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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 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, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Marc A. Haken and Frank Magri.

Also in attendance: Sam Park, Applicant Representative – Jaosub Inc.
Siriwan Srisawadi, Owner – Jaosub Inc.
Daniel Pelletier – President – D&G Italian Delights LLC - Mike’s Pizzeria.
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 7:32 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-premise liquor licenses. This establishment is applying for a Wine, Beer and Cider license for a restaurant with no outdoor area.

**I. Jaosub Inc.
178-19 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366**

Michael Hannibal – *We have already established that this is a Wine, Beer and Cider application for a restaurant.*

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes, it will be a Thai restaurant.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes, we do have a C of O (*copy was left at the office*). There will be less than 74 persons. A Public Assembly Permit will not be needed.

It will be less than 74 people?

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We are open every day. We will still need to think about possible holiday hours. I am opening this business with my friends we will most likely do the same hours as 192-03 Union Turnpike. The hours are from Noon to 10 p.m. on weekdays.

[Sam Park] – The hours will be Sunday through Thursday from Noon to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon to 10:30 p.m.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We have three other restaurants. Normally I have my workers including myself always ask for ID for those who look underage.

You will be doing a personal one on one check?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Exactly.

What security measures will be taken?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We have cameras. There are eight cameras covering the outside, inside, and basement.

Okay so there are eight cameras?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, eight cameras.

How will you maintain cleanliness of the establishment? You are open 7 days a week?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes.

What about the people who smoke how will that be handled outside?

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – In all the restaurants we normally have no smoking signs posted. Also, we train the worker for people who are smoking inside to ask them politely to leave the establishment. They are not allowed in the restaurant but we have to explain nicely.

Carolann Foley - *What about outside will there be provisions for people who smoke?*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – The outside of this establishment is small, there will be no outside seating.

You will have people who will smoke outside while they wait for their food on the sidewalk.

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – We will have an ashtray.

You will have to keep it clean. That is what we are trying to say.

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, we will keep it clean and we will have an ashtray to help.

Kevin Forrestal – *The ashtray will help keep it clean.*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes.

Michael Hannibal – *Is that outside of any of your other restaurants?*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Right now we are not open yet. We are still under construction. We might be opening up soon but we are planning to buy one once we open.

[Sam Park] – Once we are ready to open we will buy one and put the ashtray stand outside.

Michael Hannibal – *Yes, that is what we are talking about. I apologize, I thought the question was clear. That is what I wanted to know. What the process is for people who smoke outside.*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – I am sorry, I misunderstood.

[Sam Park] – Yes, we plan to put the standup ashtrays. This will allow people who smoke outside to throw out their cigarette into the ashtray and not onto the street.

Kevin Forrestal – *You, also have to do one step above that. Every so often you have to clean up the outside.*

Answer: [Sam Park] – Yes.

[Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, with my other restaurants we always clean up the outside. Everyday.

Carolann Foley – *That's what we are talking about.*

Kevin Forrestal – *It can depend on your customers sometimes you will have to clean up more often.*

Answer: [Siriwan Srisawadi] – Yes, we want to make sure our establishment look good from the outside.

Mr. Hannibal announced that Marie Adam-Ovide has a question.

Marie Adam-Ovide - *I just want to mention that I have seen the other restaurant Kin'd and they maintain the sidewalks. We do not get any complaints.*

Mr. Hannibal asked if there were any more questions or concerns from the Board Members regarding the applicant. He asked not to make it extensive.

Marc A. Haken – I do not have a question but I will make a statement. Other than about the last three weeks I have eaten at Kin'd every week since they opened. The outside is clean. It used to be the Chinese restaurant the Red House. There are tables set outside and inside. If you keep up this restaurant on a par with the existing restaurant Kin'd there is no question in my mind it will be remarkable.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to approve the application for a Wine, Beer & Cider Liquor License for Jaosub Inc., located at 178-19 Union Turnpike, seconded by Marc A. Haken.

Votes in favor: 6

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Marc A. Haken and Frank Magri.

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. Carolann Foley informed the applicant that next Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. the 107th Precinct Council will meet. The applicant would be introduced and given the opportunity to announce the new restaurant.

James Gallagher Jr. – *The postcard you have is for Sector A officers, Jessica Arrubla and Albert Trotter they are only for that sector. Kin'd is located in sector B (information was provided) you have two different officers for that area. Also add them to your contact list.*

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**II. D&G Italian Delights LLC. d/b/a Mike's Pizzeria.
61-07 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**

Michael Hannibal asked that everyone present state their names for the record.

Michael Hannibal – *We have already established that this application is for a restaurant and the type of license you are seeking.*

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – May I correct the first question. It is not really a restaurant it's more a pizzeria/restaurant. There will be no waiters involved.

Marc A. Haken - *There are no waiters?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – There are no waiters it is only me, my partner and the pizza guy. We will not have table service in the restaurant. We will have tables for those whom would like to eat a slice of pizza.

Michael Hannibal – *Based on our terms here when it says full kitchen and full menu it is our interpretation that it was.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – We also have restaurant type dishes but it's not really a restaurant. Once again there are no waiters involved and no table service.

Going back to my second question do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, I have it right here (*copies were left at the office*).

What will be the maximum occupancy for the area?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – I have four tables with sixteen chairs and a long counter. There are some seats or you can stand at the counter to eat your pizza. There is around sixteen seats and ten or twelve standing.

So I would say under 30?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, absolutely under 30.

