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**BOARD MEETING
VIRTUALLY HELD
VIAWEBEX
JUNE 24, 2020**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested a moment of silence. She dedicated it to all of all of the first responders, doctors, transportation, framers who get food to our tables and to all of the families that may have lost loved ones. She included those who are fighting for social justice.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll, there were 25 members answering the call, a quorum was not established. Ms. Rachlin asked how long do we wait (for a quorum)? Chairperson Fuller related that they would wait. This was a board meeting, not a public hearing. She noted that the public session would not be at this time.

The roll call was repeated. There were 29 board members answering the call. A quorum was now present. The virtual board meeting was called to order.

Board members were advised to mute their microphones until they speak. Chairperson Fuller noted that WEBEX is the system that CB#1 is using. It is the one that was provided by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Teague made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. A roll call was conducted. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follow: 26 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Solano made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Combined Public Hearing & Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cabrera. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was carried. The vote was: 26 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION" (Mr. Needelman); 0 "RECUSALS".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Fuller noted that there were committee chairpersons who requested to present written reports.

Parks & Waterfront Committee. – A written report was submitted and distributed for review. Mr. Caponegro (Parks & Waterfront Committee Chair), presented the report. There was one item that required a vote. Mr. Caponegro spoke about the Committee's report. He noted that this is the item regarding Bushwick Inlet Park & The Motiva Site.

Recommendation: The committee was recommending approval. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Elkins requested a friendly amendment: to include the letter that was received about suggestions for the design. He discussed the letter and noted that the changes were not major ones. Mr. Caponegro accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was carried. The vote was: 28 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Weiser raised concern about the roll call votes. They were taking a lot of time to conduct.

It was noted that this is the way the City recommends that the votes are recorded.

Public Safety & Human Services Committee. – A written report was submitted and distributed for review. Mr. Burrows presented the report. There were no items that required a vote. Mr. Burrows provided an overview of matters to date.

SLA Review & DCA Committee. – A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

Recommendation: Mr. Burrows presented the written report. Mr. Solano made a motion to support the report and the recommendations that it contained as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Land Use, ULURP and Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee. - A written report was distributed for review. In the report were items that required a vote.

- BSA SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION – BSA CAL. NO. 2019- 307-BZ, 277 SOUTH 5TH STREET, AKA 263-279 SOUTH 5TH STREET, BROOKLYN, 2 NY 11211 (Block 2447 Lot 35). The application is for a Physical Cultural Establishment (PCE) in a building currently under construction. – by Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel P.C.). Recommendation: The committee members, including non-board members, voted unanimously to approve. Ms. Teague made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser and was carried. The vote was as follows: 31"YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0

"RECUSALS".

- CITY PLANNING – BEDFORD AVENUE OVERLAY EXTENSION – CAL. # 200258 ZMK – A zoning map amendment to map - a C2-4 Commercial Overlay over an existing R6B District to facilitate the development of a 3- story, 5,400 square foot mixed use development, including approximately 2,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 3,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space, is being sought by private applicant at 276 Bedford Avenue (Block 2380), Lot 20) in Williamsburg, CD1, Brooklyn – by Slater & Beckerman PC. Recommendation: The committee members voted to approve the application, finding it to be an improvement over the current use and contextual with the heights and uses of the nearby buildings along Bedford Avenue. Ms. Teague noted that at the time she had recused herself in the committee’s vote. Ms. Teague made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser and carried. The vote was as follows: 27 "YES"; 2 "NO" (Kuonen, Solano); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".
- PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CON EDISON SITE ON RIVER STREET. - CB#1 received a letter dated February 7, 2020 from Two Trees inviting the community board to participate in an affordable housing working group with them to help them finalize their plan for the site. Recommendation: The committee members voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that CB#1 not participate in order to not be perceived as giving tacit or pro forma approval of the planned development. In furtherance of forming an independent opinion of our own, the board recently approved using discretionary funds to work with an objective outside consultant to investigate the effect the proposed development will have on the community. Mr. Solano made a motion to support the committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chesler and was carried. Rabbi Niederman asked about Two Trees and what they were doing. Ms. Teague related that the committee feels that the board should be independent. He noted that this makes sense. The question was called and Chairperson Fuller asked for a vote. The vote was as follows: 23"YES"; 2 "NO" (D’Amato, Kuonen); 3 "ABSTENTIONS” (Argento, Bruzaitis, Rachlin); 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Chesler noted that there was no new business on the agenda and that he wanted to bring up a matter with the By-Laws Committee. Chairperson Fuller related that they were still doing committee reports.

