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### Licenses & Permits Committee Monday, July 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Board Office

#### \*\*\* Minutes \*\*\*

Present: Ed Marcial, Wendy Hewlett, Judith Febbraro, James Garcia (Chair), Celia Ramirez, Joe Goldbloom, Holley Drakeford and Debbie Quinones

Excused: Brodie Enoch, Ed Santos

Absent: -0-

Guests: Gina Cesari, Twywana Bush, Shaheda Jefferson, Sharon Garrett, Verlene Cheeseboro, Pamela Vilinsky, Marie Baker-Lee, Jim Ratti, Sonia Gobbini, Cheryl Duncan, Ariel Tavor, Yossi Tamin, Christina Canrales, Ivan Aranda

#### 1. Call to Order

Committee chair James Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

#### 2. Liquor Licenses

##### a. El Paso Taqueria 1643 Corp. d/b/a El Paso Restaurante Mexicano

- Application for renewal of full liquor license (LL#1256269)
- Restaurant located at 1643 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, El Paso Taqueria 1643 Corp. d/b/a El Paso Resturante Mexicano (“the applicant”) is seeking a renewal for its existing full liquor license (LL#1256269) for a restaurant located at 1643 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not have to appear before the License & Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on July 20, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did provide all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were no documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public present to speak for the applicant;

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application

is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan approves the application of El Paso Taqueria 1643 Corp. d/b/a El Paso Resturante Mexicano for renewal of an existing full liquor license (LL#1256269) for a restaurant located at 1643 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029.

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously.**

b. Manuel Mercado d/b/a Mercado's Cuisine

- Application for renewal of full liquor license (LL#1167451)
- Restaurant located at 1759 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Manuel Mercado d/b/a Mercado's Cuisine ("the applicant") is seeking the renewal of a full liquor license for a restaurant located at 1759 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear before Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) to answer any concerns regarding this license or make a public interest statement, and the Committee was not provided any documentation to make an informed decision; and

WHEREAS, the committee was unable to make a determination as to whether the application was in the public interest or to determine the "bona fides" of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the application of Manuel Mercado d/b/a Mercado's Cuisine for renewal of an existing full liquor license for a restaurant located at 1759 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029 ("Applicant").

**Motion to deny by Celia Ramirez, seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.**

c. PQ 97<sup>th</sup> Street Inc. d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien

- Application for a renewal wine and beer license (LL#1270680)
- Restaurant located at 1399 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, PQ 97<sup>th</sup> Street Inc. d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien , is applying for a renewal wine and beer license for restaurant located at 1399 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 on July 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was available to answer any pending questions from the committee; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did provide all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were no documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public present to speak for the applicant;

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approves the application of PQ 97<sup>th</sup> Street Inc. d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien for renewal of an existing a wine and beer license (LL#1270680) for a restaurant located at 1399 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously.**

d. Earls Beer & Cheese LLC.

- Application for renewal of wine and beer license (LL#1270518)
- Restaurant located at 1259 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Earl's Beer & Cheese LLC d/b/a Earl's Beer & Cheese is seeking a renewal of its existing wine and beer license (LL#1270518) for a restaurant located at 1259 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 on July 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was responsive to the committees questions; and

WHEREAS, the committee was informed that there were (5) documented 311 calls for noise on record for this premises; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public residing above the proposed business present that spoke against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approves the application of Earls Beer & Cheese LLC. for a renewal wine and beer license for a restaurant located at 1259 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Holley Drakeford, seconded by Celia Ramirez. The motion passed with one (1) present not voting.**

e. East Harlem Smokehouse Inc. d/b/a Harley's Smokeshack

- Application for renewal of full liquor license (LL#1225032)
- Restaurant located at 355 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

Renewal OP License for East Harlem Smokehouse Inc. d/b/a Harley's Smokeshack (LL#1225032) at 355 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029 ("Applicant")

WHEREAS, Applicant did not appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was not provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak for the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant voluntarily withdrew the application on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will not file with the New York State Liquor Authority before resubmitting to CB11; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the renewal full liquor license for the East Harlem Smokehouse Inc. d/b/a Harley's Smokeshack (LL#1225032) New York, NY 10029

**WITHDRAWN, NO MOTION TAKEN, AUTOMATIC DENIAL.**

f. Moon House Chinese Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Moon House Restaurant

- Application for a renewal of wine & beer license (LL#1240724)
- Restaurant located at 1810 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – Store 1, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did not appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was not provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak for the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant voluntarily withdrew the application on July 14<sup>th</sup> , 2015 and

WHEREAS, the applicant will not file with the New York State Liquor Authority before resubmitting to CB11; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the renewal full liquor license for the Moon House Chinese Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Moon House Restaurant (LL#1240724) New York, NY 10029

