

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 8, 2018
6:30 o'clock p.m.

B e f o r e:

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,
Mayor
PAUL A. PEREIRA, Deputy Mayor
PAUL S. CUSATO,
GEORGE R. DURHAM,
DENNIS J. WALSH,
Trustees.

PETER TRENTACOSTE, ESQ. DANIEL WHALEN,
Village Attorney Superintendent of Buildings

JOSEPH R. SCALERO LINDA PARDO
Village Clerk Deputy Village Clerk

PATRICIA A. TAUBER, RPR
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. SCALERO: Ladies and gentlemen, please
2 silence all pagers and cell phones. In the event of an
3 emergency there are exits located in the rear of the
4 room.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Scalero?

6 MR. SCALERO: Yes.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: The floor is yours.

8 MR. SCALERO: "Legal Notice, Public Hearing,
9 Incorporated Village of Mineola.

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11 of the Incorporated Village of Mineola will hold a Public
12 Hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the
13 Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York
14 11501, or at some other location to be hereafter
15 designated by the Board of Trustees, in order to receive
16 public comment upon the following:

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19 Incorporated Village of Mineola, entitled 'Zoning',
20 Section 550.12, entitled 'B-1 Districts', Subsection (B),
21 entitled 'Special Uses', to establish a laundromat upon
22 the property known as 170 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, New
23 York, known and designated on the Nassau County Land and
24 Tax Map as Section 9, Block 322, Lot 208.

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13 Village Clerk.

14 "Dated July 16, 2018."

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir.

16 Mr. Whalen, report on the mailings?

17 MR. WHALEN: Mayor, the Affidavit of Mailing
18 Notice is in order and has been signed and notarized.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

20 Mr. Trentacoste, anything?

21 MR. TRENTACOSTE: Mayor, I would just ask that
22 the Board entertain a resolution under SEQRA designating
23 this as a Type II application.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion?

25 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.

1 MR. CUSATO: Second.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.

3 Second by Trustee Cusato.

4 All in favor?

5 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

6 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

7 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

8 MR. WALSH: Aye.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

10 Any opposed?

11 Carried. Thank you.

12 MR. TRENTACOSTE: Thank you, Mayor.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Ladies and gentlemen, this will
14 be the format for this evening's hearing. The applicant
15 will come to the podium, make their presentation. There
16 will be an interaction with the Board of Trustees. And
17 then, at which time, we will open up for public comment.

18 I ask anybody that's approaching the podium to
19 please speak slowly and clearly for the reporter so
20 everything can be recorded accurately.

21 Who's up first?

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. BARROCA: Good evening, Mayor Strauss,
24 Members of the Board and fellow Village residents.

25 My name is Paul Barroca. I am part of PR

1 Consulting Engineering. We have offices at 147 Glen
2 Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542.

3 Tonight I'm here representing Mr. Walter Solis,
4 the owner and operator of an existing laundromat on
5 Jericho Turnpike at 150 Jericho Turnpike, and he's been
6 operating the laundromat since January of this year. The
7 laundromat has existed in that location for almost 20
8 years.

9 He has now run into a problem where his lease
10 has ended and his current landlord can not extend the
11 lease any further. So he needs a new location. He wants
12 to stay within the immediate area to maintain his
13 customers. So he wants to relocate his laundromat from
14 150 to 170 Jericho Turnpike in Mineola.

15 If you take a look at this aerial photo I have
16 behind me, basically we're moving it from this location
17 right there to this location right there. (Indicating).
18 A great distance, as you can see.

19 So his hours of operation and equipment are
20 going to remain the same from one location to the other.
21 He presently operates from 6:00 a.m. in the morning to
22 11:00 p.m. at night, Monday through Sunday. He offers
23 drop-off service. He has private carting handle his
24 waste. He has a total of pretty much at all times it's
25 one employee on the premises, plus Solis himself. He

1 comes in and out of the premises.

2 He plans to just do all interior work at this
3 time. The storefront at this time will stay the same.
4 You can see, with the prior use, it was like an antique
5 store. Now the sign has been taken down. He's going to
6 maintain that same storefront, put up this laundromat
7 sign. That's a different application down the road. All
8 of his work is going to be interior in the space and
9 brought up to code.

10 And that's about as much as I can say on the
11 topic, unless you have any questions.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: It seems to be pretty simple
13 and pretty straightforward.

14 MR. BARROCA: Right.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: He's been a great neighbor, as
16 far as I know. So I don't see any issues with it.

17 You mentioned the hours and sanitation pickup.

18 I'll turn it over to Deputy Mayor.

19 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you, Mayor.

20 Good evening.

21 The only question that I have is, currently the
22 current location has a parking lot behind it that is part
23 of the ownership of the property.

24 MR. BARROCA: Right.

25 MR. PEREIRA: Will this new location still be

1 able to use the same parking?

2 Will the customers for this new location still
3 be able to park behind the restaurant and the existing
4 laundromat?

5 MR. BARROCA: I would say that that wouldn't be
6 a problem, per se.

7 MR. PEREIRA: But since the application is --
8 the owner of the new building is also --

9 MR. BARROCA: The owner of this existing
10 building.

11 MR. PEREIRA: Right.

12 MR. BARROCA: He won't have a problem with
13 that, but there's also -- in terms of parking, we do have
14 a Village parking lot right here. This is the location.
15 It's over here. We have a Village parking lot right in
16 front as well. We have plenty of off-street parking
17 around us.

18 According to my client, most of his clients are
19 usually tenants from the apartment buildings that are
20 right in the immediate area, usually above the
21 storefronts and stuff like that. A lot of them just walk
22 in with their laundry. They're not really driving over.
23 And he's never had any people complaining about parking
24 or anything else in his present location. So I'm not
25 expecting him to have any parking problems here.