Transportation Committee. – Mr. Bruzaitis submitted two written reports. He read the report from March and noted that there were some items that needed a vote. Ms. Nieves made a motion to support the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stuart. The motion was carried.

- FRANKLIN STREET/QUAY/STREET/GREENWAY CONNECTOR PLAN PROPOSAL. - This is a revised plan presented by the D.O.T. The board members voted to support the revised plan with the contingency that DOT reach out to the affected businesses on Meserole Avenue (between Franklin Street and Banker Street) to inform them about the additional, removal/reduction of parking spaces that may impede loading. The vote was as follows: 28 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Chirachella); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

- NORTH 14TH STREET/ONE WAY CONVERSION EASTBOUND PROPOSAL. – Recommendation to support the proposal for the one-way conversion with a contingency that DOT must study another bike path that includes a safer and more efficient route for bicyclists. The vote was as follows: 28 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Chirichella); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".
- SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RODNEY STREET.– The committee recommends approval of the plan. A motion was made by The board members voted to support the recommendation. The vote was as follows: 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the item for the BQE EXIT was tabled. However, at the June meeting, the committee voted on the following:

- SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR BROADWAY & RODNEY STREET. - The committee recommends approval of the plan as proposed and that a vote is needed because it requires a direction change on South 9th Street. Mr. Bruzaitis made the motion to support the committee's recommendation. Ms. Kaminski seconded the motion. The board members voted to support the recommendation. The vote was as follows: 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Ms. Nieves recommended that members mute themselves during the vote to avoid an echo with their microphone.

Mr. Chesler spoke about the By-Laws Committee's report. It was not presented this evening. He said that the committee really needs to meet again. He raised the issue of elections and amending the By-Laws.

Chairperson Fuller related that the committee's chair, Ms. Foster, was ill and in the hospital. The committee will meet as soon as she is better. Chairperson Fuller noted that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are in a place that we have never been in before. Mr. Needelman noted that the by-laws say that the officers stay in place until they are replaced. It was noted that the Law Department advised that the officers sit until an election takes place. There was a discussion on the by-laws and the elections. Ms. Nieves asked if someone else from the committee could give the report. It was noted that there is no co-chair. Chairperson Ms. Fuller related that Ms. Foster has not asked for someone else to give the report.

The members continued to discuss elections. Ms. Peterson spoke about the need to continue leadership during this COVID-19 pandemic. Focus on the real priority for the community, the virus, is needed at this time. Ms. Kuonen spoke about nominations. Chairperson Fuller said that there will be elections. Mr. Chesler noted a memo that was sent from the Brooklyn Borough President's Office about elections. Mr. Chesler spoke about holding elections and democracy. Chairperson Fuller related that the Board had to reach out to the Law Department for guidance

and it took some time. The members continued to discuss the matter. It was noted that the board is waiting for guidance to move forward.

Ms. Viera wished Ms. Foster a speedy recovery. Ms. Rachlin noted that there were other persons who wanted to talk about the by-laws. It was advised that they put the info into the chat. Mr. Solano spoke about assigning a co-chair. Ms. Rachlin asked about moving forward with elections and was concerned about running out of time. Ms. McKeever spoke about the committee's report and felt that there was a discrepancy. She had submitted a letter with a proposal. Mr. Needleman spoke that the process for submitting changes. The members continued to discuss the matter. Ms. Peterson spoke about moving forward. Traditionally, an elections committee conducts the elections by distributing and collecting ballots. The by-laws have to change. The By-Laws committee can reconvene to look at amendments. Ms. McKeever discussed having a special elections. It was noted that a special election is regarding when there is an in-term vacancy. The Law Department said that the Executive Committee stays seated. The members continued to discuss the matter. It was noted that the by-laws would need to be adjusted to reflect changes before the nominations and elections are held. Chairperson Fuller said that the By-Laws Committee is to reconvene for a consensus. The committee is to bring the consensus back to the full board. Chairperson Fuller thanked all for their input and interest. She said that no one is putting off the elections, we just have to do it right and legally. She related that the board is trying to get legal advice. This takes time. She appreciated everyone's time and energy. She moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Board Budget Committee - Ms. Viera wanted to provide a verbal report from the Board Budget Committee. She said that tomorrow night is the final presentation on the deliverables of the work plan that the Hester Street Collaborative has worked on. This is the Zoning Guide and the Zoning Training that everyone agreed on having. This is the final deliverable on the engagement as the board spends down the discretionary allocation. Chairperson Fuller noted that the committee has worked very hard for over six-eight months to put this presentation together. It is something that the board could use. She urged all to attend. The event will be on WEBEX at 6:30 PM tomorrow evening. A second notice will be sent out. She hoped all of the board members attend. Ms. Viera thanked all of the committee members for meeting every every two weeks during the pandemic.

Chairperson Fuller said that they tried to make the meeting as seamless as possible. She urged committee chairs to provide her with information ahead of time that they have a report.

PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE – A written report was submitted by Mary Salig, Parks Manager/North Brooklyn Parks. The report was distributed for review.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Marie Priscilla, Southside HOA Group. - She raised concern that the homeowners have. She spoke about the poor service from the post office for the Southside area, noting that they are not getting timely deliveries. She also noted public safety issues and not getting NYPD response or follow through. There is drug dealing happening. She said that they have also reached out to the Mayor's Office. She is seeking support in addressing the Post Office's Administration. They are

not getting responses. Calls have been made to 311. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked her for the information and to contact the board's office. He related that he is in the office daily and provided the board's email address.

Ms. Lauren Comito, Brooklyn Public Library/Manager of the Leonard Branch - Spoke about resuming some services in the branches. At the Bushwick Branch, material will be placed on hold for pick up in the lobby. The books are quarantined for three days. This is how long the virus has shown to live on the Mylar covers. There will be no fines for late fees while books are checked out. Summer reading for children will be offered on-line. She urged people to sign up. Other series for children (i.e. children's dance party, toddler yoga) are also being offered. The Leonard Branch is running a book club where patrons can read a chapter a week and discuss it together. The library is hosting the events on-line. There are other programs that are also offered virtually from the Library System on Zoom. District Manager Mr. Esposito noted that the reconstruction of the streets by the Leonard Branch were completed and looks great.

Ms. Konstancja Maleszyńska, Sustainability Consultant, Two Trees Management, spoke about Domino Park and make an announcement. She related the Food Scrap Collection Program began on June 1st. It was in response to the City stopping their curbside collection. The program is open to the public for receiving the household material (food scraps and garden clippings) for recycling on two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) free of charge. Larger quantities from community gardens are being considered for collection by pick up/delivery that can be arranged if a need exists. She discussed the materials that could be collected (bread, egg shells, fruit, garden & lawn clippings, leafy greens, spent coffee grounds, vegetables). They have collected 3,000lbs. of scraps. They are also advocating for DSNY to restore its collections. She announced a Green Market operating on South 4th Street between Kent Avenue & River Street, Open Sundays, July 12th to November 22nd, 9:00 AM. - 3:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Eric Radezky, from Assemblyman Lentol's Office was acknowledged.

Mr. Edward Cerna, Brooklyn Borough Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs was present and spoke to provide an update. He spoke about outdoor dining and that there was criteria that was distributed, that included adhering to regulations. They were also doing enforcement on fireworks. There will be a series of shows for the yearly fireworks. He noted that Cumberland Hospital was doing COVID-19 testing. Ms. Weiser related that there were complaints about fireworks happening nightly at Marcy Houses. Mr. Cerna related that the complaints have to go to NYPD thru 311. The complaints have to go directly to them.