**WITHDRAWN, NO MOTION TAKEN, AUTOMATIC DENIAL.**

g. Koonsup Thai Inc. d/b/a Pro Thai

- Application for new full liquor license (LL# N/A)
- Restaurant located at 1575 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Applicant did not appear before the License and Permits Committee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, CB11M was not provided all documentation; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public to speak for the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant voluntarily withdrew the application on July 16<sup>th</sup> , 2015 and

WHEREAS, the applicant will not file with the New York State Liquor Authority before resubmitting to CB11; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the renewal full liquor license for the Koonsup Thai Inc. d/b/a Pro Thai (LL#N/A) New York, NY 10029

**WITHDRAWN, NO MOTION TAKEN, AUTOMATIC DENIAL.**

h. Shaheda Jefferson d/b/a Ms. Rita's Place

- Application for new full liquor license (LL#N/A)
- Restaurant located at 349 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street – Ground Floor, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, Shaheda Jefferson /b/a Ms. Rita's Place is seeking a new full liquor license for a restaurant located at 349 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street – Ground Floor, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 on July 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was responsive to the committees questions; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public residing above the proposed business present to speak against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approves the application of Shaheda Jefferson d/b/a Ms. Rita's Place for a renewal full liquor license for a restaurant located at 349 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street – Ground Floor, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Holley Drakeford. Motion passed.**

i. The Roast NYC, LLC d/b/a Roast Homestyle Chicken

- Application for new wine and beer license (LL# N/A)
- Restaurant located at 1569 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

WHEREAS, The Roast NYC, LLC d/b/a Roast Homestyle Chicken is seeking a new wine and beer license for a restaurant located at 1569 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did appear before the Licenses & Permits Committee of Manhattan Community Board 11 on July 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided all required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was responsive to the committees questions; and

WHEREAS, there were no members of the public residing above the proposed business present to speak against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, Community Board 11 believes this application is in the best interest of the community;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 approves the application of The Roast NYC, LLC d/b/a Roast Homestyle Chicken for a new wine and beer license for a restaurant located at 1569 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10029

**Motion to approve by Debbie Quinones, seconded by Judith Febraro. Motion passed.**

3. Street Activity Permits

- a. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity in the Community Day. Block Party. September 5, 2015. 111<sup>th</sup> Street between First and FDR Drive. Applicant: Eddie Gibbs. Sponsor: Eddie Gibbs. **This application was cancelled by the applicant. No action taken.**
- b. Marcus Garvey Festival. Single Block Festival. September 5, 2015. Fifth Avenue between 124<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Streets. Applicant: Rachel Clarke. Sponsor: Afrikan Int'l Merchants Agency. **Judith Febraro made a motion to approve which was seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously.**
- c. Church of Scientology of Harlem. Religious Ceremony. September 12, 2015, September 19, 2015, September 26, 2015. 125<sup>th</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenue. Applicant: Pamela Vilinsky. Sponsor: Church of Scientology of Harlem. **Edwin Marcial made a motion to approve on the condition that the event be held either on Third Avenue between 125<sup>th</sup> and 126<sup>th</sup> Streets or on the site of an existing parking lot across the street from the community center this which was seconded by Wendy Hewlett and passed unanimously.**
- d. Weekend Walk Community Street Fair. DOT Weekend Walk. September 12 and October 10, 2015. Fifth Avenue between 124<sup>th</sup> & 125<sup>th</sup> Street / 124<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison & Fifth Avenue. Applicant: Andrew Ronan. Sponsor: NYC DOT & New Harlem East Merchants Association. **Wendy Hewlett made a motion to approve which was seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed with one present/not voting (Drakeford).**
- e. City Council Speaker Annual Youth Fair. Special Event. August 11, 2015. 101<sup>st</sup> Street between Lexington and Park Avenue. Applicant: David Giordano. Sponsor: The Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center. **Celia Ramirez made a motion to approve on the condition that supporting documentation was provided to the board by July 24, 2015. The motion was seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.**
- f. Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center Camp Carnival. Special Event. August 14, 2015. 101st Street between Lexington and Park Avenue. Applicant: David Giordano. Sponsor: The Children's Aid Society East Harlem Center. **Celia Ramirez made a motion to approve on the condition that supporting documentation was provided to the board by July 24, 2015. The motion was seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.**
- g. Harvest Fair. Special Event. September 12, 2015. 118<sup>th</sup> Street between Second & First Avenue. Applicant Twywana Bush. Sponsor: Greenthumb. **Debbie Quinones made a motion to approve on the condition that supporting documentation was provided to the board by July 24, 2015. The motion was seconded by Wendy Hewlett and passed unanimously.**

4. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Edwin Marcial, seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm**