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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: [In-person Meeting](#)
Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, *Liquor License Committee Chair*

Board Members: Edward Chung, James Gallagher, Jr. and Marc A. Haken
Also, in attendance: Raweenwan Chen and James Lam – Applicant – Boondee Moo Ka Ta, Inc.
Alexis Smith – Applicant - American Multi-Cinema, d/b/a AMC Fresh Meadows 7
Sandra Aikens-Williams, CB8 Staff Member

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. this was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members and staff.

Purpose:

This is a NEW application to the Community Board. This establishment is applying for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License.

- I. **Boondee Moo Ka Ta, Inc.**
168-11 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, New York, 11366

Michael Hannibal – We have established it is a full restaurant and we recently received a copy of your Certificate of Occupancy. Could you just tell us what the maximum number on your Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Ms. Raweewan Chen] – Maximum 120 [persons] and 27 tables.

Michael Hannibal – Do you have a Public Assembly Permit?

Answer: [Ms. Raweewan Chen] – Not yet, the restaurant is under construction. Once we get it, we can send you a copy.

Michael Hannibal – Did they give you an approximate date for you to receive it?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – After the building inspection I believe that is when they will issue the Public Assembly Permit and [an updated] Certificate of Occupancy.

Michael Hannibal – Your time of operation is Noon to Midnight, is that Monday through Friday?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Everyday.

Michael Hannibal – Regarding underage drinking how would you handle that?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We will train our staff about checking I.D. before orders. If there is anything suspicious, staff will go to the manager to double check the I.D.

Michael Hannibal – I know you are checking I.D. but, what about the person that won't behave?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – The manager will pull the person to the side and call the police.

Michael Hannibal – Do you have any [security] cameras?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Yes, we have a camera in the dining area, in front of the restaurant and in the basement. So, we can see everything in the restaurant.

Michael Hannibal – Are your cameras set up to record and if so, how long will they keep [the footage].

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Normally, 24 to 48 hours and then it will record over the tape.

Michael Hannibal – How do you plan to keep the property clean?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We have a schedule for cleaning daily. Before opening the restaurant, staff will clean the front, backyard and clean the windows.

Michael Hannibal – That concludes my primary questions. I'm going to open the discussion to my colleagues. Edward Chung, do you have any questions?

Edward Chung – This location is near St. John's University and has a lot of young people. I noticed that another restaurant is kind of nearby. So far, I see that the young people are behaved so I don't think that we will have a problem with that. Now this restaurant will be closer to the university. Some of these kids get out of hand and will need to be isolated. Is there going to be music in the dining area?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Yes, however, it will not be too crazy. It is a Thai barbeque restaurant. It is a family restaurant, so we don't want to have loud music. We want all the customers to enjoy the food and relax with the food.

Edward Chung – Is the restaurant going to have [posted] signs about cleaning the restaurant?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We will have a schedule on what time the kitchen and bathroom have to be cleaned.

Edward Chung – In restaurants do we need HEPA (air filtration) machines?

Marc A. Haken – No.

Edward Chung – Do you have the plastic partitions?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We have partitions for each table. Because it is a barbeque restaurant for air circulation, we have a machine to pull out the air and circulate fresh air.

Edward Chung – Are you going to have cooking at the table?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Yes.

Answer: *[Mr. John Lam]* – Yes, they will be cooking tableside on hibachis.

Edward Chung – I have never seen hibachis in a Thai restaurant.

Answer: *[Mr. John Lam]* – This is unique to this area.

Michael Hannibal passed the pictures of the restaurant for all attendees to view.

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – This is the first Thai barbeque in New York. That is why we want to make it nice so that people know what Thai barbeque food is like. This will be a new experience in the area.

Michael Hannibal – Marc do you have any questions?

Marc A. Haken – Do you have any other restaurants?

Answer: *[Mr. John Lam]* – She actually has another restaurant in Ridgewood.

Marc A. Haken – Is it Thai Barbeque?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – No it is a Thai [food] restaurant, this location will introduce the concept of Thai Barbeque.

Marc A. Haken – Where does the concept of Thai Barbeque come from?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We have had it in Thailand for a long time. Most people in Thailand like Thai Barbeque. We have a dome with the soup around and a Shabu on the side.

Edward Chung – Is Shabu an appetizer to the main course?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – It is the main course.

Michael Hannibal – James Gallagher, do you have any questions?

James Gallagher, Jr. – Are the 120 seats all on one floor?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – [Nodded Yes] The basement will be used for keeping stock.

James Gallagher, Jr. – When do you anticipate opening?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – We plan to open in a couple of months. We are being held up due to delays on the part of FDNY to complete their inspection.

James Gallagher, Jr. – Do you have parking for patrons?

Answer: *[Ms. Raweewan Chen]* – Yes, there is parking in the back and front of the restaurant.

Michael Hannibal – Marc, do you have any other follow-up questions?

Marc A. Haken – No.

Michael Hannibal asked the Committee members if they had any questions for the applicant.