Ms. Venus Galarza-Mullins, from the NYC Comptroller's Office, was present and spoke to provide an update. She is the Brooklyn Borough Director. She spoke about the efforts that they are offering during the COVID-19. They are working with Women's Minority Businesses and offering workshops and assistance. They can contact her. They are also calling on the City (a letter was sent to the Mayor) to consider allowing the release of NYPD records to the public via foil. They are looking at the budget (\$9 Billion) deficit created by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are looking at ways to address the budget shortages. She can be reached at: (646) 689-6817.

Chairperson Fuller noted that there was no other order of business raised.

She thanked all for their participation in the board's first virtual meeting. She requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

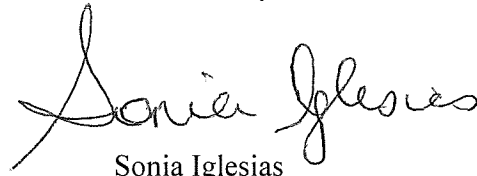
Mr. Solano made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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ADM CB#1 Brooklyn

Reviewed by:



Sonia Iglesias
Recording Secretary



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March 12, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

SLA REVIEW & DCA COMMITTEE

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller
and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair
SLA Review & DCA Committee

RE: Committee Report – Meeting held on
February 25, 2020.

The SLA Review & DCA Committee met at 6:30 PM on February 25, 2020 in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

ATTENDANCE:

Present-Burrows; Bachorowski; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Dybanowski; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart.

Absent- Barricelli; Barros; Torres. (A quorum was present)

It is noted that all applicants are requested to sign stipulations.

I. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATIONS:

UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: NLAM Inc.,
178 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249-3103 (#1389004-DCA) 12 Tables; 25 Chairs.
(RENEWAL).

The Committee recommends approval.

II. LIQUOR LICENSES:

NEW

1. 189 Bedford Tacos LLC, dba Dos Toros, 189 Bedford Avenue, (Corporate Change, Beer/Cider, rest.)
The Committee recommends approval.
2. Biba Williamsburg LLC, dba Biba Williamsburg, 110 Kent Avenue, (New, Bar, Tavern, liquor, wine/beer, cider).
The applicant did not appear. The Committee recommends denial.
3. Ebbs LLC, dba Ebbs Brewing Company, 177 North 7th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern, Live Music) – **POSTPONED**.
(Need posting on both sides of location, legal side and actual entrance; Signatures from buildings to the left, to the right and across the street, Need sufficient basis for SLA to find that issuing a license would be in the public interest)
4. Entity to be Formed by Brent Young, dba TBD, 434 Humboldt Street, (New/Transfer, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern).
The Committee recommends approval.
5. Family Project LLC, dba Grand Days, 307 Grand Street, (New, Wine/Beer, cider, coffee shop, play space)
The Committee recommends approval.
6. John J. Healy, dba Prohibition Creamery, 44 Berry Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
The Committee recommends approval.
7. MDMPZZA LLC, dba Ace Pizza Shop, 637 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
The Committee recommends approval.
8. S. Fristensky on Behalf of Entity to be Determined, dba TBD, 560 Manhattan Avenue, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
The applicant did not appear. The Committee recommends denial.
9. Tomo Japanese Restaurant Inc., 1077 Flushing Avenue, (Class Change, Wine/Beer, cider, rest.)
The Committee recommends approval.
10. Vabeh First LLC, dba Vabeh First LLC, 103 Havemeyer Street, Store 2, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
The Committee recommends approval.

