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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: [Hybrid Meeting](#)
Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423
& Via [WebEx](#)

Michael Hannibal, *Liquor License Committee Chair*

Board Members: Mary Maggio, Alan Ong, and Seymour Schwartz
Also, in attendance: Ellen Lee – Applicant – Sebalb Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Alba Pizzeria
Marie Adam-Ovide, Community Board 8, District Manager
Sandra Aikens-Williams, CB8 Staff Member

Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 7:44p.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 and temporary Retail Permit for a restaurant.

**I. Sebalb Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Alba Pizza and Restaurant
137-65 Queens Boulevard, Briarwood, NY 11435**

Michael Hannibal – Mr. Hannibal confirmed that the business was Sebalb Enterprises d/b/a Alba Pizza and Restaurant, as a NEW business.

Ms. Lee - I work at ABC license for the representative on this application. It's a transfer application, the prior owner, Mr. Donna had passed away recently. The business will be carried on by his son, Sebastian, along with good friend who has been in the food business for close to 20 years. He wants to carry on just continue the operation of it, but under a different LLC. The prior partnership was under a because; so, he could not take over the company itself. The partner wanted to leave the business. This is the reason he's coming in under a new LLC and coming in fresh, but everything will be the same. The employees will be kept, no changes to the interior structure, all of the dining tables, all the little chairs - everything will

remain the same. The hours will remain the same. Everything is the same. It's just that it's under a new LLC.

Michael Hannibal – Could you tell us a little bit about the Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - A Certificate of Occupancy always had maximum 199 persons. They do have a P.A. permit as they always had since the day, they opened back in 2002.

Michael Hannibal – Just for our record keeping, can you just go over the hours of operations for us again?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - Yes, it's 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for dining. [Guidance and delivery, and for tickets only they're open till 11p.m., every day]. So, it's 11 to 11 for takeout service only.

Michael Hannibal – How do you currently prevent under a ranking there now?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - We're keeping the exact same staff and exact management There are three dining areas. In the front is just pizza and takeout service mostly. There's a middle where it's with booth seats, and in the back are the table seats. That's where families gather for events. This will be checked by the serving staff prior to taking the orders, not upon delivery of alcohol prior to taking orders, ID will be checked. If it is a family gathering, and there is a minor of 14- or 15-year-old, we do trust the parent will not pass on the alcohol. If it is a 20-year-old sitting here amongst 21-year-old, or a little older friend that table will not be served alcohol period. This is how they kept operating for all these years. They'll continue that.

Michael Hannibal – Now, I see here this is the first time they're applying for a liquor license or is it the fact that because it's a LLC, they're applying for it?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - No, it's first time [new] they're applying for a liquor license, because it's a different entity than the prior entity that daddy had operated under.

Michael Hannibal – Will it be a new security approach in terms of security measurements? Or are we looking at the fact that, you don't have a security history? How are you going to get the security measurements?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - It's a pizzeria, we don't expect them to come in for a shot of drinks. There's, no security, because there's staff - it's a pizzeria. They come in, they do take out and they sit in. They did not have any security guards like, the bars, the hours that they have are 10:00 p.m. and 11 p.m. for take outs for Uber and online deliveries.

Michael Hannibal – Okay, and again I'm asking because since you are introducing alcohol into the establishment. We usually try to have, um, some sense of what security you would have their outside. So, I'm going to table that I'm going to open it up. Do you have cameras there?

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - They have Kim surveillance cameras in the back, and throughout the establishment as well as outside the pizzeria. They always had a liquor license. They had a full liquor license as well. So, just to carry on the same method of operation and same everything they have to apply for a full liquor license here as well.

Michael Hannibal – Okay, you've got to be maintaining the same type of a claim cleaning and watching about degrees and stuff in front of the yesterday.

Answer: [Ms. Lee] - Staff, they'll take turns, and they'll sweep outside. They do what they have do, and they each have their own task.

Michael Hannibal – I'm going to open it up to the board members. I'm going to start with you Sey. If you don't mind?

Seymour Schwartz - Alba has been doing business at that location ever since that has been a Briarwood. The co-ownership throughout the years. One of the finest families, anyone could possibly imagine. A friendly, never a problem. The restaurant is a mainstay here in Briarwood. It can be assumed that the only reason for the application now is regrettably because one of the co-owners, Jack died. I guess we're very fortunate in that. His son has assumed ownership of the business and we know the son, very well. Next door he operates a bakery very successfully. There has never been a problem, in that area. I would urge that we favorably consider the application.

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

Alan Ong – I have no questions. It sounds straightforward. So, thank you.

Mary Maggio - No questions everything was explained perfectly.

Marie Adam-Ovide: I just want to echo what Sey Schwartz is saying. I have been a district manager here for 15 years. I've never gotten any complaints, whatsoever. This company had no complaints. They've been good neighbors.

Michael Hannibal – Do I have a motion for the new Application for Sebald Enterprises doing business as Alba Pizza?

Seymour Schwartz made a motion to approve the Wine, Cider and Beer Liquor License for Sebald Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Alba Pizza and Restaurant located at 137-65 Queens Boulevard, seconded by Mary Maggio.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Michael Hannibal, Mary Maggio, Alan Ong, Seymour Schwartz

Board Members who voted against: None.

Mr. Hannibal advised Ms. Lee 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.

Mr. Hannibal thanked everyone for coming.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Board 8 Staff

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