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Economic Development Committee

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Present: Chester Asher, Laura Benitez, Frank Brija, Judith Febbraro, Diane Collier, Cesar Ortiz, Marina Ortiz, Israel Miranda Antonio Rivera, Xavier Santiago, Edward Santos, Matthew Washington, Martha Wiggins, Jim Greene

Absent: Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Hilda Vives-Vazquez

Excused: N/A

Guests (s): Steve Lieberman, Mark Rodriguez, Michael Chavez-Reilly, Frances Mastrola

Steve Lieberman - Parking License Agreement

Mr. Lieberman introduced himself and requested the committee's support to sign a license agreement with DCAS to operate a parking facility under the Metro North Viaduct at East 127th Street. Marina Ortiz asked how large the site was and if he had letters of support from neighbors. Steve answered 3 parcels but is waiting for DCAS to give square footage. Current use of vacant are was a parking lot. He wants to use it only for parking, no repairs.

Marina Ortiz asked for letters of support. Steve said he doesn't have any at this time. Bob McCullough spoke on behalf of this project at a previous meeting. He stated he would have security guard. 10% of the spaces will be for his existing vehicles, 90% for public and community. Diane Collier stated that a motion was made to send letter to DCAS for information. Matthew Washington stated will check to see if this was done. Matthew asked what length of lease will he obtain and Steven answered it is month to month.

Ed Santos made a motion for letters of support for Steve Lieberman's request for support to operate a parking facility under the Metro North Viaduct at East 127th Street. The motion was seconded by Matthew Washington and passed: 9 in Favor, 2 Opposed (D. Collier, M. Ortiz), 1 Abstention (X. Santiago).

Liquor License Application Process

Edward Santos and Diane Collier made a presentation on the State Liquor Authorities process for acquiring a liquor licenses. There was much discussion on the issue and its process. Diane distributed SLA materials she received while attending the meeting held by the Borough President and the SLA Commissioner on the licensing process. This matter is still being reviewed by the SLA Sub-committee.

Ed mentioned that a concession working for Cirque du Soleil on Randall's Island name Spectrum Catering Company was applying for a liquor license and declined to come before the board. It seems that they felt they didn't need to because they were located in Randall's Island and they didn't think that impacted CB 11. Mathew informed the committee members that our district manager received a call from the applicant's attorney (last minute) informing us that they couldn't attend the meeting because they had a prior meeting. The committee members felt that the applicant's lawyer was not being truthful with the board after much discussion on the issue, the committee took action on the issue.

Marina made a motion to reject the liquor license application of Spectrum Catering Company. The motion was seconded by Israel Miranda and approved: 11 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstention.

Announcements

New business Visitor from Visions spoke about program - see flyer

UMEZ will come to the next Economic Development committee meeting and give presentation.

Action Items

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Israel Miranda made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Frank Brija and approved unanimously.