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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
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, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken and Mary Maggio.

Also in attendance: Maria Yan, Owner – Yao’s Kitchen, Inc. d/b/a Red House Asian Fusion
Michael James, Attorney for the applicant, Red House Asian Fusion
Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff.

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. This was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members, staff and others present.

Purpose:

The applicant is here to notify the Community Board of the change of ownership for this establishment. This establishment is applying for a wine, beer and cider license for a restaurant with no outdoor area.

Yao’s Kitchen, Inc. d/b/a Red House Asian Fusion
192-03 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

Is this establishment going to be a restaurant?

Answer: [Maria Yan] – Yes.

At this time do you have a Certificate of Occupancy (C of O)?

Answer: [Maria Yan] – Yes, we do.

Answer: [Michael James] – I did have copies but I left them at the office. They do have a valid C of O. They have been there for seven (7) years operating the same restaurant.

[Kevin Forrestal] Can you deliver that to us by email or fax?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, I could email it.

We may have a copy of it already in our record here. It would be 80 persons, so you would also need a Public Assembly Permit?

Answer: *[Michael James]* – Right. They do currently have a Public Assembly Permit for the old corporation. We are currently obtaining the new one.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: *[Maria Yan]* – Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 10:00 p.m.

How do you intend to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: *[Maria Yan]* – We check the ID.

What security measures will be taken?

Answer: *[Michael James]* – Only the cameras. It's a very low key restaurant. There hasn't been any problems, fights or any type of violence at the restaurant. There is no real need for a security guard or anything like that.

How do you intend to maintain cleanliness in front of your establishment [i.e. smokers (ashtray)]?

Answer: *[Michael James]* – They clean it as needed. It is pretty clean. They do have a receptacle outside for cigarettes, but no one really smokes outside.

Carolann Foley –

I just want to mention to the board that I do frequent the Red House Asian Fusion restaurant. It is an amazing restaurant; they are great people. You could eat off of their sidewalks outside, that's how clean it is. Parking is always available no matter what time you go. I bring my grandsons in there all the time. It is a great family restaurant. We appreciate you being in our community.

Kevin Forrestal –

It is a change of ownership, so what restaurant are you talking about?

Carolann Foley –

It's the same restaurant with different ownership but the same people that work there are taking the ownership.

Answer: *[Michael James]* – This was really just a corporate change.

Kevin Forrestal – **So you were managing it before and now you are the owner?**

Answer: *[Maria Yan]* – Yes and the people are all the same.

Carolann Foley –

It's a great place. It is basically a sit down restaurant. There is no bar there.

Marc A. Haken –

It was asked before if you have a Public Assembly Permit. What was your answer to that?

Answer: *[Michael James]* – We said that we were in the process of obtaining a new one for the corporate change.

Carolann Foley –

So there is an existing one and you are transferring it over?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

Marc A. Haken –

Why don't you do the same with the liquor license?

Answer: [Michael James] – The SLA requires that once you change the corporation name and the EIN number, you have to apply for a new license. It cannot be transferred. I wish they could, it would save her a lot of money.

Marc A. Haken –

Under what circumstances would you be able to do that?

Answer: [Michael James] – You would have to buy the corporation or the shares would have to be transferred, the liabilities and everything that comes with it. As an attorney, I never advise a client to buy an existing corporation because you don't know about its liabilities. I always advise to start a new corporation.

Michael Hannibal –

Do I have a motion?

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to approve the application for a Wine, Beer and Cider License for Yao's Kitchen, Inc. d/b/a Red House Asian Fusion at 192-03 Union Turnpike, seconded by Carolann Foley.

Votes in favor: 7

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Dr. Allen Bennett, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal and Mary Maggio.

Board Members who voted against: None.

Michael Hannibal –

The application was approved.

Carolann Foley made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff
May 22, 2017*