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Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 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, Marc A. Haken, Mary Maggio.

Also in attendance: Michael James, Applicant Representative – Kosher Imperial Catering Inc.
Rehana Begum, President – 786 Burgerim & TCBY Inc
Sanjay Agrawal – Representative for Applicant – 786 Burgerim & TCBY 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 7:30 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-premises liquor licenses. This establishment is applying for a full liquor license for a Catering establishment.

**I. Kosher Imperial Catering, Inc. d/b/a Simcha Palace
73-27 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367**

Michael Hannibal – *We have already established that this application is for a catering establishment.*

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, the building does have a C of O (*copies were left at the office*).

The maximum occupancy is for over 190?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

Being that it is over 190, do you have a Public Assembly Permit (PA)?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, we have the PA Permit. We were unable to receive a copy before the holidays.

When you receive a copy can you please submit a copy to our office for our records?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Michael James] – Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. This is a catering facility it is not open every day, only when there is an event booked.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Michael James] – A service bar will be set up and they will be carded by the waiters or bartenders.

Will your staff be trained to identify underage customers?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, everyone will be trained. They will complete the ATAP course.

Kevin Forrestal – *Will your staff card everyone?*

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, the law is that everyone needs to be carded.

Mr. Hannibal introduced Marc A. Haken, Board Member of Community Board 8 who came in late.

Michael Hannibal – *What cameras will be installed for security measures?*

Answer: [Michael James] – The premises has a security system in place. There are eight cameras covering the whole property. This was already in place by the previous owners because this was a purchase. The security plan is already in place.

Are the security cameras set up similar to a 24 hour surveillance and then erased?

Answer: [Michael James] – He is not sure. He will check the data storage.

How will you maintain cleanliness in front of the establishment and into the street?

Answer: [Michael James] – The owner's son cleans the property before each and after every event. The son maintains the cleanliness in front of the establishment. The agreement is in the lease.

Is it only his son that cleans or does he have others help him?

Answer: [Michael James] - No, he has other people that help him.

Kevin Forrestal - *What about outside will there be provisions for people who smoke (i.e. receptacles)?*

Answer: [Michael James] – There is a trash can outside but no receptacle. He will inform the owner to add a receptacle.

If the customer would like to pay for additional hours during the event. Will you stay open later than 2 a.m.?

Answer: [Michael James] – No, he will not stay longer than 2 a.m. Those are the hours that he operates. Most events are booked until midnight.

Does this application state that this will be a catering facility without music?

Answer: [Michael James] – No, there will be music. Disc jockey and recorded music are checked off.

Mary Maggio – *What was the establishment before?*

Answer: [Michael James] – It was also a Jewish Kosher establishment.

Marc A. Haken – *Simcha Palace?*

Answer: [Michael James] – No, that is what it currently is.

Mary Maggio – *Was it also a catering facility?*

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

Kevin Forrestal – *Are you in operation now?*

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes.

Are you in operation without a liquor license?

Answer: [Michael James] – Yes, without the liquor license.

Michael Hannibal – *Is this catering facility only for Jewish customers?*

Answer: [Michael James] – No, it is not only for Jewish customers; however, he mostly services Jewish customers because of the kosher menu.

Marc A. Haken - *The kosher menu may also appeal to the Muslim and Indian community as well.*

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 Liquor License for Kosher Imperial Catering, Inc. d/b/a Simcha Palace, located at 73-27 Main Street, seconded by Kevin Forrestal. It has to be contingent upon receiving the Public Assembly Permit.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Kevin Forrestal, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, and Mary Maggio.

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.

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-premises liquor licenses. This establishment is applying for a Wine, Beer and Cider license for a Restaurant with no outdoor area.

**II. 786 Burgerim & TCBY Inc.
162-16 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11367**

Michael Hannibal – *This application is for a wine, beer, and cider license?*

Answer: [Sanjay Agrawal] – Yes.

Is doing business as a restaurant with no outside area?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

Michael Hannibal asked that everyone present state their names for the record. Sanjay Agrawal and Rehana Begum introduced themselves.

Michael Hannibal – *We have already established that this application is for a restaurant.*

Do you have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – No, not yet. The building has a C of O; however, the restaurant does not. We are still waiting for final inspection.

