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Cannabis License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, Cannabis License Committee Chair

Committee Members Present: Michael Hannibal, James Gallagher, Alan Ong

Committee Members Absent: Edward Chung, Howard Fried, Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, Caitlin Marziliano, David Mordukhaev, and Douglas Sherman.

Excused Absences: Mary Maggio, Aliyah Salim,

Also in attendance: Anthony Caraballo, Yafa Matayeva, and Bentzion Matayeva

CB8 Staff: District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide, and Community Assistant Soleil Griffin

Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. This was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members and staff.

Purpose:

The applicant, Blackrock Luxury, Inc. d/b/a Posh Pizza located at 190-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, is applying for a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit. They are also applying for a sidewalk café. Chairman Michael Hannibal asked the applicant to state their name for the record. Applicant representative Anthony Caraballo.

Anthony Caraballo

This is a pizzeria restaurant that is applying for a full liquor license. The occupancy is not a public assembly, it is less than 74 people. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sundays to Thursdays. This is a kosher establishment their hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. On Saturday their hours are 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

We submitted a plan of supervision on how they will prevent staff from selling to people who are underage with a proper identification process. Staff will be trained to identify if the patrons are visibly intoxicated. There will be eight cameras and a staff member who is responsible for monitoring the outside of the premises. The café will be within the property line, and it will be enclosed. It is not a traditional sidewalk café.

Michael Hannibal

Just for context, will the establishment have anyone who is trained to handle underage drinking?

Answer: [Anthony Caraballo] – No. They are not TIP certified. Initially they were going to apply for beer and wine, but they have an adjacent party room. The party room is where the alcohol will be. The restaurant function will not have alcohol.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have any type of way of maintaining cleanliness outside? For instance, if people want to smoke outside.

Answer: [Anthony Caraballo] – It is a restaurant, so it behooves them to keep the establishment clean. They are also a kosher restaurant which has additional standards and cleanliness. This is a pizzeria restaurant that has a lot of in and out.

Michael Hannibal

It is similar to me just walking in to purchase a slice of pizza or I can sit down and have a meal.

Answer: [Anthony Caraballo] – Yes.

Chairperson Hannibal opened the meeting for questions from the Board Members.

James Gallagher

How many people can sit for the outdoor seating?

Answer [Anthony Caraballo] – Ten tables with twenty seats. There are heaters in the enclosed structure. It is somewhat seasonal; they are not operating it right now. When it gets warm enough, they will operate outdoors.

Michael Hannibal

You will have an entrance and exit for people who are sitting outside?

Answer: [Anthony Caraballo] – Yes, there is egress.

Marie Adam-Ovide

One of the issues that is very important is maintaining the cleanliness outside. That property is right at the edge of the residential houses. Make sure the area that they keep their garbage is kept clean and secure.

Answer [Anthony Caraballo] – I will indicate that to them.

Michael Hannibal

If I am on Union Turnpike, is this facing the north side or south side?

Answer: [Anthony Caraballo] – The park is across the street. If you are coming off the parkway, you are going towards St. John's. It would be on the right-hand side which is the north side.

James Gallagher

Is the garbage pick-up twice a week?

Answer [Anthony Caraballo] – Twice a week is usually the standard.

Michael Hannibal

I make a motion to accept the Full Liquor License application for Blackrock Luxury, Inc. d/b/a Posh Pizza located at 190-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows. May I have a second?

Seconded by James Gallagher.

Chairperson Hannibal asked all those in favor to say aye.

Votes in favor: Unanimous

Committee Members who voted in favor: James Gallagher and Micheal Hannibal.

Purpose:

The applicant, Top Notch Sushi located at 71-30 Main Street in Flushing, is applying for a Wine, Beer & Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit. Chairman Michael Hannibal asked the applicant to state their name for the record. Applicants Yafa Matayeva, and Bentzion Matayeva.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have a certificate of occupancy?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – We have a public of assembly permit.

Michael Hannibal

You are going to have more than 75 people?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – I believe so. We are extending the establishment.

James Gallagher

Is that where the movie theater used to be?

Answer [Yafa Matayeva] – That is two blocks down. We are across from Chase.

Michael Hannibal

What are your hours of operation?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Noon. to 11 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays. Fridays are a half day, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday nights are from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Michael Hannibal

How do you plan to handle underage drinking?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – We will be asking for ID.

Michael Hannibal

Is anyone doing the TIP training to be able to card someone?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes.

James Gallagher

How many people will be taking the training?

Answer [Yafa Matayeva] – Five people.

Michael Hannibal

How would you handle security?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – We will be connected with the police department. We also have the Shmira. They are like volunteer police. We know everyone in the neighborhood, the families and kids.

Michael Hannibal

How do you plan to handle the cleanliness outside of the establishment?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – We have someone who cleans up.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have any cameras?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes. We have cameras outside and inside.

Alan Ong

Would your establishment cater to large parties? Does your establishment have a bar where someone can come in and drink?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes. We have a bar, but it is not for drinking.

Alan Ong

The bartender would make the drinks and bring it to the table?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes.

Alan Ong

When you have big parties, will the bar be open?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes.

Alan Ong

We are concerned with underage drinking. Even though it may become a private party, there may be kids. We want you to be diligent.

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes.

James Gallagher

Just to clarify, the application is not for hard liquor.

Answer [Yafa Matayeva] – No.

James Gallagher

Just a reminder, you are responsible for cleaning 18 inches from the curb into the street.

Answer [Yafa Matayeva] – Yes.

Michael Hannibal

Is this traditional sushi?

Answer: [Yafa Matayeva] – Japanese kosher. Only fish, no dairy, no meat.

Michael Hannibal

Can I have a motion to accept the Wine, Beer & Cider application for Top Notch Sushi located at 71-30 Main Street in Flushing?

Motion made by Alan Ong and seconded by James Gallagher.

Chairperson Hannibal asked all those in favor to say aye.

Votes in favor: Unanimous

Committee Members who voted in favor: James Gallagher, Michael Hannibal, and Alan Ong.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Soleil Griffin, Community Board 8 Staff

April 1, 2025