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Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Eileen Miller Chairperson / Joseph Marziliano District Manager

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Jack Fried, Public Safety/Public Relations/Licensing Committee
RE: Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority
DATE: March 23, 2020

On March 19, 2020, the Public Safety/Public/Relations/Licensing Committee held a teleconference meeting to discuss two NYS Liquor applications and one Corporate Change application. Present were Committee Chair, Jack Fried, Board Chair, Eileen Miller, 1st Vice Chair, Christine Haider, 3rd Vice Chair, Henry Euler, Board Members, Ocelia Claro, Lourdes December, Roy Giusetti, Rosemarie Guidice, Stephen Pivawer, CB11 District Manager, Joseph Marziliano, Community Coordinator, Jane Bentivenga and Community Associate, Christina Coutinho. Also present were applicant representatives, Jenny Hong, Lin Hong, Kerry Katsorhis and applicant Jean Lopez.

1) Mad for Chicken – 39-02 Bell Blvd., formerly Pizzeria Uno

The applicant's representative, Jenny Hong, stated that this application is for a Full On-Premises Liquor License. The owner also holds licenses for Mad for Chicken located at 157-18 Northern Blvd and 617 Grand Street, Brooklyn. There will also be an additional location in Sunnyside, Queens. At the Bell Blvd. location, there will be one bar and 31 tables allowing for 140 patrons. The hours of operation will be 10:00 am to 2:00 am, 7 days a week. There will be street parking and a rear parking lot. Rear parking is designated for patrons associated with Rite Aid and Mad for Chicken on a first come, first served basis. There will be no live music, only recorded.

A motion was made by Ms. Guidice to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giusetti. The Committee unanimously approved the application.

2) Ma Lu Bian Bian Bayside – 212-12/14 Northern Blvd.

The applicant's representative, Lin Hong, stated that this location is new construction and they will require a place of assembly permit. The hours of operation will be 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, 7 days a week. There will be no live music, only recorded music. There will be no outside dining. There is private parking in the rear and also underground parking with an entrance/exit onto Northern Blvd. This restaurant will have a mezzanine and full restaurant on the second floor with an occupancy of 150.

A motion was made to approve the application by Ms. Guidice. The motion was seconded by Ms. December. The Committee unanimously approved the application.

3) Lavoo Lounge – 78-33 Springfield Blvd.

This is an application for a Corporate Change. Originally, in December 2019, Mr. Lopez applied for Full On-Premises Liquor License with hookah. At the December 27, 2019 Committee meeting, a double stabbing incident that took place that month was discussed. The Committee approved the application with the condition that there would be security guards during the hours of operation. It was also discussed that Mr. Lopez was the manager, not the owner. Now, Mr. Lopez is applying for a Corporate Change. During this meeting, the Committee discussed a recent incident that involved a triple shooting that took place on February 29, 2020. Mr. Fried stated that at the last Police Community Council meeting, several residents complained that each weekend, patrons from Lavoo Lounge are screaming in the streets, throwing up and fighting until the early morning hours. The Committee brought up several points including that this establishment abuts a residential area, what kind of crowd is being attracted to the establishment and how the patrons are monitored by security guards. The applicant's representative, Mr. Katsorhis, stated that all good points were made, but only when his applicant becomes owner can he make changes. Mr. Katsorhis said that hookah will no longer be available due to law changes by the Dept. of Health. The Committee stated that during both incidents, Mr. Lopez was the manager and was present. Therefore, it is no excuse that he is not the owner. Mr. Marziliano asked Mr. Lopez a question; if he becomes owner, what changes would he make? Mr. Lopez said he would fire the promoters and have a more upscale menu with a dress code. The Committee felt this response was unacceptable. Ms. Claro mentioned that changing the focus of the establishment may not bring the revenue that Mr. Lopez is projecting as an invested owner. The Committee advised Mr. Lopez that he should invest his money in a different business venture.

A motion was made to approve the application by Mr. Giusetti. The motion was seconded by Mr. Euler. The Committee voted unanimously to deny the application.

Respectfully submitted 3/27/2020