1 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

2 That's all.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Cusato?

4 MR. CUSATO: Thank you.

5 Good evening, sir.

6 MR. BARROCA: Good evening.

7 MR. CUSATO: So you indicated you're going to
8 use the existing equipment at 150?

9 MR. BARROCA: Yes. He's going to relocate that
10 existing equipment from 150 and bring it and install it
11 at 170.

12 MR. CUSATO: So does that mean you're going to
13 close 150? Are you actually going to close it down? How
14 is that going to work when you transfer?

15 MR. BARROCA: We're going to put in all the
16 rough plumbing and rough installation and all that at
17 170, get that all set up and then, once that is all
18 ready, just take the equipment. We're going to relocate
19 it all in one shot from 150 to 170. So there will be no
20 further laundromat at 150.

21 MR. CUSATO: For what, like two weeks, three
22 weeks? Just, you know --

23 MR. BARROCA: Transition could take -- he'd
24 like to have it happen overnight, but how long
25 coin-operated equipment and this kind of stuff takes, it

1 could take as much as a week, I guess, just doing the
2 transfer of the equipment.

3 MR. CUSATO: That's not bad. Just for our
4 residents to know how long it's going to be closed.

5 MR. BARROCA: He's going to try to minimize the
6 close-down of the operation, obviously, because he
7 doesn't want to lose clients, and he also wants to keep
8 things operating as quickly as possible.

9 MR. CUSATO: All right. Thank you.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Durham?

11 MR. DURHAM: Mayor, that location is part of
12 the Community Development for signage?

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'm not sure if it reaches
14 there, but we will find out.

15 MR. DURHAM: OK. You should check with us,
16 check with the Village, to find out whether the awning
17 and signage, if you're going to put up stuff -- I believe
18 the Community Development area went to Jericho Turnpike
19 this year. So I believe it is in that range. So he can
20 get Community Development money for fixing up the front
21 of the store.

22 MR. BARROCA: OK. He's definitely planning to
23 possibly do that in the future. At this point he's
24 trying to --

25 MR. DURHAM: I'm saying with the signs, too,

1 and stuff like that.

2 MR. BARROCA: Absolutely.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: We'll have someone reach out to
4 you or the applicant.

5 MR. BARROCA: You can reach out to me and I'll
6 talk to him.

7 MR. DURHAM: I have no further questions.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir.

9 Trustee Walsh?

10 MR. WALSH: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

11 Welcome.

12 First of all, the only question I have has
13 nothing to do with the application being accepted or not.
14 It's: Is the owner going to continue to have a tailor?
15 You currently have a tailor that works from time to time.
16 Are you still going to have that?

17 MR. BARROCA: I think all of his present offers
18 of service in his present location will be offered in the
19 new location.

20 MR. WALSH: So the same thing that he has now.

21 MR. BARROCA: It will be the same thing.

22 MR. WALSH: OK. And I think, you know, we
23 needed a laundromat on Jericho Turnpike. It's moving
24 down two stores and, you know, if you're approved tonight
25 I hope it can happen as soon as possible.

1 Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 Anything else, sir?

4 MR. BARROCA: No.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll open up to public comment.

6 Have a seat.

7 Anybody in the first row? Second row? Third
8 row?

9 Yes, sir.

10 MR. HUNTER: Hi. My name is Gregory Hunter and
11 I live at 177 Banbury Road, the block directly behind,
12 for both actions tonight.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: How are you, sir.

14 MR. HUNTER: So my one question that I thought
15 someone would ask already is: From where is the trash
16 being picked up?

17 Now it is picked up in the parking lot in the
18 back. My house -- there's an alleyway behind here with a
19 very limited access. And so the question is: Is the
20 trash going to be placed in front? Is someone going to
21 try to move a big truck down that alleyway?

22 I've had to replace my fence a couple of times
23 for unsuccessful actions like that by big trucks.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. We'll have that addressed.

25 MR. HUNTER: OK.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: At the end of the public
2 session the applicant will come back up and he'll address
3 any questions that you have.

4 MR. HUNTER: OK. And the second question
5 involves the venting. Again, behind there now is parking
6 space. In terms of venting, you know, whatever is being
7 vented --

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Right.

9 MR. HUNTER: And now it's behind -- now we have
10 houses right behind here. We already have a difficult
11 situation with charcoal not being properly vented. For
12 both of the actions tonight I'm going to ask that
13 question to make certain that we keep the residents of
14 Banbury Road in mind as we go through this.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: Absolutely. Thanks for coming
16 down. Appreciate it.

17 Anybody else in the third row? Fourth row?
18 Fifth row? Sixth row? Seventh row?

19 Mr. Barroca?

20 MR. BARROCA: In response to the two questions:
21 Trash will be placed where it's presently being placed,
22 in a private sanitation dumpster in the parking lot by
23 Robert's pickup area. So it's going to be handled
24 privately.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: I apologize for interrupting

1 you.

2 So I understand this, the trash is going to
3 come from 170 and they're going to bring it over to --

4 MR. BARROCA: 150, yes, to the parking area in
5 the back of 150 where they have their dumpsters. That's
6 already been arranged with the owner.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. So you have a lot
8 of work.

9 MR. BARROCA: They don't have that much trash,
10 believe it or not.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: I didn't think you would.

12 MR BARROCA: As a laundromat you don't get that
13 much. Boxes and stuff like that.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Thank you.

15 And what about the venting issue?

16 MR. BARROCA: The venting will have to go, I
17 imagine, to the second floor either way because we have a
18 one-story addition in the back, right here, and our
19 proposal will probably be venting it along the back wall,
20 over the second story, and right up to the roof area, and
21 let it go up through there.

22 As a laundromat, you don't really have any
23 noxious odors or fumes of any sort from the laundry
24 machines, as well the drying cycle. So that's the only
25 thing that's going to be venting. The washing machines

1 don't need anything.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Whalen, the venting, does
3 that fall under the Fire Marshal's office?