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the Wine, Cider and Beer Liquor License for Boondee Moo Ka Ta, Inc., located at 168-11 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, seconded by Edward Chung.

Votes in favor: 3

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Michael Hannibal, Edward Chung, Marc A. Haken

Board Members who voted against: None.

Mr. Hannibal advised Ms. Chen to establish a working relationship with the local precinct. The contact information for the local Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) for their sector. Their contact information will be sent to them to have it in hand.

A letter of ‘No Objection’ will be sent to the State Liquor Authority in favor to the new application of this establishment.

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**II. American Multi-Cinema, Inc. d/b/a AMC Fresh Meadows 7.
190-02 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, New York, 11366**

Michael Hannibal – Mr. Hannibal confirmed the name of the applicant representative.

Answer: My name is Alexis Smith, General Manager.

Michael Hannibal – I have seven core questions we ask all applicants. We just ask that you answer to the best of your ability. After that I open the floor to my colleagues at the table to ask a few questions. They will ask questions and share insights as well. This is a movie theater with concession stand, am I correct?

Answer [Ms. Alexis Smith]: Yes.

Michael Hannibal – The occupancy is listed at 1,297 customers, is this correct?

Answer [Ms. Alexis Smith]: Yes.

Michael Hannibal – Do you have a Public Assembly Permit?

Answer [Ms. Alexis Smith]: Yes.

Michael Hannibal – Are the hours of operations 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week?

Answer [Ms. Alexis Smith]: Yes.

Michael Hannibal – How do you prevent underage drinking in the theater?

Answer [Alexis Smith]: We have associates that are required to take “Responsible Alcohol Service Certification.” This is given on our virtual training platform, AMC Learning Studio. All associates, crew members and managers have to be certificated as a condition of employment. We require all staff to ask all customers ordering alcohol to show proof of age I.D. If any I.D. appears to be fake, the employee must confirm with the manager.

Michael Hannibal – What type of security measures are in place?

Answer [Ms. Alexis Smith]: We have armed security and surveillance coverage, at the theater.

Michael Hannibal – Is the armed security licensed and trained?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Yes. We have Global Security, providing this service.

Michael Hannibal – Would they know how to handle unruly patrons?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Yes.

Michael Hannibal – I have been there a couple of times and I have never seen the place untidy. Are you still keeping the place clean?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Yes, we do. But the landlord is responsible to keep [the exterior] clean, also. The landlord is responsible to keep the plaza clean around the theater.

Michael Hannibal – That concludes my primary questions, so I'm going to open the discussion to my colleagues. Marc Haken, do you have any questions?

Marc A. Haken – Will the associates under the age of 21 serve liquor?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* No, they will not be behind the concession stand. Additionally, they will not have access to alcohol.

Marc A. Haken – Will there be a separate bar set up for the liquor or will it be with the candy bars?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* It will be in a cooler. Any alcohol will be secured by the managers in an area only they can access.

Marc A. Haken – Are people able to take their drinks back to their seats or will there be a drinking area?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* They will be able to take their drink back to their seat [in the theater].

Michael Hannibal – James Gallagher, do you have any questions?

James Gallagher, Jr. – You mentioned Global Security, how many people do you have through them?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* We will have one security officer.

James Gallagher, Jr. – I know Ron Craddock. He owns the commercial property over there. I am concerned about security at 2 a.m. I would feel a bit better if the liquor stopped being served at 11 p.m.

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Hooters is right there, too.

Sgt. Scott Humberg – We are always concerned about security. There are a lot of those hanging out in the parking lot, so we at the 107th [precinct] are concerned. This is close to Saint Francis Prep.

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* I went to Saint Francis Prep.

Sgt. Scott Humberg – How many locations are planned?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Just this location.

James Gallagher, Jr. – Is this the only AMC theater with alcohol, between here and Long Island?

Answer *[Ms. Alexis Smith]:* Levittown 10 and AMC 34th Street have full bars.

Michael Hannibal – Edward Chung, do you have any questions?

Edward Chung: They are going to be serving the alcohol at a separate location? Are patrons going back to their seats or another location [within the theater]?

Marc A. Haken – They will be taking it back to their seat.

Sgt. Scott Humberg – Is it going to be served in plastic cans?

Michael Hannibal – Is it going to be served in glass bottles.

Answer [*Ms. Alexis Smith*]: Glass bottles served from a cooler.

Marc A. Haken – I was wondering regarding the hours. What are you going to do at 9:30 a.m.?

Answer [*Ms. Alexis Smith*]: This is primarily for blockbuster movies, when we are likely to sellout, like [the initial showing of] Spider Man.

Michael Hannibal – I understand 9:30 a.m. because that is the only time my wife and I can get seats together. The 2 a.m. time is because of the various movie running times. This is not a nine to five job.

Marc A. Haken – Do you give complimentary tickets to the youth?

Answer [*Ms. Alexis Smith*]: Yes, we do.

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Mr. Hannibal thanked everyone for coming.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Board 8 Staff

October 25, 2022