Being that it is under 75, a Public Assembly Permit (PA) is not required.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – It is very small.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – The previous owner opened at 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. We are trying to serve a typical Italian style breakfast from either 7:00 a.m. or 7:30 a.m.; therefore, we will be open from 7:30 a.m. until the last delivery at 8:30 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. We are going to be open 7 days.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking since you don't have any waiters?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – I attended a bartender course. Other than learning about how to make cocktails there was an explanation for over an hour on how to treat minors. First thing is to ask for ID. Lots of IDs may be fake. I downloaded a specific app on my phone to check if the ID is fake or not. I will personally sell the alcohol along with my partner. We will have full control.

So it will be a more of a spot check since you are looking right at the customer?

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – I will look and check typical things like an ID.

Carolann Foley – *If you think its fake will you use the app on your phone?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – The app I downloaded tells you if it's fake or not. They taught me this during the bartending course.

James Gallagher Jr. – *Can I ask where you took it? This is the first I hear of a bartending course.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – I took it last year somewhere in Queens. I have the license but I can't remember where specifically.

Marc A. Haken – *You stated that you have a piece of paper that shows you attended this course?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – I don't have it with me but I could bring it (*copy of certificate submitted to CB8 Office on November 21, 2018, as promised*).

You think you could provide a copy? We are all so interested in seeing it this. It's the first time we are hearing of this.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Absolutely, maybe I will stop by tomorrow and bring it over.

Michael Hannibal – *What security measures will be taken around the establishment?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – We will have security cameras and an alarm. Once again, the environment is small. It will be more eye viewing. Other than that I don't see other useful things to use.

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

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – We will be doing cleaning on our own. We will do it on a daily basis depending if it is more or less dirty. We will clean in the early morning and then during the day.

Mr. Hannibal opened up the floor for questions or concerns from the Board Members regarding the applicant.

Frank Magri – *That piece of paper (in reference to bartender license) is important. We are all curious about it and I think it's fantastic. We are a closed in community and we welcome families. The cleaning, no smoking, the underage drinking, and the security are big items. If you understand that it will help you and welcome to our community.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Actually, Mr. Capozzi stopped by today and you know we had a quick chat and he explained to me the importance of this community. I think I made a good impression and I hope it was positive.

Frank Magri – *You are aware that there is a school close by?*

[Carolann Foley] – A couple of schools.

Frank Magri – *Underage drinking is major concern.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Very major I personally understand.

Underage drinking is one of your main biggest issues here.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, they told me a lot of things to be aware of.

That can ruin you and we don't want to see that happen.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, me either I just moved here from Italy about a year and a half ago.

Carolann Foley – *Welcome to our community.*

Michael Hannibal – *Welcome. Just something to be aware of there is a packet regarding a 500ft or 200ft rule in terms of space from schools. It is more information for you to know what we are discussing. There is also a quadrant in the packet with information about Sector Officers; however you already met Officer Capozzi. You already got the best welcome.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, I talked to him about my famous strawberry cheesecake and he was excited about that and is coming back tomorrow.

Carolann Foley – *The postcard in your packet lists the NYPD 107th Precinct Sector Officers and Community Affairs Officers. Next Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. we have our Community 107th Precinct Council Meeting in the Precinct. Come down and we will introduce you to everybody.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – So I have to be there?

You don't have to but we would like you to.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – It is next Tuesday?

At 8:00 p.m. at the 107th Precinct it's at 71-01 Parsons Boulevard it is held right in the Precinct.

Marc A. Haken – *I am not familiar with the exact spot where you are. I know you're on Utopia Parkway. Are you south of the Long Island Expressway across from the firehouse?*

Carolann Foley – *Yes, he's between the firehouse and the TD bank across the street.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Exactly.

Marc A. Haken – *How wide is your sidewalk?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – It is narrow.

Marc A. Haken – *Do you possibly foresee in the future wanting some type of sidewalk seating? It's a pizzeria comes summer time I grab a slice, I grab a soda and I sit outside.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – No.

Jim – *Is your partner Ronnie?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – No, he was the manager he was not the owner. The owner was Mike.

Carolann Foley – *None of the previous owners. I said that to you before this is a new family.*

Frank Magri – *That makes a big difference.*

James Gallagher Jr. - *When I mentioned about selling beer. The principal of Ryan Jr. High School was not thrilled about it. We will make sure that you are enforcing that with the students. Just to let you know the gas station next door also sells beer.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, I am aware.

Kevin Forrestal – *I think the person with the problem with gangs (people that just cluster) is Arbys. They are not real gangs.*

[Carolann Foley] – Right.

Kevin Forrestal – *You said it's you and your partner. You should think about a contingency. What happens if you get the flu? You should have somebody else that can come in to substitute in case of an emergency.*

[Michael Hannibal] – Contingency plan.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Yes, understandable.

Kevin Forrestal – *That person will most likely not have necessarily taken the course but be aware of what they have to do with liquor sales.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Okay I will.

Kevin Forrestal – *Over the next year or two there may be a day where you may not make it.*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – Maybe not.

Michael Hannibal – *To Kevin's point has your partner taken the same test as you?*

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – No.

So it's going to be really up to you to watch the underage drinking.

Answer: [Daniel Pelletier] – He also has kids who are in Italy. One is 16 and the other is 18. He is aware of the policies. He is an honest person just like I am. The liquor license will increase the value we all know that. We have you guys behind me. I am not here to sell to minors. Absolutely not. Just being honest.

Carolann Foley made a motion to approve the application for a Liquor License for D&G Italian Delights LLC. d/b/a Mike's Pizzeria, located at 61-07 Utopia Parkway, seconded by Frank Magri.

Votes in favor: 6

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Board Members who voted against: None.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Izabela Szczepanska, Community Board 8 Staff

November 30, 2018