4 MR. WHALEN: There's certain criteria in the
5 code, the state code, as it passes between floors or the
6 outside wall.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: So, obviously, it needs to be
8 built to code.

9 MR. BARROCA: We're going to build it to code.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Of course. Thank you. All
11 right.

12 Mr. Solis, if there's any issues, please give
13 us a call, be our eyes for us. Thank you.

14 Any other comment public comment?

15 Any comments from the Board?

16 MR. PEREIRA: So just to be clear, to answer
17 the gentleman's third question, or 2A, there are going to
18 be no trucks trying to maneuver into the back for
19 deliveries, for pickup or anything, Mr. Barroca?

20 MR. BARROCA: There will be no deliveries,
21 pickups of any sort through the back part of this
22 operation. We have no access through the back. They're
23 limited by the residences back there.

24 MR. PEREIRA: There's an alley behind. I don't
25 know if it's an alley or a wall there.

1 MR. BARROCA: Our intention is not to use that.
2 We're going to do everything through the front.

3 MR. PEREIRA: OK. And no storing anything back
4 there?

5 MR. BARROCA: We don't have anything to store.

6 MR. PEREIRA: Right. I'm just saying,
7 sometimes people open their back doors and before you
8 know it they're kind of extending their footprint.

9 MR. BARROCA: The facility has a very big
10 basement for all its storage needs, about the same
11 footprint as this, up until about here, and the access to
12 the basement is an interior staircase.

13 MR. PEREIRA: Does 150 have a basement, the
14 current?

15 MR. BARROCA: I have no idea.

16 Yes, it does.

17 MR. PEREIRA: All right.

18 MR. WALSH: Yes, just one thing, Mayor.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes, sir.

20 MR. WALSH: Mr. Barroca, you have a back door
21 at the rear of that property?

22 MR. BARROCA: Yes, we do.

23 MR. WALSH: Would the applicant be willing to
24 agree that he keeps the back door closed at all times?

25 MR. BARROCA: I'm sure -- Mr. Solis?

1 MR. WALSH: And that will be part of the
2 application.

3 Except to walk in and out of there.

4 (Off the record discussion ensued between
5 Mr. Barroca and Mr. Solis.)

6 MR. BARROCA: Yes. He says yes. He has no
7 problem leaving it closed, except if he needs to, you
8 know, if it's hot and he needs to open it up on a hot
9 day, he may open it up, but that's about it.

10 MR. WALSH: Well you either keep it open or you
11 keep it closed. I understand about the hot day, but the
12 minute you -- I just want to say this --

13 MR. BARROCA: In general he wants to keep it
14 closed.

15 MR. WALSH: Good. I just want to say this:
16 That, you know, in general you say that there's no odors
17 being emitted from a laundromat, and there's not, but any
18 time you walk in a laundromat you do smell soap and
19 detergent and cleaning and stuff. So if the back door
20 was closed, it would be helpful for the immediate
21 neighbor behind.

22 MR. BARROCA: We have no problem keeping the
23 back door closed.

24 MR. WALSH: That would be terrific. Thank you.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 Any other comments?

2 I'll entertain a motion to approve.

3 MR. WALSH: I'll offer the motion.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.

5 Second?

6 MR. PEREIRA: Second.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Second by Trustee Pereira.

8 Mr. Scalero, poll the Board.

9 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Durham?

10 MR. DURHAM: Yes.

11 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?

12 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

13 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

14 MR. CUSATO: Yes.

15 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

16 MR. WALSH: Yes.

17 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

19 Congratulations, gentlemen. Welcome -- I would
20 say welcome to Mineola, but you're still here, you're
21 just moving over.

22 MR. BARROCA: Thank you for keeping us.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: Please be the good neighbor
24 that you have been. Please continue that.

25 And as Trustee Durham mentioned, we'll have

1 someone reach out to you from our team regarding the
2 signage in the front. Maybe we can work out some sort of
3 program with you, include you in the program that's
4 there.

5 And also, please stay in close contact with the
6 Building Department as you do your renovations and you do
7 your ventilation system.

8 So thank you very much.

9 MR. BARROCA: OK. Thank you.

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14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

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16 MR. TRENTACOSTE: Mayor, at this time I would
17 ask the Board to entertain a resolution declaring this a
18 Type II Action under SEQRA.

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20 MR. WALSH: Motion.

21 MR. PEREIRA: Second.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.
23 Second by Trustee Pereira.

24 All in favor?

25 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

1 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

2 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

3 MR. WALSH: Aye.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

5 Anyone opposed?

6 Carried.

7 Again, folks, the format for this evening's
8 hearing: The applicant will make their presentation.
9 There will be an interaction with the Board. After that
10 interaction, we'll open up for public comment.

11 I ask anybody approaching the podium to please
12 speak slowly and clearly, state your name and address for
13 the reporter.

14 Folks, come on up.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good afternoon.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Good afternoon.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mayor, members of the Board, my
18 name is Mario Rodriguez. I represent Grace Renovations,
19 a construction company located in Mineola.

20 The item I have for your consideration today is
21 a new family owned and operated Columbian restaurant. My
22 client, John Velez, president, and his partners are eager
23 to be given the opportunity to provide Mineola with a new
24 option in food and culture. Please consider once again
25 the introduction for approval of a new business to

1 contribute to the growth of Mineola.

2 Thank you in advance for your consideration.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

4 So you're opening up a restaurant.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That is correct.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. What type of food is it?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's a Colombian restaurant,
8 Spanish food.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: Colombian restaurant?

10 What hours is the restaurant going to be open?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The restaurant will be open
12 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Seven days a week?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Seven days a week.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven
16 days a week?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Has the applicant ever had a
19 business like this in the past, or is this his first time
20 running an operation like this?