RENEWALS

1. 9 Monkeys Inc, dba Hi Noddle Thai, 333 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
2. 3 Piglets Inc., 577 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

3. 44 Berry Wine Corp, dba The Counting Room, 44 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
4. 63 Montrose LLC, dba The Rosemont, 63 Montrose Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
5. 301 Tavern Corp, dba TBD, 301 Ainslie Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
6. 451 Graham Avenue Corp, dba The Richardson, 451 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
7. Asbury Greenpoint LLC, dba The Springs, 224 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
8. DAR 168 Inc., dba DAR 525, 168 Driggs Avenue, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
9. Dutch Concorde Inc., dba St. Mazie, 345 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
10. Graham Central Cafe LTD, 442 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
11. Guchi's Idea LLC, dba Okonomi, 150 Ainslie Street, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
12. Kinfolk General Inc., dba Kinfolk, 94 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Performance Space/Art Gallery)
13. My Music & Time Corp., dba Koda, 985 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
14. Post No Bills LLC, dba Post No Bills, 253 Bushwick Avenue, North Store, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
15. Nineteen Twenty Four Inc., dba Roberta's, 43 Bogart, Street AKA 271 Moore Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
16. Santiago & Arlo Corp., dba Friducha Mexican Restaurant, 946 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Mexican Restaurant)
17. Soviet Subs LLC, dba Falansai, 111 Harrison Place, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
18. Soviet Subs LLC, dba Falansai, 112 Harrison Place, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
19. Terere Corporation, dba Tabare Restaurant, 221 South 1st Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, restaurant)
20. Wild Ginger Vegan BJQ Inc., dba Wild Ginger, 182 North 10th Street, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
21. Winsome Foods LLC, dba Win Son, 159 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee recommends approval of the above renewals.*

() As of the committee meeting date of 2/25/2020 there were no issues with renewals and the Committee recommended approval. However, the Committee's Chair is interested in knowing how many violated the COVID-19 DCA and SLA Special regulations.)*

PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED:

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café: Two Hands Williamsburg LLC, 266 Kent Avenue, 13 tables, 26 chairs (NEW) Postponed from 01/28/20.

The Committee recommends approval.

23 Meadow LLC, dba Pending, 23 Meadow Street, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space)
Postponed from 01/28/20. Need Security Plan, Pedestrian plan, Meeting with NYPC & FDNY,
Traffic Study, Meeting with Evergreen, meeting with Reynoso. Need to schedule presentation to
full board at 03/12/20 meeting. **POSTPONED.**

The next meeting of the SLA Review & DCA Committee is to be determined and announced.



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June 24, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

SLA Review & DCA Committee and Public Safety & Human Services Committee (Joint Committee Meeting)

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and
CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair
SLA Review & DCA Committee
Public Safety and Human Services Committee

RE: Joint Committee Report

A Joint Meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee with the Public Safety/Human Services Committee was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via a WEBEX Virtual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Burrows, Chair; Barros; Bachorowski; Rachlin; Torres; D’Amato; Leanza; Viera; Bruzaitis.
Absent – Argento; Bamonte; Cianciotta; Cohen; Dybanowki; Gangone; Green; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Landau; Low; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart. (A quorum was not present). Also present were board members (Chesler; Kuonen), agency representatives, and members of the public. *(It is noted that because of the Meeting designation for the session, the number of persons accessing the room was found to be limited.)*

To stay connected and informed on the situation in the Community Board #1 area with regard to COVID-19 and the plan for reopening, the first WebEx meeting of Community Board #1 was a meeting of members of both the SLA/DCA Committee and the Public Safety/Human Services Committee was held on WebEx.

It was hoped that members of both Committees as well as representatives of the Homeless Services Agency; the NYPD 90 Pct., 94 Pct. & PSA 3; Health & Hospital Corporation; the Councilmember's offices; the Mayor's office and Assembly office would all be able to attend. The new Brooklyn Borough Director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, Edward Cerna was able to attend. Also invited was Jessica Arocho, the new Director of Community Affairs for Woodhull. Some of these individuals were in attendance but it was difficult to take accurate attendance.

Notice of the meeting had been sent to the above and public members also had the link. Unfortunately, the choice of meeting size did not match the demand and we reached the maximum number before all could link in.

The purpose of the meeting was the need to connect with Committee members who had not had a meeting in months and had not seen or spoken to other Committee members. The meeting connected the members with City and State agency members to connect and provide support and information in addressing the pandemic. With the loss of life and serious illness contact with others was needed to relief some grief, stress and anxiety.

Since the date of the meeting much has changed in the City and State and the response to the incidents involving police across the country added to the stresses already arising from the COVID-19 crisis and the pressure to reopen.

