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Cannabis License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, Cannabis License Committee Chair

Committee Members Present: Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, James Gallagher Jr., Alan Ong, Aliyah Salim, and Douglas Sherman.

Committee Members Absent: Edward Chung, Mary Maggio, Caitlin Marziliano, David Mordukhaev

Also in attendance: CB8 Members Kevin Forrestal and Mitch Lisker, Bokahrina Community Centers Inc. representative Peter Rinato, Yolanda Gallagher, Sean Kim Corp representative Sean Kim and Jae Yu, CB8 Staff Soleil Griffin,

Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. This was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members and staff.

Purpose:

This application was tabled on June 18, 2024. This meeting serves as a follow-up from the previous meeting. The applicant changed the application from Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License Application to Wine, Beer, And Cider License Application. Chairman Michael Hannibal stated that he is not going to go through all the questions. He opened the meeting for questions from the board members.

Kevin Forrestal

In the original application, you were not supposed to be using the open space.

Answer: [Michael Hannibal] – That has been taken care of.

Kevin Forrestal

Are you open to the public?

Answer: [Peter Rinato] – No.

Michael Hannibal

Can I have a motion to accept the application for a wine, beer, and cider license for Bokharian Community Centers Inc. located at 185-01 Union Turnpike?

Motion made by Maria DeInnocentiis and seconded by Alan Ong

Votes in favor: Unanimous

Committee Members who voted in favor: Michael Hannibal, Maria DeInnocentis, Marva Dudley, James Gallagher, Alan Ong, Douglas Sherman, Aliyah Salim

Purpose:

This is to introduce the applicants to the Community Board to make them aware of the expectations of the board for businesses with on-premises liquor licenses. This establishment is applying for a wine, beer, and cider license. Chairman Michael Hannibal asked the applicant to state their name for the record. Applicant Sean Kim and Jae Yu introduced himself.

Michael Hannibal

Are you utilizing the outdoor space?

Answer: [Sean Kim] – No.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have a certificate of occupancy?

Answer: [Jae Yu] – Yes. I have a copy (*he provided the copy*).

Michael Hannibal

How many people can attend your restaurant?

Answer: [Sean Kim] – 40 – 45 people.

Michael Hannibal

What are your hours of operation?

Answer: [Jae Yu] – Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Michael Hannibal

How do you plan to handle underage drinking?

Answer: [Sean Kim] – Patrons have to show their ID.

Michael Hannibal

Will your waitstaff be trained to check for fake IDs? Will there be certified training?

Answer: [Jae Yu] – One person will take the ATAP training. Then will train the others.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have security or someone that is able to handle unruly customer?

Answer: [Jae Yu] – There will be no security guard since it is a restaurant. The staff will monitor the behavior of the customers. In case someone is making trouble, we would call the police.

Michael Hannibal

How do you intend to keep the area cleaned?

Answer: [Sean Kim] – We would clean the street three times. When we open, in between operation and at the end of the day.

Michael Hannibal

Will you have cameras set up?

Answer: [Sean Kim] – Yes.

Chairman Hannibal opened the meeting for questions from the Board Members.

Maria DeInnocentiis

You're close to a school across the street. I am sure kids come in for smoothies all the time after school. How will you ensure that the students will not go and buy a beer?

Answer: [*Sean Kim*] – The premise is not a smoothie place. It will be a Japanese restaurant.

Maria DeInnocentiis

Can you tell us what kind of restaurant you will be having?

Answer: [*Jae Yu*] – Mr. Kim took over the Japanese restaurant next to it. The property came with the equipment. He is operating the restaurant with a full liquor license. The fresh mix is not generating a lot of money. He has experience operating a Japanese restaurant. The Japanese restaurant is serving sushi. He decided to serve Japanese ramen.

Douglas Sherman

I look forward to you opening a ramen restaurant.

Marva Dudley

What will be the name of your restaurant?

Answer: [*Sean Kim*] – Shobu Ramen

Michael Hannibal

Will this be Koren or Japanese ramen?

Answer: [*Sean Kim*] – Japanese.

Michael Hannibal

Can I have a motion to accept the application for a Wine, Beer, And Cider License Sean Kim Corp. located at 153-15 Union Turnpike?

Motion made by Alan Ong and seconded by Maria DeInnocentiis

Votes in favor: Unanimous

Committee Members who voted in favor: Michael Hannibal, Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, James Gallagher, Alan Ong, Douglas Sherman, Aliyah Salim

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Soleil Griffin, Community Board 8 Staff
July 23, 2024*