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No. They've been in business
22 for 17 years. They own 19 restaurants in Jersey and New
23 York.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: 19 restaurants, wow.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 19.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: How many staff will be on hand,
2 roughly, at any given time?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 30 will be on hand at the
4 restaurant.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: 30?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: You're going to have 30 staff
8 in the restaurant --

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry.

10 MR. VELEZ: No. 30 employees.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: 30 employees, but how many
12 people at one time? Are you going to have five, or six,
13 or. . .

14 MR. VELEZ: Ten, 12.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Thank you.

16 Deputy Mayor?

17 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

18 Good evening.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good evening.

20 MR. PEREIRA: Obviously the reason you're here
21 is because more than six months lapsed between the prior
22 restaurant and this application, or else you would have
23 been able to essentially just move in as of right. So
24 you're moving into an existing restaurant, what was an
25 existing restaurant and has been for at least 40 years

1 since I've been here. It was a pizzeria.

2 So just to be clear, you will have a total of
3 30 employees, but around ten to 12 at any given time.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

5 MR. PEREIRA: OK. And the other 19
6 restaurants, is this a franchise or a chain?

7 I notice the name is Noches de Colombia, but
8 that's not the name of the other operations.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's the name of the other
10 restaurants, and it's a family owned business and
11 operated business.

12 MR. PEREIRA: OK. So you can go in other
13 places and find Noches de Colombia.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's right.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: What's the closest one to here?
16 Is there any other one in New York?

17 MR. VELEZ: Yes.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: There's one in Nanuet.

19 MR. PEREIRA: Nanuet?

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

21 MR. PEREIRA: Mr. Walsh will go take a look.

22 Well that sounds great. Now the questions,
23 obviously -- and I don't want to steal the resident's
24 thunder, and he can come up and ask his own questions.
25 But normally with restaurants what we ask about is: What

1 are your plans for waste, for garbage. How will you
2 dispose of garbage? How frequently? Will it be through
3 private carters or will it be through the Village
4 municipal sanitation?

5 So can you address garbage, please?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Garbage pickup will be after
7 hours to minimize traffic, and it will be a private
8 company.

9 MR. PEREIRA: And how often?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We haven't figured that out
11 yet, but every -- as of now, every day, every night.

12 MR. PEREIRA: Yes. OK. So every day.

13 MR. VELEZ: Every day.

14 MR. PEREIRA: Now when you say after hours,
15 after hours can be, you know, 10:05 p.m. or it could be
16 5:05 a.m., you know, and I would like to hear from the
17 resident who is here. Obviously one of those is more
18 desirable than the other, I would think.

19 And if you could also address -- and I know Mr.
20 Cusato is going to ask this question, so I'll leave it
21 for him, but would you be able to nail -- I know it's
22 difficult to say what time they're going to come exactly.
23 Obviously you're busier on weekends than you are on
24 weekdays. You're not as busy in the summer as you are
25 maybe in the fall. So I understand that those things are

1 kind of fluid. But now you plan on having a private
2 carter from the rear picking up. How many dumpsters?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: He's going to have two
4 dumpsters.

5 MR. PEREIRA: Two dumpsters.

6 Currently those dumpsters are not fenced in,
7 but will they be fenced in now?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: They will be fenced in. You
9 have the plan for the fence we put around the dumpsters.

10 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Will there be -- obviously
11 there will be interior remodelling because this had pizza
12 ovens and was a pizzeria and now you're going to a
13 conventional restaurant. So you're going to remodel.

14 How many people will be able to sit, give or
15 take.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have the plan, but -- how
17 many?

18 MR. VELEZ: I would say it seats like 101 --

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would say about 109.

20 MR. PEREIRA: OK. And music, will there be any
21 kind of entertainment, live music, any kind of, you know,
22 other than what is typical for a restaurant, you know,
23 background music? Will there be any performances?

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. John Velez can answer that
25 question better than I can.

1 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

2 MR. VELEZ: Good evening. My name is John
3 Velez.

4 Mostly we do background music, and at the
5 locations we have in Jersey and the one in New York, we
6 sometimes do karaoke night, which is played throughout
7 the speakers that we play background music only. So no
8 live performances.

9 MR. PEREIRA: It will be contained within?

10 MR. VELEZ: That's right.

11 MR. PEREIRA: All right.

12 Thank you, Mayor. That's all the questions
13 that I have.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

15 Trustee Cusato?

16 MR. CUSATO: Thank you.

17 Good evening, gentlemen.

18 So it looks like you're going to utilize the
19 basement?

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

21 MR. CUSATO: That's for employees. You're not
22 doing food, just for employees only?

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

24 MR. CUSATO: OK.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry.

1 MR. CUSATO: And then I see here that you have
2 a bakery section?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 MR. CUSATO: Are you cooking, baking, there?
5 What's happening there?

6 MR. VELEZ: Baking.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Baking.

8 MR. VELEZ: And we want to do preparation in
9 the basement also with -- we have -- our plan is to have
10 two walk-in boxes and more refrigerators, and preparing
11 and kind of do whatever bread frying that we're doing, do
12 it at night and then we cook it early in the morning.
13 But all the cooking is going to be done inside the
14 kitchen. There's going to be two ovens in the outside,
15 where it is proposed in the plan, but it's just for
16 making the small biscuits that we sell. It's kind of
17 like our trademark. It's kind of bread made with cheese
18 and it smells good and. . .

19 MR. CUSATO: All right. So I'm thinking you're
20 going to need exhaust fans here, and --

21 MR. VELEZ: We plan to provide those.

22 MR. CUSATO: So that's something that's not on
23 these plans right now, right?

24 Mr. Whalen, is that part of the Fire Marshal
25 thing or. . .

1 MR. WHALEN: It would have to be a complete
2 engineered plan that conforms both to the Nassau County
3 Fire Ordinance and the New York State Building Code.