The SLA/DCA Committee's main responsibility is to review and make recommendations regarding alcohol licenses, sidewalk café permits and other licensing by the DCA. Since the advent of the Stay at Home PAUSE no new or renewed licenses have been brought to the Committee for consideration. The SLA has issued interim regulations which are in effect until June 27, 2020 and it is not clear when review will start again.

Attendees at the combined meeting shared some of their experiences in the two month period of the PAUSE and raised some issues with some street congregating issues they wished to address.

Open Streets: At the time of the meeting, there was community support expressed to the Committee for Open Streets. There were some problem areas particularly some locations on Berry Street. The original understanding was that Open Streets would be parallel, adjacent or contiguous to parks to expand the area available for social distancing for walking, working out, riding bicycles, enjoying the outdoors. Berry Street was not at first recommended but was closed nonetheless and became a party space for bars along its route in violation of the SLA To-Go policy, NYC Open container rules and closing hours. The majority of Berry Street has been enjoyed by residents and families to enjoy being outdoors, riding bikes, walking and just relaxing.

POD Hotel Shelter: Breaking Ground and Yuri Sanchez of Homeless Services were in attendance to be available to address any concerns that may have been raised regarding housing 300 homeless individuals in the POD Hotel. With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic people that were being sheltered in congregate, dormitory-style housing were moved to hotels. The NYPD reported that there have been no problems and we had no neighborhood complaints.

Southside Neighborhood Concerns: Members of the Public Safety Committee and representatives of the Southside Neighborhood Association brought to the Committee's attention concerns about groups gathering on the sidewalks not observing social distancing, not wearing masks, drinking, smoking etc and concerned about lack of enforcement. At the time of the meeting we had hoped to facilitate a follow up meeting with the Councilmember's office, the 90th Precinct and the Neighborhood Association to address these concerns. Captain Vasquez and PO Melendez of the 90Pct had tried to join the meeting but capacity had been reached.

Parks Concerns: As part of the misunderstanding regarding the SLA To-Go Guidelines it was reported that people are purchasing pizza and alcoholic beverages and heading to Transmitter Park to eat and drink. Not only are the To-Go rules being violated, and the prohibition against alcohol in city parks it seems that No Litter rules are also being ignored and Transmitter Park is loaded with empty pizza boxes and plastic cups. A letter to both the Parks Department and the Department of Sanitation was suggested to request extra attention to this park.

Take Out...Don't Hang Out: The information provided in the Community Affairs flyer provided prior to the meeting of the Committee was offered to the meeting:

Take Out...Don't Hang Out

Social Distancing Guidelines for

Restaurant and Bar Takeout

1. Wear face covering and line up 6 feet away from the person in front of you.
2. Ordering alcoholic beverages with food to-go is okay.
3. DO NOT gather in front of businesses after pick-up
4. DO NOT open or drink alcoholic drinks in public.

Clearly this was not clearly communicated to bars & restaurants and establishments with liquor licenses that sell alcohol without food to-go, and/or allow people to congregate and drink in front of their location are at risk of having the SLA take action against them.

Upcoming Concerns As Reopening Expands: As the State and City move forward to relaxing the restrictions under "PAUSE", a number of concerns remained:

- Open Streets
 - Current streets/hours
 - Proposed
 - Adherence to Open Street guidelines and who will enforce.
- To-Go Rules
 - Pick up/Delivery of Food with Closed Containers only.
 - No lingering, no eating/drinking outside location.
 - Enforcement by DCA, SLA, NYPD?
- Expanded Outdoor Dining Areas
 - Use of public sidewalks and streets for expanded dining areas for restaurants.
 - Use of private property such as parking lots for expanded dining areas for restaurants.
 - Locations
 - Rules for outdoor dining, DOH, DOT etc.
 - Delineating areas of the new dining areas.

The WEBEX meeting was recorded and if interested please contact the Community Board office.

Our next regularly scheduled SLA/DCA meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020. However, there has not been a Public Hearing for applicants seeking licenses prior to a Committee meeting and there will be no meeting.

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