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## April 16, 2013 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Joseph A. Thompson, Chair; Joseph Bombace, Co-Chair; Joseph A. McManus; and Joanne Russo-Rubino.

GUEST(S): Frank Nalevaiko, Business Licenses Consultant (BLU).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Joseph A. Thompson.

1. Liquor, Wine and Beer License Renewal: Colonial Restaurant, 2070 White Plains Road. Owner represented by Frank Nalevaiko for owner George. The questionnaire has been completed. There have been no problems with this diner, which has been in business for many years.

A Motion was made by Joe Bombace, seconded by Joe McManus and Joanne Rubino – That the Committee recommends the Full Board approves a letter of no objection to the SLA regarding this license. A copy of the letter should also be sent to Mr. Nalevaiko as well as to the owner. As the Colonial Restaurant is a part of the White Plains Road BID, Joe Thompson recused himself from voting. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION WITH CAUSE BY JOE THOMPSON.**

2. Cabaret License Request:

900 Park requested a cabaret license a year ago from the Department of Consumer Affairs, however it was not granted at that time because they did not have a C of O, due to a requirement for a wheelchair lift to be added. The work has now been completed and the lift is operational. There are no reported problems with this facility, and the owner has stated that when dancing and music is allowed at a party in the future, it will take place in an area separate from the rest of the facility so as not to disturb patrons at the restaurant or bar area.

A Motion was made by Joe Bombace, seconded by Joanne Rubino – That the Committee recommends the Full Board send a letter of no objection to the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs regarding a cabaret license for this establishment. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

3. Sacket Avenue Parking Situation: The following auto body businesses on Sackett and Bronxdale Avenues were again invited to this Committee meeting:

- a. XXL Auto Body/Line X
- b. John's Car Care
- c. RN and AC Body shop
- d. The New King
- e. H & H Auto

Again, none of these businesses attended the meeting. The purpose of the meetings held last month and this month were to discuss complaints made to the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct and the Board office regarding apparent persistent illegal parking and storage of vehicles. Fortunately, since the businesses were approached by Committee members Joe Thompson and Joe Bombace, and enforcement by the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct was done, the Committee members observed that the businesses seemed to be complying with the law and cars were no longer parked illegally or in driveways, as reported previously. It was stated at the meeting that the main complainant seemed to not have the support of other residents, although he purported to represent his area. There was no petition or names of other residents presented, and the complainant refused to call 311.

After much discussion, it was decided that the following motions be made: A Motion was made by Joe McManus, seconded by Joanne Rubino – That the parking situation on Sackett and Bronxdale Avenues be brought up at the Full Board meeting. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

A Motion was made by Joanne Rubino, seconded by Joe McManus – That if a resident contacts the Board Office with a complaint and claims that he or she represents a group of people, the claim should be verified as soon as possible. Verification can include but is not limited to a list of the names of those being represented. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Old Business:

600 Van Nest Avenue: Joe Bombace on a visit to the site noted that during the week the gates are down, however on the weekends there seem to be private parties conducted. Joe Thompson and Joe Bombace will visit the site to see if they can determine if the site is being rented.

1738 and 1738A Wallace Avenue: This site is back where Déjà vu used to be. The site was a commercial garage which was converted to two stores front. Recently there have been community complaints of late night (3:30 am) noise, apparent alcohol consumption, fighting, loud music and no apparent security. Joe stated that Chris Kirka called the DOB to request and inspection however there are doubts DOB could gain access. Joe Thompson and Joe Bombace will visit the site this week, and there is a possibility that the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be contacted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Joanne Russo-Rubino.