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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, *Liquor License Committee Chair*

Board Members: Dr. Allen Bennett, Edward Chung, Kevin Forrestal, Marc A. Haken and James Gallagher Jr.

Also in attendance: Alan Ong, Owner – Glaze-A-Riffic
Kathy Ong, Owner – Glaze-A-Riffic.
Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. This was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members and staff.

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.

Glaze-A-Riffic LLC
180-18 Union Turnpike

Please state for the record, the type of establishment you will have at this location?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – The establishment is a paint your own pottery/arts and crafts studio. The primary focus is on the paint your own pottery. We don't do the clay spinning wheel at this time. It will be pre-made clay items, called bisque. The items are all shelved and people of all ages can come in and pick different levels of items to either paint or color. Once it is painted, we glaze it and fire it and the customer would then pick up the item completed in 10 days. We will welcome walk-ins as well as hosting parties. We will also implement canvass painting which would be artist/instructor led sessions. Adults could come in groups of approximately 10-15 and would spend the evening painting. That is where the liquor license would come in, because it is BYOB [bring your own bottle]. I did my research with State Liquor Authority and have a letter which says that BYOB is not allowed without a license. That is why I decided to go this route and apply for the license. As of now, our plan would be no liquor served. It will be BYOB at events only.

What is the maximum occupancy?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Up to 30-35 at one time.

Then you will not need a Place of Assembly Permit?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – No.

What will be the hours of operation?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – From 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, seven (7) days a week.

In terms of underage drinking, since this is BYOB how will that be handled?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – We will strictly enforce that policy and check IDs because of the colleges in the area. I am working with a group called New York Accelerate to assist small business owners to make sure everything is in compliance.

Would that also involve safety measures as well?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Yes, definitely safety measures. I already have alarm and security systems in place.

How will you maintain cleanliness in front of your establishment (i.e. smokers (ashtray))?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Our establishment is a smoke free environment. Being that these events are only about 2-2 ½ hours, we encourage people not to smoke. We do have employees who clean the outside every morning. Out back there is a parking lot, which the landlord is responsible for, but we do check to make sure it is clean. We learned from NY Accelerate that we need to sweep 18 inches from the curb in front of our premises.

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

Marc A. Haken –

With regard to BYOB; glasses, ice, lime/lemon slices. Do you provide that?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – No, not planning on doing that.

What about sodas or sparkling water?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Well, because of the requirement of the SLA, I will have to provide some small food snacks.

Marc A. Haken –

So we are talking about chips and pretzels?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Yes, and I will also have a microwave there for frozen pizza, burritos, etc. We will have a hot water dispenser for Ramen noodles if someone wants that.

Marc A. Haken –

Does that then put you under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – We were told that we would probably need to get a food handler's license, so we will get that also just to be safe. There is really no exception for this type of establishment so we are going to make sure we cover everything.

Dr. Allen Bennett –

I just would like to comment on my experiences with this type of establishment. When I visit my grandchildren in Baltimore, there is one of these types of studios. It is lots of fun. They

happened to have a cafeteria there so food is not an issue. It is an enjoyable family style activity, and my family has gone there many times. I wish them great success.

James Gallagher Jr. –

I understand there will be classes for adults in the evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Yes that is primarily where the BYOB will come into play. Painting in general is known as a stress reliever.

Do you have a refrigerator in the place?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – We have a refrigerator for soda and water. The only thing we would provide would be a corkscrew for opening the bottles and plastic cups if they don't have them.

Edward Chung –

Will you have a rating like restaurants get from NYC Department of Health?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – No, we don't prepare any food.

Michael Hannibal –

As was mentioned earlier, you are going ahead to obtain your food handler's license. The rating system may pertain to your establishment once you receive that.

Answer: [Alan Ong] – Exactly.

Michael Hannibal –

This is a hypothetical question. Let's say that I am a customer and I bring 2 bottles of wine. While I am there painting or doing pottery, if I want to share my bottle with someone, would that be acceptable?

Answer: [Alan Ong] – No problem at all.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to accept the application for a Wine, Beer and Cider License for Glaze-A-Riffic LLC located at 180-18 Union Turnpike, seconded by Marc A. Haken.

Votes in favor: 6

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Dr. Allen Bennett, Edward Chung, Kevin Forrestal, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, James Gallagher Jr.

Board Members who voted against: None.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff
December 28, 2016*