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District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Hybrid Meeting

Community Board 8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, Liquor License Committee Chair

Committee Members: Solomon Davydov, Marc A. Haken and Alan Ong.

Also in attendance: Kevin Forrestal – Board Member

Mr. Anatoli – Café Premiata – Manager Marie Adam-Ovide, District Manager

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 a NEW application to the Community Board. This establishment is applying for a Wine, Beer and Cider license/temporary retail permit for a restaurant with a Sidewalk Café.

I. <u>Café Premiata, Inc.</u>72-08 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367

<u>Michael Hannibal</u> – Mr. Hannibal explained to Mr. Anatoli that this is a new application, and the process is answering the questions on the questionnaire.

What type of establishment will this be?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – It will be a restaurant.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – It's pretty old. We are just going to apply for a letter of no objection.

What is the maximum occupancy for the premises?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – No more than 38. Approximately, 40 people. **Because is 40, you don't require a public assembly permit, correct?**

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – That is correct. What will be the hours of operation?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – We will be open no later than midnight. This is a Kosher place so we will only we open from Sunday through Thursday. Monday through Thursday. Friday, and Saturday we will be closed. Maybe in

September when Shabath will be different, we will change the time and probably be open on Saturday for dinner after Shabath.

How do you intend to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – I've been in the business for a long time, I will be managing the underage drinking. We will be checking ID and I will have my staff do the same.

Outside of the establishment. How will you handle that?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Outside, I don't want people to smoke and throw things outside. We will sweep every morning and night. There is not going to be any table sitting outside. If we are going to apply for New York State on summertime we will have a couple of tables, right now we will not have no sitting outside. We will not open this café outside because we are not ready yet.

So basically, the sidewalk café is more if you need it in the future?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – We will have proper paperwork from New York State. If I can transfer it to my name, I will have it. Outside is no more than 16 people maximum.

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

<u>Marc A. Haken</u> – You mentioned a sidewalk café. Was this actually an outdoor part of the restaurant? Or was it set-up during the pandemic?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Yes, they set this up during the pandemic, but it wasn't us. It was the previous owner (Sushi Metsuyan) who had the business before.

Are you going to be on-site at the restaurant at all times that is open?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Yes, I will be there at all times.

What time will you actually open?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – I would like to open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and after that dinner from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. I will be there every day.

Will there be an assistant manager?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Eventually if I am not going to be there. If we need it, we will hire one.

<u>Kevin Forrestal</u> – I understand that you will be there at all times. What will be your backup if you are not there?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – I have a chef and a main server that will be there all the time. I will put the server as the main captain, in case I am not there, he will handle it.

Okay, I just want you to stipulate that there is a backup plan that if you can't be there, someone will be there to cover you.

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Understood. We will.

Alan Ong – This is a café, so it is really not a bar, correct?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Yes, that is why I am only applying for wine and cider. I don't have a bar. Maybe on another occasion I will create something bigger, for now it will be just that.

Will the staff be trained on checking age and ID verification?

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – Of course, I will have everyone trained.

<u>Solomon Davydov</u> – I remember you. You managed, for quite some time, a restaurant - Domain in Five Towns, a pretty big establishment. You guys managed pretty well. I know you have experience. Wishing you the best of luck. Just to keep in mind, you are in an area that is heavily populated, but youngsters come in. Just check IDs at all times for staff safety.

Answer: [Mr. Anatoli] – We will. Thank you very much. I will try to do my best.

LLC Chair asked for a motion.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to approve the Wine, Cider and Beer License for Café Premiata, Inc. located at 72-08 Main Street, seconded by Marc Haken.

Discussion: None.

Votes in favor: 5 Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Solomon Davydov, Kevin Forrestal, Michael Hannibal, Marc A. Haken and Alan Ong.

Board Members who voted against: None.

Mr. Hannibal advised Mr. Anatoli 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.

Purpose:

This establishment is applying for a Temporary Retail Permit.

II. <u>Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery, Inc</u> 161-18 Union Turnpike, fresh Meadows, NY 11366

<u>DM Adam-Ovide</u> – Explained that this restaurant had its license already approved by the Community Board. It is just taking them a long time to get it. They are asking for a temporary one. They were supposed to be here tonight, but we sent them the link too late. She was unable to reach the attorney. We only have 30 days to review it and we won't have another meeting until next month. We supported their application before. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, there is a backlog since everyone is applying. If we want to meet with them, we will have to do it within a week or so. They are applying for a temporary one, if is okay, the committee we can approve them tonight.

The committee was in favor of approving this temporary permit until they get the permanent one.

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the Temporary Retail Permit for Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery, Inc. located at 161-18 Union Turnpike, seconded by Kevin Forrestal.

Discussion: None.

Votes in favor: 5 Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Solomon Davydov, Kevin Forrestal, Michael Hannibal, Marc A. Haken and Alan Ong.

Board Members who voted against: None.

Mr. Hannibal thanked everyone for coming.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jatnna Reyes, Community Board 8 Staff March 14, 2022