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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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: Carolann Foley, James Gallagher, Jr., Marc A. Haken, Robert Harris, Mary

Maggio, Frank Magri and Seymour Schwartz.

Also in attendance: Siriwan Srisawadi, Owner – Rubsub, Inc. d/b/a KIN'D

Sam Park, ABC License – Representative for Applicant

Yolanda dela Cruz Gallagher, Fresh Meadows Tenant Association

Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 7:30 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 for a Restaurant with no outdoor area.

Rubsub, Inc. d/b/a KIN'D 192-03 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

Michael Hannibal – We have already established that this application is for a Thai restaurant, which was

formerly, Red House Asian Fusion? Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes.

Is it also Asian fusion?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – No, we do only Thai.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes, we do. I have a copy of the C of O.

Is the maximum occupancy for 115?

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes. And it still has 70 seats? Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes.

Your occupancy level is lower than 74?

Answer: [*Sam Park*] – 70.

So it is just hitting 70?

Answer: [Sam Park] - Yes.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Noon to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Fridays and Saturday from

Noon to 11:00 p.m. The kitchen closes at around 10:30 p.m.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – No underage sales will be emphasized to all.

Will you have signs?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes we will have signs 21 or over to drink.

Will your wait staff be trained to identify underage customers?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] - Yes, they are trained already. They have to ask every single table if they

look like they are underage.

<u>Carolann Foley</u> – How are you going to do that, will you ask for proof?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes we will ask for ID.

Michael Hannibal – What security measures will be taken?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] — We will be monitoring customers consuming alcohol, observing for impaired persons. Unruly patrons will be refused service and asked to leave immediately. If they don't cooperate, police will be called.

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

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – I have no smoking signs around, even the E-cigarettes are not allowed inside the restaurant.

What about outside?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – I have a section outside for people to smoke with an ashtray.

Mr. Hannibal opened up the floor for questions from the Board Members. He asked that everyone keep the questions short since there were a lot of members in attendance.

<u>Carolann Foley</u> – My concern is that you are opening an establishment that serves liquor. Will there be a bar or will you serve at tables?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We serve at the table. We have a bar but with only four (4) seats. People will not be able to hang out at the bar. It's not a real bar area. It's for people who were waiting for a table.

There are no bars on that whole strip and if you are going to be selling you will be a target for people getting off buses on a Friday night and using your establishment to have a few drinks. Then security and other things could happen.

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – It is a very small bar and also there is a computer there. We prefer to have the people sitting at the tables to enjoy their drinks. We do not serve many people at the bar.

With alcohol being served there has to be a lot of serious rules and regulations with the employees.

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, exactly.

It can become a hangout and become trouble for you. It puts you and your patrons in danger. In this community, it is a good thing to become friendly with NYPD. They are very understanding. I will give you that information before you leave.

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Thank you very much.

Seymour Schwartz – Do I understand that you operate another restaurant?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, I used to have another restaurant before but we sold it already.

Seymour Schwartz – Not currently?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – No. Currently only this restaurant

Seymour Schwartz – Was the other restaurant cited for any violations?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – No, never.

Michael Hannibal – Where was that other restaurant location?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – In Brooklyn.

Marc A. Haken – Your C of O says that you are permitted up to 115 persons, but you stated that you only

have seating for 70?

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes, right. What do the other 40 people do?

Answer: [Sam Park] – We just have seats for 70 people.

So you will not add additional tables so you can accommodate the 115?

Answer: [Sam Park] – No. **You could if you wanted to?**

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – It would be too tight. We have a lot of decorations that take up space. We

want to make the customers feel comfortable as much as possible.

Robert Harris – I am your neighbor up the block. You say the bar only can seat about 4 people?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, 4 people. **That is where the sushi place used to be right?**

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes.

<u>Frank Magri</u> – Do you live in the community?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – No, I live in New Hyde Park.

There were no problems that I know of with the past restaurant so I imagine it will be the same, so

welcome!

Robert Harris – Why did you reduce it to 70 seats?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We did not put any seats near the bar. (The applicant passed around photos of inside the establishment showing the layout)

<u>Carolann Foley</u> – *Is there still an upper and lower level?*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes.

Marc A. Haken – Is it open right now as a Thai restaurant?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We are training the staff. <u>Marc A. Haken</u> – So you are not open for business yet?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Not yet.

Carolann Foley made a motion to approve the application for a Wine, Beer and Cider license for Rubsub, Inc. d/b/a KIN'D, located at 192-03 Union Turnpike, seconded by Seymour Schwartz.

Votes in favor: 8 Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Carolann Foley, James Gallagher, Jr., Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Mary Maggio, Frank Magri and Seymour Schwartz.

Board Members who voted against: None.

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hannibal reiterated that the applicant should reach out to the 107th Precinct Community Affairs Unit. He provided contact information for NYPD 107th Precinct NCO and Community Affairs Officers. He also added that the applicant should inform the Community Board of any concerns that arise.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Alma Karassavidis, Community Board 8 Staff May 22, 2018