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Chairperson, Martha Taylor

District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: via [Zoom Webinar](#)

Michael Hannibal, Liquor License Committee Chair

Board Members: Maria DeInnocentiis, Marc A. Haken, and Alan Ong.

Also, in attendance: Johnny Lee - Applicant
Marie Adam-Ovide – Community Board 8 District Manager
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Board 8 Staff

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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-premise liquor licenses. This establishment is applying for a Full Liquor License for a restaurant.

**I. Edamamix Inc. d/b/a Mira Sushi
153-11 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11367**

Michael Hannibal – *At this time do you have a Certificate of Occupancy [C of O] for the application?*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes, I believe I provided the C of O.

The C of O was screenshared. An email was forwarded to everyone with the submitted document.

Marie Adam-Ovide – *Izabela is doing a screenshare showing the C of O that was submitted.*

Michael Hannibal – *What is the maximum occupancy for the premises?*

Answer: [Richard Damiani] – The maximum occupancy is 70 people.

In terms of the Public Assembly Permit [PA], I do not know if it is warranted since it is under 70.

Marie Adam-Ovide – *He is not required a PA because it is less than 75.*

Michael Hannibal - *What will be the hours of operation?*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Monday through Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

What are you doing to prevent underage drinking at the establishment?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – We would have the staff check ID’s for anybody who will be asking for alcohol. If they are unsure, they will refer to the manager.

Would anyone require training on your part or is that something that has been talked about with your staff?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – We do offer basic training on checking ID’s but there is nothing official.

What security measures will be taken?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – We have cameras installed throughout the restaurant. This would monitor what goes on and what might appear that it is not compliant with liquor license policies.

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

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – We will sweep outside for any dirt or garbage about three times a day.

Michael Hannibal asked if Alan Ong had any questions for the applicant.

Alan Ong – *What are your hours of operation now with COVID? How are you doing with the safety protocols in regard to parties? Did you have a party room?*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – The party room is no longer there. It is already changing into a different set up with parties. For pandemic related issues we have taken certain measures to update ourselves with COVID. If you need more details, I can provide them.

Michael Hannibal asked if Maria DeInnocentiis had any questions for the applicant. Maria DeInnocentiis responded that she does not have any questions for the applicant. Michael Hannibal asked if Marc A. Haken had any questions for the applicant.

Marc A. Haken – *Do you have any other restaurants at the present time?*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – No.

Have you had restaurants in the past?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes, I have.

Is it the similar type of restaurant that you wish to open here?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes, a Japanese restaurant in Brooklyn.

You say a Japanese restaurant, but you are calling it a sushi restaurant. Will you be serving food other than sushi?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes.

Will you have a free-standing bar?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Can you define free standing?

When someone may come in and instead of sitting at a table they will sit at the bar?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes.

That will accommodate how many people?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – About six people at the bar.

That means table service would be 64.

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes.

That is a total of 70.

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes.

Will you have any type of music or entertainment?

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes, recorded music.

Thank you.

Maria DeInnocentiis – *I do have a question. The C of O that you showed is for the main door. I just realized they said you have a party room and you have a double front. Is that 75 occupancy, COVID occupancy or is its normal occupancy for the two rooms?*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – That would be for the two rooms. The number has not been changed for COVID.

Marc Haken – *Maria it is 70 not 75.*

Maria DeInnocentiis – *Excuse me?*

Marc A. Haken – *The occupancy would be 70 not 75.*

Maria DeInnocentiis – *He said 70, but 75 is the number for the PA. That is why I was asking if that was for two rooms or one room. If we had a party room and a restaurant, I would have expected it to be over 70. If he is saying no, then I will accept that.*

Answer: [Johnny Lee] – Yes, the party room is no longer there.

Michael Hannibal – *Good question. Thank you. I do not have any further questions.*

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the application for a full Liquor License for Edamamix Inc. d/b/a Mira Sushi, located at 153-11 Union Turnpike, seconded by Alan Ong.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: DeInnocentiis, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, and Alan Ong.

Board Members who voted against: None.

Johnny Lee – *Thank you very much.*

Maria DeInnocentiis – *I hope you are successful. I don't know if you are aware but there is PPP for restaurants that are suffering due to COVID. You can apply for that. There is information coming out and I think since you are a restaurant you would qualify. You should look into it. It may help you get over the hump.*

Answer: *[Johnny Lee]* – We will. When we are starting up our restaurant, we can use all the help we can get. With COVID precautions as well.

Marie Adam-Ovide - *We certainly want our small businesses to thrive since they hire 50% of New York City workers.*

Michael Hannibal – *You know Mr. Lee I would like to also point out that Marie brought up a good point with the PPP. We also recommend that all new liquor license applicants reach out to the 107th precinct. This is to familiarize yourself with them. Let them know that you are new to the neighborhood so that there is a new bridge or type of communication between you and the precinct and in terms of community too. If you feel like there are problems in the area, they are the first line of defense to just let them know.*

Marie Adam-Ovide – *We will email the contact information to you along with the copy of the letter that is going to the State Liquor Authority stating there is no objection.*

Michael Hannibal – *Perfect.*

Alan Ong – *Congratulations Mr. Lee and all the best.*

This meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Izabela Szczepanska, Community Board 8 Staff

May 21, 2021