



Eight Streets Neighborhood Association
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Zoning Board of Appeals
Boston City Hall, Room 204
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To Whom it May Concern,

At the April 4, 2007 meeting of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Felino Samson, owner and chef of the restaurant Pops, located at 560 Tremont St, Boston, MA, came to the monthly association meeting to ask for our support for obtaining a full liquor license to replace the beer, wine and cordial license they already have.

Mr. Samson opened his restaurant earlier this year and he has delivered on his concept of a neighborhood bistro with moderately priced food. Mr. Samson reiterated what he stated at an earlier meeting which was that his intention is for Pops to be a neighborhood restaurant and it is not aimed at becoming a bar. Space limitations within the restaurant will likely preclude that from happening. He would like the opportunity to offer his patrons variety and feels that by offering cocktails or a spirit with meals, that he will be able to enhance a diner's experience at the restaurant. Mr. Sampson said that he has no intentions of staying open later and that his closing times will remain the same. He has many letters of support from neighbors and patrons and all questions and concerns from neighbors in attendance were answered.

The Eight Streets membership felt that to date, Mr. Sampson has been a good neighbor and business owner and voted to not oppose Mr. Samson replacing the beer, wine and cordial license with a full liquor license.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns on this subject.

Thank you.

Regards,

Heather Slaby
Secretary
Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

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