4 MR. CUSATO: All right. Thank you, Mr. Whalen.

5 Mr. Pereira mentioned about the garbage pickup.
6 So when I look at the alleyway, you know, when I see
7 dumpsters I think of a truck pulling right in, putting
8 the forks in, lifting it up and in two minutes it's gone.
9 But according to my calculations, that's not going to
10 happen. There's not enough room for a garbage truck to
11 pull in.

12 So I'm thinking maybe you need to rearrange the
13 dumpsters and the fencing because that's not going to
14 happen the way you have it planned right now.

15 MR. VELEZ: We're using -- the locations that
16 we operate at in New Jersey and New York, we kind of keep
17 it fenced in. So it's in our lot. So whenever the
18 garbage company comes we make sure to pull them out and
19 put them back in and wash them, because the only reason
20 that we want to keep them close is that when we're
21 operating we have a close range to throw out the garbage.

22 MR. CUSATO: But you're only allowing six feet
23 for a container truck to come in and turn. I don't think
24 there's enough room here. The alleyway is only 18 feet.

25 I'm just thinking maybe you need rearrange.

1 Maybe my numbers are wrong. Maybe you need to work with
2 the Building Department. I don't think there's enough
3 room for --

4 MR. VELEZ: I will gladly look into this.

5 MR. CUSATO: I'm sorry?

6 MR. VELEZ: I would gladly look into this and
7 rearrange it in order to comply.

8 MR. CUSATO: OK. That's all I'm asking.

9 MR. VELEZ: Of course.

10 MR. CUSATO: Because there's a place, Dunkin'
11 Donuts, had a similar situation. It takes them 20
12 minutes where guys have to physically move the canister
13 and turn it. And that's the same situation you have
14 here. And I want to make sure you get in and get out for
15 our neighbors' concerns.

16 MR. VELEZ: Correct.

17 MR. CUSATO: All right. Thank you.

18 MR. VELEZ: Thank you, sir.

19 MR. CUSATO: Thank you, Mayor.

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

21 Trustee Durham?

22 MR. DURHAM: Thank you.

23 Looking at your blueprints and your design
24 scheme, you have separated the front where you have the
25 bakery from the back where the restaurant is, and it

1 looks like you're moving a wall and the tables to expand.

2 The dining room is back there.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That is correct.

4 MR. DURHAM: So are you going to have, like,
5 the front open for a certain time, or whatever, and then
6 like dinner or lunch for the back, or whatever? How are
7 you working that out? Because I see it's clearly
8 separated in your plans from the front to the back.

9 MR. VELEZ: Well the signs that we use for the
10 restaurants, they all look alike. We have most, like,
11 walk-ins and, if you plan on dining and staying, you sit
12 in the back. But the whole thing is completely open the
13 whole time when we're opened. We don't open one section
14 and close the other one. We operate all day.

15 MR. DURHAM: So if somebody wants to come and
16 eat and run, they can stay in the front. And then people
17 who are going to be dining and staying move --

18 MR. VELEZ: Correct.

19 MR. DURHAM: -- step to the back. So it all
20 depends on whether there's --

21 MR. VELEZ: If they want to stay in the back or
22 sit in the front, you have options.

23 MR. DURHAM: All right. I have nothing
24 further.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Walsh?

1 MR. WALSH: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

2 And good evening. Thank you for coming down.

3 You know, I want to speak to the owner. I
4 didn't catch your name. Tell me your name again?

5 MR. VELEZ: My name is John Velez.

6 MR. WALSH: Velez. Mr. Velez. How are you,
7 Mr. Velez?

8 MR. VELEZ: How are you?

9 MR. WALSH: The first thing I want to ask you
10 is that, would you have any problem agreeing to vent any
11 odors or anything that comes out of your building away
12 from the neighbors?

13 MR. VELEZ: No, nothing against it. We will
14 adjust to anything that needs to be done.

15 MR. WALSH: OK. Because, you know, that's
16 always one of the problems with a restaurant, is venting
17 and the neighbors, and there's a house --

18 MR. VELEZ: We've had this problem before at
19 our other locations and we've dealt with it, and. . .

20 MR. WALSH: OK. So you agree to do that.

21 Could you walk me a little bit through your
22 business operation? How is the place going to work when
23 I walk in the front door and just. . .

24 MR. VELEZ: When you walk in the front --

25 MR. WALSH: Tell me about it. This is your

1 chance to advertise your store here, you know.

2 MR. VELEZ: Well it's not going to be too far
3 for you guys to come and check it out.

4 Well, we do sell Spanish food. And we do have
5 a name, Noches de Colombia. But our main goal is to
6 serve everybody. We don't just want Columbian people to
7 come and try us. Our food is basically international, if
8 you look at our menu. We do a family-oriented business.
9 We do a lot of families with kids, a lot of birthdays.

10 And when you come in you'll see the bakery on
11 the right. Maybe you'd like to stay and have a beef
12 patti or the bread that I was talking about that you can
13 smell when you cook them. And if you like to sit down
14 and enjoy a meal, you can sit at a table that's right
15 next to the bakery or you can walk through the bar.

16 And we plan on doing good business here in
17 Mineola.

18 MR. WALSH: That's terrific.

19 Let me ask you something. You said that you're
20 going to close at 10:00 o'clock at night, but I also see
21 on the advertisements in your window there that it's
22 going to be a restaurant and bar.

23 What percentage of your business do you plan on
24 coming from the bar end of your business?

25 MR. VELEZ: Mostly in our business we do beer

1 and wine service -- no heavy liquor -- and mixed drinks,
2 usually for the ladies.

