

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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June 3, 2014
Start: 9:58 a.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
250 Broadway - Hearing Room,
16th Fl

B E F O R E: MARK WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Antonio Reynoso
Daniel R. Garodnick
Donovan J. Richards
Jumaane D. Williams
Ritchie J. Torres
Ruben Wills
Vincent Ignizio
Vincent J. Gentile

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2 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay, good morning..
3 My name is Mark Weprin. I'm Chair of the Zoning and
4 Franchises Subcommittee. I'm joined by the following
5 members of the Subcommittee: Vincent Gentile, Dan
6 Garodnick, Donovan Richards, and Vincent Ignizio, who
7 go the Gold Star today. Take that. From Staten
8 Island. We have only-- We have two cafes on our
9 agenda. The third item on our agenda, Land Use
10 Number 63, 64, 62 through 65 inclusive is going to be
11 laid over until a future meeting. So we're going to
12 do the two cafes. We are going to start with Land
13 Use Number 61. Is it Xai Xai Wine Bar? You'll
14 pronounce that for me when I get it. Close enough.
15 All right. I'm not sure the owners will think that,
16 but we'll see. Mark Glazer [sp?] is here. That
17 would be you. So that was close enough there.
18 You'll pronounce it for me properly Mr. Glazer. So
19 Mr. Glazer, when you get to the microphone just make
20 sure if he has-- See if he can get--sit down and
21 relax. Don't worry. Maybe I should have helped you
22 out with the mic. The mic is a little confusing
23 sometimes. So State your name.

24 MARTIN GLAZER: Martin Glazer.
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2 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Right, and describe
3 what your application is and the name of the
4 restaurant.

5 MARTIN GLAZER: Oh, the restaurant is
6 called Xai Xai. It's at 369 West 61st Street. This
7 letter serves as our agreement with City Council
8 Member Johnson and the encompassing members of the
9 Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises that we will
10 commit to the following:

11 We will close and vacate the sidewalk
12 cafe no later than 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday
13 and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

14 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Well, thank you, Mr.
15 Glazer, and we have been in touch with Mr. Corey
16 Johnson's office, the Council Member of the area, and
17 he is happy with this resolution and this letter.
18 I'd like to ask the members of the committee if they
19 have any questions for this gentleman and with Xai
20 Xai Cafe and Wine Bar. Where are you located
21 exactly?

22 MARTIN GLAZER: It is at 369 West 51st
23 Street.

24 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Oh, wow. So, you
25 know, some of these guys. Garodnick is not talking

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2 there. He can go by. All right, well thank you. I
3 don't think we have any questions. Thank you very
4 much for coming.

5 MARTIN GLAZER: Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you for your
7 patience. I'd like to close the hearing on Land Use
8 Number 61, and we're able to move on to Land Use
9 Number 79, Madison Kaiser Bakery, and Elliott Zygoté.
10 Oh, look at that. Welcome, young Mr. Zygoté. So just
11 please state your name and describe the application
12 you're representing.

13 ELLIOTT WYGOTA: My name is Elliott
14 Wyota, and SWA Architects as an authorized
15 representative of 1800 Broadway Bakery, LLC in
16 connection with their application for an unenclosed
17 sidewalk cafe. And on behalf of 1800 Broadway
18 Bakery, LLC hereby commits to the City Council and
19 the Zoning and Franchises Committee that in light of
20 the concerns of the surrounding community with
21 respect to the stipulated operating hours for the
22 sidewalk cafe, 1800 Broadway Bakery, LLC shall:

23 As per comments from Manhattan Community
24 Board Number 5, the cafe shall open no earlier than
25 8:00 a.m. daily and close no later than 10:00 p.m.

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2 Sunday through Thursday, and no later than 12:00 a.m.
3 on Fridays and Saturdays;

4 Follow all applicable laws and
5 regulations with respect to the operation of the
6 cafe;

7 1800 Broadway Bakery, LLC will
8 participate in ongoing meetings with community
9 representatives to discuss any ongoing concerns or
10 problems as they may arise with the intent of
11 developing satisfactory solutions.

12 If there are any questions, please call
13 my office. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: Thank you very
15 much, Mr. Wyota. I'm going to call on Council Member
16 Garodnick who is the Council Member for the Maison
17 Kayser Bakery, and he would like to make a comment.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: And I think
19 it's pretty self-explanatory. So we thank you for
20 the letter, and your commitment. But just for the
21 benefit of my colleagues, this was just a denial at
22 the Community Board level with the conditions that
23 are set forth in this letter, the implemented-- The
24 conditions were implemented. So as far as I'm
25 concerned this issue is resolved, and we wish you

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2 well, and I thank my colleagues for entertaining this
3 issue.

4 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: See, I love happy
5 endings. Two happy endings today. Elliott, I'm
6 going to go on the record. So I'll be careful, but
7 your relationship with Shomo [sp?] is?

8 ELLIOTT WYOTA: He's my dad.

9 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: All right. Well,
10 welcome. Happy to see you again. Please tell him we
11 treated you nicely because ...

12 ELLIOTT WYOTA: [interposing] Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: ...we don't like to
14 treat him nicely. [laughter] Okay, well, thank you
15 very much. We're going to close this hearing on Land
16 Use Number 79, and as I mentioned before, the other
17 item on the agenda is laid over until our next
18 meeting. So that's it. A very short happy meeting.
19 We thank the members for coming. We are going to...

20 COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: [off mic]

21 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: We are going to call
22 on the council to call the roll on these two items.
23 I'm going to couple Land Use Number 61 and Land Use
24 Number 79, the two cafes. I'm going to call on
25 Counsel Ann McCoy, to please call the roll.

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COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: Chair Weprin.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: Council Member
Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: Council Member
Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: Council Member
Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: Council Member
Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COUNSEL ANN MCCOY: By a vote of five in
the affirmative, zero abstentions, and no negatives,
Land Use Items 61 and 79 are approved and referred to
the Full Land Use Committee.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay, and with that
in mind, I am going to adjourn the meeting. We are
going to leave the roles open for 15 minutes. So
that will be up to 10:18 for those members who are on
their way. With that in mind, the meeting is now
adjourned. [gavel]

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Date June 5, 2014