore no vote could be taken at committee level. Recommendations contained in this report are being made to the full board for consideration.

Adjournment at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted

Tim Thomas,

June 22, 2015