3 MR. WALSH: You have beer and wine, no mixed
4 drinks.

5 MR. VELEZ: Yes, we do mixed drinks. We never
6 do bottle service.

7 MR. WALSH: No. OK. I'm not asking about
8 bottle service. But is the bar that exists now going to
9 remain?

10 MR. VELEZ: We're going to renovate it.

11 MR. WALSH: Pardon me?

12 MR. VELEZ: Where it is right now, we're
13 leaving the bar but making a new one.

14 MR. WALSH: OK. Is it going to be similar
15 size?

16 MR. VELEZ: Yes. It's going to be -- actually,
17 we're going to bring it away from the wall a little bit
18 because the refrigerators don't fit behind it and under
19 counter sinks don't fit. So we need to make a new one
20 because of that.

21 MR. WALSH: OK. But sometimes bars get busy at
22 night. You have no intention of staying open beyond
23 10:00. In other words, you're going to be more of a
24 restaurant with a bar, than a bar at night; is that
25 correct?

1 MR. VELEZ: Well, yes. Like I said, we operate
2 and where we operate at we close at 10:00. Everybody
3 leaves at 10:00.

4 MR. WALSH: OK. Good. That's good.

5 And could you give me an address or two of the
6 closest of your restaurants to the Mineola area?

7 MR. VELEZ: The closest?

8 MR. WALSH: Could you tell me. . . yes.

9 MR. VELEZ: Sure. Well we have one on
10 7700 Tonnelles Avenue, North Bergen, New Jersey.

11 MR. WALSH: That's in Jersey. How about in New
12 York State?

13 MR. VELEZ: In Nanuet. I don't know the
14 address.

15 MR. WALSH: No. No. No. How about New York?

16 MR. PEREIRA: That is New York.

17 MR. WALSH: Nanuet. Oh, upstate.

18 MR. VELEZ: Yes.

19 MR. WALSH: I thought that was Jersey. What do
20 I know.

21 MR. VELEZ: I don't know the address, but I
22 drive there, because I know how to get there.

23 MR. WALSH: What's the closest one to here?

24 MR. PEREIRA: Nanuet.

25 MR. WALSH: Nanuet is the closest one to here.

1 MR. VELEZ: I think that the one in Jersey is
2 closest. Nanuet is farther.

3 MR. PEREIRA: It may be closest distance-wise,
4 but I doubt it's --

5 MR. WALSH: I can't hear what he's saying. I
6 have no idea what he was just saying, but. . .

7 MR. CUSATO: Jersey is the closest one.

8 MR. WALSH: What is the address in Jersey?

9 MR. VELEZ: 7700 Tonnelle Avenue in North
10 Bergen, New Jersey 07047.

11 MR. WALSH: Thank you. And I think that that's
12 it.

13 Other than that, you are going to have about
14 ten employees at a time. Do you have any idea where
15 those ten employees are going to park? How are they
16 going to, you know, situate their car, or how are they
17 going to get there?

18 MR. VELEZ: I don't know.

19 MR. WALSH: Where will they park? What's your
20 plan?

21 MR. VELEZ: Well they can park in the parking
22 lot behind it. They will have to pay for parking. I
23 don't know where they're going to park yet. I want to
24 make sure that I tell them not to park in the street
25 where the residents live so we don't hear any complaints

1 from them, because that's happened before.

2 MR. WALSH: Yes. That's what we want to avoid.

3 MR. VELEZ: We've had that problem and then we
4 dealt with it. We let people know that they can't park
5 in the residential area.

6 So they probably will park in the Jericho
7 Turnpike road, which is the avenue.

8 MR. WALSH: OK. Good.

9 So I'm glad that you are seeking out Mineola.
10 You have 19 locations already and, you know, we need to
11 have as many stores filled on Jericho Turnpike as
12 possible. That's been closed since it was Azzuro and, to
13 be perfectly honest, that is the location of the first
14 pizzeria ever in Mineola. So you're in kind of a famous
15 spot as far as I'm concerned.

16 MR. VELEZ: Well I'm sorry I'm changing it, but --

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: It changed a long time ago.

18 MR. WALSH: That was in the '50s and '60s.

19 MR. VELEZ: Thank you, sir.

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: Anything else?

21 I have another question.

22 What about delivery times for your supplies?

23 MR. VELEZ: Delivery times. Well we get all of
24 our food from Sysco, and my guess is that we'll have to
25 buy the meats from anybody from town. We don't have any

1 contacts yet. But Sysco arranges the delivery upon our
2 request. So if it's good in the afternoon or in the
3 morning time, whichever time will be best we will do.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: If you're approved tonight, or
5 if you're successful, we'll make that part of the
6 decision.

7 MR. VELEZ: Of course.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: You can't do it so early. We
9 need to watch out for the residents that are there.

10 Yes, Mr. Pereira?

11 MR. PEREIRA: Yes. One comment and a question.

12 If you're successful tonight, when are you
13 planning to open? When do you foresee -- what is your
14 opening date? You know, give or take. Like this fall,
15 next spring?

16 MR. VELEZ: Our plan is to, if we are
17 successful tonight, and apply for the permits, and we
18 usually take six or seven months for renovations. So
19 maybe February or May.

20 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Of 2019.

21 MR. VELEZ: Correct.

22 MR. PEREIRA: Fine. OK. So you're going to do
23 major renovations inside.

24 MR. VELEZ: Correct. We want to make the place
25 pretty and welcoming.

1 MR. PEREIRA: Beautiful. Excellent.

2 And the other suggestion that I have -- and I
3 know that obviously you're thinking seven months ahead.
4 So there are lots of things to kind of line up. You
5 know.

