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## City Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

(This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom)

### Present

Stephen Cooper, Chair  
Warren Davis  
Clara Oza  
Norberto Saldana  
Caroline Spitzer

### Absent

Danielle Brecker, Co-Chair  
William Garrett  
Emilia Decaudin, Public Member

### Public Members

Simon Peter Tangney

### Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager  
MaryAnn Gurrado

### Guests

Jason Banrey, DOT  
Cristy Vanterpool-Germain, DOT  
Lauren Deutsch, Interim Director of Open Restaurants  
Crystal Xu  
William Xu  
Ping Yeung  
Reet  
Bikki  
Sandra Olaya, Representative  
Christian Garcia  
Carla Restaurant

### UPDATE BY NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – OPEN RESTAURANTS

Jason Barney, DOT provided an update:

- He introduced Cristy Vanterpool-Germain who will be working directly with CB2

*“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”*

- Jason Banrey provided an overview on how the task force handles complaints and inspections for open restaurants and how to enter concerns into 311.
- Since the program is in session over 12,000 restaurants have self-certified.
- Open restaurants is under an executive order.

Jason Banrey introduced Lauren Deutsch, Interim Director of Open Restaurant:

- Lauren Deutsch presented a presentation:
- In August 2022 to manage quality of life concerns due to the COVID open restaurants initiative, DOT in coordination with City Hall, Dept. of Sanitation and the police department setup an open restaurant task force.
- The goal was to address abandoned sheds and egregious non-compliant structures (*structures that are not applying with the DOT guidelines*).
- A tracker was set up to monitor these complaints.
- 240 abandoned sheds have been removed since August 2022, the majority were in Manhattan, 50 in Queens.
- Ten inspectors go around the city daily responding to the 311 complaints.
- Since the program has launched, 60,000 inspections were made.
- The goal is to bring the restaurant into compliance.
- If a shed is abandoned due to the restaurant going out of business, the taskforce looks into the situation and gives a notice to owners. The shed is then placed on their que to remove.
- There is a 3-notification process before being removed if the restaurant does not meet compliance.
- DOT does remove these structures free of charge.
- Restaurants can respond to inspections via the DOT website <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openrestaurants>
- The public can submit complaints via 311 at: <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/>
- A question was asked about seating, there are more seats outside then inside the restaurant, is this mentioned in the guidelines? DOT responded that they are in the process of developing a permanent program and to have a structure on public property will no longer be free.
- If applicable, restaurants have to apply for both sidewalk and roadway when filling out their permit application.
- Department of Consumer Affairs is no longer involved with outside cafes for three years now. It was turned over to DOT and the Open Restaurants program.
- A question was asked if the Department of Health will be involved with the inspection of the structures as some of the structures house rats.
  - There is guidance that the DOT inspectors have handed out to the restaurant owners to discourage the rat population.
  - They are asked to power wash their structure.
  - The indoors and outdoors have to be treated by licensed pest management
  - The goal for the future is to have more flexible, movable outdoor structures to make it easier to powerwash by the end of the day.
- Pre pandemic there were 1200 outdoor setups, mostly in Manhattan, now there are 13,000.
- The fee schedule for the structures are still in the development stages.
- It will be one year before the permanent program is developed.

## **NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY MATTERS**

### **LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS:**

Wish You Were Here Group LLC d/b/a Carla applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **10-43 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, LIC, NY** (1<sup>st</sup> Invite)

- 9 Tables, 34 seats
- One customer bar with 6 seats
- Modern Mexican menu with an Asian twist.
- Recorded background music.
- Live music for certain events, for example a bridal shower, christenings, birthday parties.
- Hours of Operations: Sun. thru Thurs. till 11:30PM; Fri. & Sat. till 1:00AM
- Prior business was a physical therapist.
- Another invite will be sent for paperwork.

Mercato Italiano Inc. applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **52-03 Center Boulevard, LIC, NY** (1<sup>st</sup> Invite)

- Applicant postponed.
- A second invite will be sent.

Jiangnanlic LLC applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **27-19 Thomson Avenue, LIC, NY** (1<sup>st</sup> Invite)

- Applicant did not appear.
- A second invite will be sent.

Melania's Latin Cuisine Corp. d/b/a El Rincon De Melania's applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **35-11 Queens Boulevard, LIC, NY** (2<sup>nd</sup> Invite)

- Applicant did not appear.
- Third and final invitation will be sent.

Kloud Rooftop Inc. d/b/a To Be Determined applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **37-10 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, NY** (3<sup>rd</sup> Invite)

- Applicant did not appear.
- An opposition letter will be sent.

Chowk NYC Inc. applicant applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License at **59-10 Woodside Avenue, NY** (Reinvited)

- Applicant is presently open to 2am.
- At the last meeting they expressed a 4am closing as that is what previous owners had.
- The Applicant sent in to the CB2 the petitions.

- Stephen Cooper expressed to the Applicant to return next month with residential signatures for a 4am closing.
- The applicant is remodeling the space and is not open now.
- Stephen Cooper will visit the applicant next week to see the location.
- The vote did not take place.
- The Applicant will be invited back next month.

### **WINE BEER & CIDER LICENSES – NEW APPLICATIONS**

4106 Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Mistura Peruana applicant applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License at **41-06 Greenpoint Avenue, Sunnyside, NY** (1<sup>st</sup> Invite)

- A Peruvian restaurant was here before.
- 72 people is the occupancy
- 60 chairs
- No bar.
- No documents were received. Applicant will resend document.
- Hours of Operation: 7 days till 11pm
- No outdoor seating
- Recorded music, special events might have live music.
- Applicant was asked to send documents and will be invited next month.

Origin Café LLC applicant applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License at **3 Court Square, LIC, NY** (1<sup>st</sup> Invite)

- They will open this summer.
- New building right now. Empty retail space.
- Coffee shop in the morning and in the evening a wine bar.
- Hours of Operation: 7 days till 12am
- 32 seats
- No outside space.
- There will be a bar.
- Recorded music, light music.
- Owner attended school for hospitality.

A motion was made to not oppose by Warren Davis and seconded by Clara Oza.

Mama Carmen Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Sabor Peruano III applicant applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License at **60-21 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Woodside, NY** (2<sup>nd</sup> Invite)

- Peruvian cuisine.
- Family owned business.
- Hours of Operation: 7 days till 11pm
- Soft background music
- 3 tables, 8 chairs

- They have been at this location for one year.

A motion was made to not oppose by Norberto Saldana and seconded by Caroline Spitzer.

**TRANSFERS/ALTERATIONS/RENEWALS/CORPORATE CHANGES/CLASS CHANGES/CATERING LICENSES/METHOD OF OPERATION/REMOVALS**

LaPuerta Del Sol Inc. applicant applying for a class change to Wine, Beer & Cider License at **67-03 Woodside Avenue, Woodside, NY** (3<sup>rd</sup> Invite)

- Applicant withdrew this applicant.

Simon Peter Tangney new public member of City Services & Public Safety Committee introduced himself and shared his interest in this committee.

Stephen Cooper mentioned to the CSPS Committee that he had a complaint about the Citi bike rack in his neighborhood that was barely used. The bike rack has been removed. He credited the removal to the CB2 office and thanked the office.

Debra Markell Kleinert thanked everyone for their hard work and the next CSPS meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Waber