Kevin Forrestal – *They are still under construction and work is still being done. You are not finished right?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – No, not yet.

Michael Hannibal – *Currently you are working under a work permit right now?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

What will be the maximum occupancy for the area?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – 65.

Being that it is under 75, a Public Assembly Permit (PA) is not required for occupancy of 65.

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

What are the hours of operation?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Sunday through Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to midnight.

How do you plan to prevent underage drinking?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – We will have an electronic ID scanner.

Kevin Forrestal – *In the area there is a University with a number of off campus underage students that will be coming in to eat late. You might want to think about other security precautions you may need when you start off.*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

Answer: [Sanjay Agrawal] – The alcohol will only be accessible behind the counter. We will ensure with the ID scanner that no one will be giving a fake ID.

You may need more security and precautions than checking for age. Underage students may already be intoxicated when coming in.

Answer: [Sanjay Agrawal] – Okay.

Michael Hannibal – *What security measures will be taken other than the electronic scanner?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – We will have 24 hour surveillance camera. We will also train our employees so they know how to act and what steps to take under certain circumstances.

Marc A. Haken – *Will you only have one security camera?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – No, we are going to have twelve.

Marc A. Haken – *Are the cameras going to be analog or digital?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Digital.

Rehana Begum – *This is a franchise and they require the restaurant to have twelve cameras.*

Michael Hannibal – *Will the franchise also help pay for training?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

Answer: [Sanjay Agrawal] – They will try to make sure this is 100% safe.

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes, they are going to pay for us to travel to California for training. Once we return we will train our employees.

How will you maintain cleanliness in front of the establishment and into the street?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Property management already informed us that we have to maintain the establishment. We will train our employees to clean the sidewalk, street and change the garbage bags.

Are you making any plans for contingencies for people who smoke outside?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – No, we don't want any smoking in the restaurant.

Kevin Forrestal – *No, on the outside.*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

Answer: [Sanjay Agrawal] – We can always put ashtrays outside for people to throw out their cigarettes. The franchise will check everything. No matter what we do they will make sure everything is perfect.

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

Marc A. Haken – *Will there be a sit down bar and tables?*

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes, there will be a sit down bar.

How many seats will there be at the bar?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Nine.

If I remember correctly you said your total occupancy will be 65?

Answer: [Rehana Begum] – Yes.

So then you will have 56 you have tables service for 56?

Answer: *[Michael James] – Yes, 56 plus 9 chairs at the bar.*

You are opening at 11:00 a.m. because you are looking at a lunch business?

Answer: *[Michael James] – Yes, and the weekends will be regular time.*

Kevin Forrestal – *The applicant should reach out to the 107th Precinct Community Affairs Unit. Every last Tuesday of every month the 107th Precinct has a Community Council meeting. We encourage that you attend to establish a good relationship with the police.*

Answer: *[Sanjay Agrawal] – Yes.*

Answer: *[Rehana Begum] – Sure. Also, our company will be giving 50% off for on duty first responders for the community.*

Michael Hannibal - *With that promotion it would be even more important to create a relationship with the 107th Precinct. If there are any problems to inform the Community Board. We do not want to find out that something went on in the establishment from an outside source. We would like to be notified first. That is why we are here.*

Sanjay Agrawal – *The previous owners already had a liquor license in previous years.*

Kevin Forrestal – *The two prior properties already had a liquor license. That is true. As the neighbors and the community we would like to see you thrive.*

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

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to approve the application for a Liquor License for 786 Burgerim & TCBY, Inc., located at 162-16 Union Turnpike, seconded by Mary Maggio. Contingent of C of O.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes against: 0

Board Members who voted in favor: Kevin Forrestal, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, and Mary Maggio.

Board Members who voted against: None.

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hannibal provided contact information for NYPD 107th Precinct NCO and Community Affairs Officers. He reiterated that the applicant should reach out to the 107th Precinct Community Affairs Unit especially since they are a franchise. Mary Maggio also reminded the applicant that every 4th Tuesday of the month the precinct meets. The applicant would be given the opportunity to speak and announce the new restaurant. The precinct also have numerous events for families in the neighborhood.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Izabela Szczepanska, Community Board 8 Staff

September 19, 2018