6 And in terms of employees, what I would
7 suggest, and I'm sure that by default it's going to
8 happen this way anyway, is the location. I'm pretty
9 confident you chose Mineola because of its location. We
10 are a transit hub. We have the Long Island Railroad
11 literally within walking distance. You have a number of
12 bus lines on Jericho Turnpike and Hillside Avenue. So I
13 would suggest that you offer any potential employees the
14 option of taking public transportation, which certainly
15 would be cheaper than feeding the meters all day long and
16 inconveniencing the neighbors, and economically more
17 advantageous for them regardless of where they live. If
18 they live in Queens or Suffolk County, they can get to
19 the Mineola train station and they're a ten minute walk
20 at most from your location. And again, bus service to
21 your location especially is where a lot of bus lines meet
22 before they go down to the train station.

23 So I would certainly encourage that for your
24 employees because it certainly would be one less headache
25 for you to have to deal with neighbors, and for them

1 having to take up spots that really should be reserved
2 for your customers in that back parking lot, which is a
3 big bonus -- obviously I don't know your business -- but
4 has a parking lot in the back there. So those would be
5 my suggestions.

6 MR. VELEZ: OK. Thank you.

7 MR. PEREIRA: Good luck.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

9 Anything else you would like to add?

10 MR. WALSH: Just one more question, Mayor, if
11 you don't mind.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes, sir.

13 MR. WALSH: You're deliveries, I don't think
14 that was touched on.

15 Are your deliveries going to go through the
16 back there, or are they going to go through the front?
17 Because there's a concern about double-parking on Jericho
18 Turnpike.

19 MR. VELEZ: We plan on doing, the delivery car
20 we will park in the back.

21 MR. WALSH: Your deliveries will come through
22 the back, and you will agree to that.

23 MR. VELEZ: Yes.

24 MR. WALSH: OK. Thank you.

25 MR. VELEZ: You're welcome.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Anything else?

2 MR. DURHAM: Do you have a web site that
3 advertises the other stores or anything?

4 MR. VELEZ: We do. It's
5 www.nochesdecolombia.com, and we offer careers also
6 there. So we plan on putting up a sign, if we are
7 successful tonight, for the applications for jobs and
8 people will be able to apply through there.

9 MR. DURHAM: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Great. Thank you.

11 Anything else you'd like to add, gentleman?

12 MR. VELEZ: No, sir.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Great. If you can
14 have a seat -- don't go too far -- we'll open up to
15 public comment.

16 Anybody in the third row?

17 Yes, sir.

18 MR. HUNTER: Again, my name is Gregory Hunter,
19 177 Banbury Road.

20 So I do want to thank the Board for
21 anticipating many of the concerns of the residents of
22 Banbury Road, but just two things that I wanted to
23 amplify a little bit more.

24 One is the employee parking issue, in that
25 there are present business owners in that parking lot

1 that park their cars all day in front of our houses on
2 the south side of Banbury Road. In particular -- well I
3 would be happy to mention them to you when I'm not going
4 to be on TV. But we now have a situation where the cars
5 are parked before 8:00 a.m. They're there all day. End
6 of the day the people come back from working and move
7 their cars.

8 So the situation is really out of control
9 already. So I appreciate you raising the employee
10 parking issue, because that is a major one.

11 The related issue is, I also encourage the
12 Board to take this opportunity to deal with the County in
13 terms of improving the two ends of the block. There are
14 signs that say, Don't Block the Intersection, but it's
15 worth your life to try to get out there now, and with a
16 successful restaurant we're never getting out of that
17 block.

18 So I would encourage you perhaps to ask the
19 County or State, whoever does it, to try to put a grid on
20 the pavement so that we really encourage people not to
21 block both sides of the block, both on Wills Avenue as
22 well as Mineola Boulevard. It really is -- especially, a
23 left turn is virtually impossible. So I know that's not
24 -- but this is something that is of concern to the
25 residents, and with more traffic it will get even worse.

1 So I hope you'll bring that to the attention of the folks
2 who can make that happen.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: We certainly will. And I
4 appreciate that you're bringing that to light. And the
5 Deputy Mayor lives in that vicinity and he's
6 well-versed -- and I come down that road a lot, Mineola
7 Boulevard -- with the restructuring of the lights. It
8 still boggles my mind as to how they proposed that to be
9 a good idea. But those hash marks are probably something
10 that we'll certainly ask for on both streets.

11 MR. HUNTER: Yes. Other things you've
12 addressed.

13 And I wish you well in the neighborhood, and
14 we'll be in to possibly enjoy the new restaurant.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

16 Anybody else in the fourth row? Fifth row?
17 Sixth row? Seventh row?

18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. CARROLL: Hi, Board.

20 John Carroll, Banbury Road.

21 Did I miss how many seats are allowed in this?

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: He said about 100.

23 MR. CARROLL: OK. And will the bar hours end
24 at 10:00 o'clock, or is that going to go on beyond?

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: The gentleman said that their

1 other 19 restaurants they close at 10:00. They don't
2 stay open. So. . .

3 MR. CARROLL: And finally, the bakery area, is
4 that basically set up, I guess, the same? You can just
5 walk in and pick up bakery goods and walk out?

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: That's a question we'll ask
7 them.

8 Anything else, sir?

9 MR. CARROLL: No. The rest was already said.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

11 Anybody else wishing to make comment?

12 Gentlemen, the floor is yours.

13 MR. VELEZ: I missed his name.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Carroll.

15 MR. VELEZ: Mr. Carroll, we basically -- the
16 counter in the front, the best is you pick up and we're
17 ready to serve. You pick and go.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: So you can come into the front
19 of the store, purchase bakery goods off the shelf,
20 so-to-speak, like a bakery.

21 MR. VELEZ: Yes. Correct.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Mr. Carroll, you're good.
23 You have bakery goods.

24 MR. WALSH: Which you bake on the scene.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: You bake on the premises?

