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BAMRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Community Room, 505 LaGuardia Place – 6:30 pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

The minutes of the April 4, 2018 general membership meeting, which were available in hard copy, were approved by unanimous vote.

By way of the Chair's report, Resident Chair Shelly Warwick extended thanks to Lamia Funti and Le Souk for a successful BAMRA members appreciation event on Wednesday, April 18, and to Terri Cude for organizing a successful and well-attended document shredding event on Saturday, April 21 (including the NYPD registering household electronics and handing out advice sheets).

She also noted that the upcoming BAMRA dessert crawl, scheduled for May 8, will be held on Wednesday, May 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maps and other information will be provided over the next few days. She also suggested that next year's event might take the form of a "nosh tour," moving beyond just dessert items, to invite participation by more merchants.

Treasurer Russell Blount reported that BAMRA's bank balance as of May 2, 2018, was \$35,323.45.

NYPD Neighborhood Coordination Officer Annalee Simon began the Sixth Precinct update. She suggested that local merchants invest in security camera systems to assist detectives in investigating crime incidents. Community Affairs Officer Evrim Can noted a couple of recent grand larcenies as well as the ongoing problem of unattended property thefts, and reminded merchants to caution their patrons in this regard. He also noted yesterday's cleanup of graffiti on Bleecker Street.

Our first Build The Block meeting, sponsored by the NCOs for our sector of the 6th Precinct, is scheduled for June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Red School House. Merchants and residents are encouraged to attend. (Information is available at <https://buildtheblock.nyc/>, and fliers will be provided at our next general membership meeting, on June 6.)

Members were given the opportunity to review this month's liquor license renewal applications to the State Liquor Authority. No objections were raised.

Next was a presentation in support of the application of Kopi Kopi, at 68 West 3rd Street, to extend its full liquor license premises to include the backyard space. It was noted that this space was not included in the restaurant's original liquor license application because neighbors found the prospect of music in that space disturbing. In the intervening five years, it was noted, local residents have generally found Kopi Kopi to be a quiet, well-run establishment. The backyard space will now be provided with a permanent neoprene roof covering, and there will be no amplified sound. The space will close at 11 p.m., with a last seating at 10 p.m. About 30 signatures of residents have been collected in support of the application, including, however, only three from the building.

A resolution supporting the application, subject to the construction of the roof covering, the use of a sound limiter and the approval of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, was proposed, seconded and adopted. The vote was 10 in favor (5 merchants and 5 residents), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 recusals.

Also noted was the upcoming learn-to-ride-a-bicycle event on May 12.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

To-do list:

Resolution for liquor license application