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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 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: Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr. and Marc A. Haken.

Also in attendance: Shoa Ru Chen, Applicant Manager – Shogun Japan Inc.
Hui Lin, Owner – Shogun Japan Inc.
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 brewery with no outdoor area.

**I. Shogun Japan Inc.
205-05 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423**

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

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – No, not yet we are still under construction. We are still waiting for a final inspection.

What will be the maximum occupancy for the premises?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – The maximum allowed seating is sixty-six (66) but we plan to have fifty-eight (58).

The maximum occupancy will be under 75 that is required for a Public Assembly Permit?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes.

When you have the C of O would you please provide it to the office for our records?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday from Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Since this is a restaurant brewery will you also be making beer?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – No, we are just calling it that.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – We will have ID scanners and we will have our servers check everyone who orders a drink. We will make they are not fake ID's.

Will your servers be trained to check for ID?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes.

What security measures will be taken?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – We are going to install six 24 hour security cameras. We are also going to train our staff in case of any situation on how to react. They can also ask me what the next best step is.

So they will be trained to handle rowdiness and that type of behavior?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Right.

How will you maintain cleanliness of the establishment outside?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – We will put ashtrays outside the restaurant. Our server on duty will clean the front sidewalk in the beginning when we open and at the end when we close.

Marie Adam-Ovide - With the ashtray I know that you are located in the Franhill Shopping Center. Are you sure they will allow you to put ashtrays outside?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – I will have to check with them.

There is a possibility even if they are willing to do it that Pittman Realty might not allow them to.

Marc A. Haken - They are a really tough company to deal with.

Mr. Hannibal opened the floor for questions or concerns from the Board Members regarding the applicant. He announced that Marc A. Haken can go first.

Marc A. Haken - I have been watching the progress on your restaurant. It's long and narrow.

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes, correct.

I presume the bathrooms will be in the back that's why it's so long. Do the windows in front open?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes, they have shutters and they are designed to be opened but we will be keeping them closed. It is only for decoration purposes.

Your hours of operation are during the week from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then we close.

I'm sorry you close for break?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - Yes, we close for break and then re-open at 4:30 p.m.

Michael Hannibal - Okay so it's a break to clean.

Marc A. Haken - Sorry I missed that part. I was just wondering what moved you to put a Japanese restaurant there.

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - We have been looking around and a lot of other areas already have a lot of Japanese restaurants. Hillside has none and that is what we think there is a demand.

I am asking you because the big building behind the restaurant are co-ops. I am the president and I am trying to think of my clientele. Many of them are senior citizens and they are not particularly sushi people.

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - Right but we do serve other items like hibachi, teriyaki, and tempura.

Marc A. Haken - *Right you might have a full menu.*

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - Right full menu.

Marc A. Haken - *I really look forward to coming down to you and eating at your restaurant.*

James Gallagher Jr. - *When do you anticipate opening because you said you don't have the C of O yet?*

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes, we are still waiting for the final inspection. We are also still waiting for the gas company to come in and make sure everything is fine before they give us our C of O. It will probably take another month or two.

Michael Hannibal - *Okay so around like February.*

Marc A. Haken - *Originally it was a furniture store that rented furniture and was a very big store. They separated the store but it wasn't quite in half. You're the smaller half (directed at applicant).*

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes, in the beginning they said we would do half; however, it had a structure that could not be removed. So we made it a little smaller.

Are you going to have a sitting bar?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – No.

It is going to be table service only?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - Yes, we have a sushi bar but not a bar for wine and beer.

Kevin Forrestal - *Can you describe the nature of your training that will ensure that underage people will not be drinking?*

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Yes, I am the manager. My husband ran five businesses in Alabama and Delaware. I was the manager there. I have gone to a lot of trainings in Alabama and Delaware on ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Laws. I am sure that I have the knowledge.

You are the manager and will train the staff since you had trainings?

Answer: [Ms. Chen] – Right.

Michael Hannibal - *Excellent.*

I have one question but this is for Mr. Haken. Marc you asked a question regarding the windows before, is there a reason for asking that question?

Marc A. Haken – *Yes, I was wondering since there is a door but there is no front window and there are shutters. Is there are glass window behind the shutters (directed at applicant)?*

Answer: [Ms. Chen] - No

If those shutters were opened they would be open to the outside environment and it seems unusual since its right in a parking lot. All of the smoke and all of the stuff would go directly into the restaurant. So I am saying to myself that they can't be thinking of opening these up even on a nice summer day.

Answer: Correct, that is only for decoration. We do not intend to open the doors. There would be a lot of flies coming into the restaurant.

Kevin Forrestal – *Right unless you had an incident where you had to open them.*

Mr. Hannibal asked if there were any more questions or concerns from the Board Members regarding the applicant.

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the application for a Wine, Beer & Cider Liquor License for Shogun Japan Inc., located at 205-05 Hillside Avenue, seconded by Kevin Forrestal. Contingent of C of O.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken and Michael Hannibal.

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 for Quadrant B. He also added that the applicant should inform the Community Board of any concerns that arise. He welcomed them aboard. Marc Haken informed the applicant that the Build a Block meeting happened last night. Marie Adam-Ovide stated that they meet every 3 months and the next meeting will most likely be next March.

**II. Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery Inc.
161-18 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11363**

This board also received an application for a Full liquor license from Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery Inc. Applicant did not show for scheduled Liquor License Committee meeting.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to approve the application for a full Liquor License for Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery Inc., located at 161-18 Union Turnpike.

Votes in favor: 0

Votes against: 4

Board Members who voted in favor: None

Board Members who voted against: Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken and Michael Hannibal.

District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide stated that she will send a letter to State Liquor Authority against this application and copy the application.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Board 8 Staff
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