1 MR. VELEZ: Yes.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Great.

3 MR. PEREIRA: So this is the pandebonos is what
4 you're talking about?

5 I'm looking at your web site now.

6 MR. VELEZ: Yes.

7 MR. PEREIRA: It looks nice.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Now the other question that was
9 raised here from us, and you also heard the resident talk
10 about, the employee parking on the street.

11 Residential parking in all of Mineola is
12 problematic, certainly as it's closer to our stores and
13 businesses. So we'd appreciate your cooperation in
14 getting your employees to park elsewhere. You can take
15 the opportunity to reach out to our Village Clerk and
16 seek business parking permits for a fee, and they can
17 park in that parking lot without having to feed the
18 meter, and other places on Jericho Turnpike.

19 MR. VELEZ: I actually had that coming, about
20 parking spaces. I see where you pay daily instead of
21 feeding the meters.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: They pay annually instead of
23 feeding the meter.

24 MR. VELEZ: Oh. OK. One of the reasons that
25 we picked that location was because there's also a big

1 parking space right here, right next to the firehouse.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Right. On both sides of the
3 firehouse there's public parking.

4 MR. VELEZ: Yes. And in the past we've had
5 problems where our employees park in the street and we
6 try to move to places that we can accommodate so people
7 can come in easy and out and they don't have to park and
8 annoy somebody else because this conversation I have had
9 before.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. So if you reach out to our
11 Village Clerk, he can point you in the right direction to
12 accommodate your staff.

13 MR. VELEZ: OK.

14 MR. PEREIRA: Those are limited, though. You
15 can't just get, you know, 20. But you can get a spot for
16 the year where you wouldn't have to -- and then there's,
17 on the other end of Banbury, there's Willis Hobby.

18 MR. VELEZ: OK.

19 MR. PEREIRA: Behind that there's another huge
20 municipal lot as well. It's literally a three minute
21 walk. So there's plenty of municipal spots in your
22 vicinity. You're correct. The parking lot behind you,
23 the two parking lots in front of you, and there is one
24 one block east of you behind Willis Hobby, right behind
25 there. So there's plenty of parking for your employees.

1 It's just a matter of how they choose to -- or how you
2 chose to indicate for them. Obviously, I would think you
3 would want to keep those spots closest to your restaurant
4 open for customers.

5 MR. VELEZ: Customers, of course.

6 MR. PEREIRA: And you have them.

7 MR. VELEZ: Thank you.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Unfortunately the block that
9 you are to the rear of, or in front of, Banbury Road,
10 where the gentleman lives, and the subsequent blocks,
11 they all have challenges because we're so close to the
12 railroad, as Mr. Pereira mentioned earlier. So it's just
13 a few minute walk from the Long Island Railroad to there,
14 and a lot of people commute and they park there and it's
15 a challenge for the residents. So we'd appreciate your
16 cooperation.

17 MR. VELEZ: I will cooperate.

18 And anything that we doing wrong, as far as
19 myself or my staff, neighbors are welcome to come and let
20 me know and if I can comply and have everybody happy,
21 we'll do.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. Thank you.

23 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: Appreciate that cooperation.

25 Any other comments from the Board?

1 MR. DURHAM: That signage --

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes, I'll mention that.

3 Trustee Durham is mentioning about the signage
4 that we talked about with the previous applicant. I'm
5 going to have somebody reach out to you, through your
6 application, and see if you would want to get on board
7 with our storefront facade program that we're trying to
8 standardize in the Village. But you'll be hearing from
9 us.

10 Any other comments from the Board?

11 I'll entertain a motion to approve.

12 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.

13 MR. CUSATO: Motion.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.

15 Seconded by Trustee Cusato.

16 Mr. Scalero, poll the Board.

17 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.

18 Trustee Durham?

19 MR. DURHAM: Yes.

20 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?

21 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

22 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

23 MR. CUSATO: Yes.

24 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

25 MR. WALSH: Yes.

1 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

3 Congratulations, gentlemen. Welcome to the
4 Village of Mineola.

5 MR. VELEZ: Thank you, sir.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you for selecting us.

7 I ask you to do a couple of things. One is
8 stay very close to our Building Department and make sure
9 that everything is in code compliance. And the other
10 thing is that you interact with our Chamber of Commerce.

11 We have a great Chamber of Commerce here in the
12 Village. It's a great networking avenue for you to
13 increase your business. They meet once a month starting
14 in September again. And if you take that opportunity,
15 I'm sure you won't regret it.

16 MR. VELEZ: Thank you.

17 MR. PEREIRA: And to that end, if I may add,
18 although you won't be open yet, on September 23rd we have
19 our annual Chamber of Commerce street fair right in front
20 of your location. So it goes from Mineola Boulevard all
21 the way east past Wills Avenue. They close off Jericho
22 Turnpike. I know you'll still be closed, but you may
23 want to set something up to welcome the neighbors.

24 MR. VELEZ: We'll make sure we attend.

25 MR. PEREIRA: And be out there so you can have

1 some of those little breads you're talking about.

2 MR. VELEZ: Of course. We'll bring them.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: You could bring some food out,
4 but work it out with the Chamber of Commerce.

5 And the easiest contact for the chamber, even
6 though he's the past president now, is right down the
7 block from you, on this side of Jericho, is Piccola
8 Bussola restaurant. He's the former president, but he
9 can certainly hook you up with the right people to talk
10 to regarding setting up a table at the street fair.

11 MR. VELEZ: OK.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: We want you to succeed.

13 MR. VELEZ: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain a motion to
15 close the hearing.

16 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.
18 Second?

19 MR. WALSH: Second.

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: By Trustee Walsh.
21 All in favor?

22 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

23 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

24 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

25 MR. WALSH: Aye.

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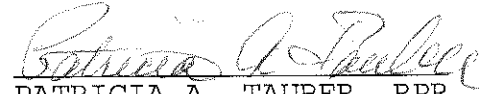
MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

Folks, thank you very much for coming out.

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