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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Street Life Committee  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday, January 3, 2022 - 6:30 PM  
This meeting was conducted via Zoom**

**Minutes:**

**Applications will only be approved based upon the applicants' agreement to the following stipulations:**

- 1. The applicant will abide by the bicycle guidelines and will ensure that any third-party delivery provider that it contracts with shall abide by the bicycle guidelines.**
- 2. The applicant will keep the front of the establishment clean.**
- 3. The applicant will be denied if they participate in bar-crawls.**
- 4. The applicant will abide by applicable Covid-19 regulations at the time.**

**Member Present:** Mohit Agrawal, Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Lindsay Cormack, Rebecca Dangoor, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo,

**Unanimous Approvals: 1a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b**

**1. New Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority for Liquor Licenses:**

**a. A Shapiro on Behalf of Entity, 174 East 82nd Street (Between Third and Lexington Avenues)–**

**New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider**

**WHEREAS** this is a New application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

**WHEREAS** no one from the public objected; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls and to ensure that the establishment is ADA compliant; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

**ADOPTED by a vote of 12-0-0 (including one public member votes)**

**YES:** Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Lindsay Cormack, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo,

**2. Change Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority for Liquor Licenses**

**a. Origine LLC dba JoJo, 150 East 64th Street (Between Lexington and Park Avenues) Corporate**

**Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

**WHEREAS** this is a corporate change application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

**WHEREAS** there was concern from the public regarding the outdoor dining structure in front of the establishment; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has agreed to i) keep all sides of the outdoor dining structure clean from debris and trash, ii) install a gate on the outdoor dining structure prior to the full board meeting on January 18, 2023 when it is not being used by the establishment to prevent unauthorized use, iii) provide a contact phone number for the establishment's general manager or another authorized individual who can address any concerns the neighbors may have; and iv) to look into shutting off the power source to the electrical outlets in the outdoor dining structure; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

**ADOPTED by a vote of 11-1-0 (including one public member votes)**

**YES:** Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Lindsay Cormack, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire,

**NO:** Marco Tamayo

**b. Comic Strip Promotions Inc dba Comic Strip Live, 1568 Second Avenue (Between 81st and 82nd Streets) – Corporate Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

**WHEREAS** this is a corporate change application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

**WHEREAS** no one from the public objected; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

**ADOPTED by a vote of 12-0-0 (including one public member votes)**

**YES:** Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Lindsay Cormack, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

**c. The Jewish Museum & Fourth on Fifth LLC 1109 Fifth Avenue (Between 92nd and 93rd Streets) – Corporate Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

**WHEREAS** this is a corporate change application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

**WHEREAS** no one from the public objected; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

**ADOPTED by a vote of 12-0-0 (including one public member votes)**

**YES:** Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Lindsay Cormack, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

**3. Discussion of Cannabis Licensing \*\***

The discussion of the Cannabis licensing topic which was held jointly between the Street Life Committee and the Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee resulted in the passing of two resolutions as follows:

**3a. Resolution 1**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MRTA is to promote public health, public safety, and social equity through creating a well-regulated marketplace for the cultivation, production, and retail of recreational cannabis for responsible consumption by those who are 21 years of age or older;

**WHEREAS**, a number of retail facilities have opened in the district which sell cannabis;  
**WHEREAS**, such facilities operate without licenses or oversight from the OCM;  
**WHEREAS**, the source and safety of the cannabis products sold by these facilities is unknown;  
**WHEREAS**, the time, place, and manner of these facilities is often inappropriate for the district;  
**WHEREAS**, the existence of such facilities undermines the viability of retailers established under the MRTA;  
**WHEREAS**, the OCM has released draft regulations regarding the siting of cannabis retailers and on-site consumption lounges for public comment;  
**WHEREAS**, community boards have long played an important role in the siting of licenses pursuant to the SLA;  
**WHEREAS**, community boards have deep knowledge of their districts that the City and the State do not have;  
**WHEREAS**, community boards are responsive to the needs of their community; and  
**WHEREAS**, community boards can play a vital role in the equitable and safe roll-out of cannabis licenses if properly empowered by the state's regulations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that:

(1) CB8 through its chair submit formal comment on the draft regulations issued by the OCM and CCB. These comments shall include:

- The OCM shall identify a point person who is responsible for communicating with each community board and who is able to attend meetings when requested;
- CAURD licensees must submit to community board review;
- That a community board shall automatically receive a 30 day extension of time to review an applicant that notifies such community board less than 60 days before filing of an application of licensure with OCM;
- Establish that there be a separate distance based on radius rather than distance along the street within which the siting of licensees shall be denied. Such radius distances may be smaller than the straight-line distance along the street. For example:
  - 119.4 (a)(1) ... or within a 100 foot radius of a building occupied exclusively as a house of worship
  - 119.4 (a)(2) ... or within a 250 foot radius of school grounds
  - 119.4 (a)(3) ... or within a 250 foot radius of a community facility
- That the notification of an applicant to a community board or municipality include information regarding ownership and management of the location, information about other cannabis businesses owned by the same owners in the state, architectural drawings and site plans, and any details regarding traffic, noise, and odor;
- Allow community boards to require applicants to advertise their hearings, such as through flyering and online advertising. Such a requirement shall not be considered an impermissible fee;
- Clarify what types of limitations on signage are allowable by municipalities, and specify that municipalities may prohibit excessive use of green paint/lighting, use of a cannabis leaf, use of the words "cannabis" "marijuana" "weed" "hemp" and similar words, and use of the words THC and CBD in the signage of a retail facility;
- Clarify what types of restrictions may be imposed by municipalities and community boards for licenses seeking to site in a historical district;
- Pursuant to OCM's authority under Section 88 of MRTA, require the licensee to collect certain data over time to be reported to the municipality/community board, such as customer traffic and delivery traffic;
- That stipulations agreed to between the licensee and a community board be incorporated as conditions in the license from OCM;

(2) The OCM and the City must improve their enforcement against unlicensed retailers

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the resolution is **APPROVED**.

**ADOPTED** by a vote of 11-0-0 (including one public member votes)

**YES:** Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Rebecca Dangoor, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

**3b. Resolution 2**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MRTA is to promote public health, public safety, and social equity through creating a well-regulated marketplace for the cultivation, production, and retail of recreational cannabis for responsible consumption by those who are 21 years of age or older;

**WHEREAS**, a number of retail facilities have opened in the district which sell cannabis;

**WHEREAS**, such facilities operate without licenses or oversight from the OCM;

**WHEREAS**, the source and safety of the cannabis products sold by these facilities is unknown;

**WHEREAS**, the time, place, and manner of these facilities is often inappropriate for the district;

**WHEREAS**, the existence of such facilities undermines the viability of retailers established under the MRTA;

**WHEREAS**, CB8 passed a resolution in December 2022 stating: “Be it resolved that CB8 calls on the State of New York and/or New York City to immediately identify and empower an agency to oversee the aforementioned enforcement and shut down establishments operating illegally,” but that such unlicensed retailers have continued to proliferate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City or the State shall impose significant fines on landlords who enter into leases with cannabis establishments that do not have a provisional, full, or CAURD license from the OCM.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the resolution is **APPROVED**.

**ADOPTED by a vote of 12-0-0 (including one public member votes)**

**YES:** Mohit Agrawal, Bill Angelos, Loraine Brown, Rebecca Dangoor, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson (public member), Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo

**4. Old Business - No Old Business was discussed**

**5. New Business - No New Business was discussed**

**\*\* Please note this item was heard jointly by the Street Life Committee as well as the Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee**

*Abraham Salcedo, Chair*