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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

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Executive Board

November 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Present: D. Prioleau, T. Accomando, A. Shameem, P. Cantillo, M. Caruso, M. Fludd, A. Torres, L. Popovic, T. Franklin

Absent: J. Russo, N. Rosario, D. Hunt, R. Baez M. Musano

Guests: R. Bieder, K. Fedorek, R. Garcia, G. Memas, J. Phillips

Second Vice Chair D. Prioleau commenced meeting commenced at 7:10 P.M. All Executive Officers introduced themselves.

Yerba Gardens LLC presented its cannabis retail dispensary application which is slated for 2903 Westchester Avenue. The public hearing is scheduled for November 16 at 7 P.M. Both business owners, Jesse Philips and Kyle Fedorek, are entering into the business with the property's landlord, Joseph Ciarletta. The business group provided a presentation outlining its goals and potential operations. The business group took questions from the members and public. The business group endeavors to bring events and giveaways to the community and work with the homeless shelters in the area. They seek a cannabis retail license. A laundromat currently occupies the space. There is a peace labor agreement with the local union, Local 338 RWDSU. The store will contain full video surveillance, have professionally trained security personnel, and will install proper exterior lighting. Local law enforcement will have real-time access to video data at all times of operation. All products will have proper NYS OCM tags and barcodes. Weekday hours are will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Weekends are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be no discounts as purchase agreements are made at a wholesale level. There will be 5 employees on-site each day: one manager, one budtender, two security officers and one stock person. The business will have delivery services. Identification technology will keep scanned identification cards indefinitely when a purchase is made. The digital presentation will be held at the community board office. The Executive Board reminded the business group that the Community Board has already approved a retail cannabis dispensary in the Pelham Bay area and that the Community Board does not ideally want to see too many retail dispensaries within a single neighborhood.

The meeting ended at roughly by an unanimous vote of adjournment.

