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Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Michael Hannibal, Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Chair

Committee Members Present: James Gallagher Jr., Alan Ong, Mary Maggio

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

Also in attendance: CB8 Members Ahsan Habib and Mohammed Tohin, Pho Factory LLC representative Tsz H. Chan, CB8 Staff Soleil Griffin

Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Pho Factory LLC, is applying for a wine, beer, and cider license. Chairman Michael Hannibal asked the applicant to state their name for the record. Applicant Tsz H. Chan introduced himself.

Michael Hannibal

Is this a Vietnamese restaurant?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – Yes.

Michael Hannibal

Do you have a certificate of occupancy?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – Yes (he provided the copy).

Michael Hannibal

What is your maximum occupancy?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – 40.

Michael Hannibal

Is there a bar in the restaurant?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – No. It is a self-service take-out restaurant.

Michael Hannibal

What are your hours of operation?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – Monday to Sunday 11a.m. – 9p.m.

Michael Hannibal

How do you plan to handle underage drinking?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – Customers have to show their ID.

Michael Hannibal

Will you have cameras?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – Yes.

Michael Hannibal

How long will you keep the tape?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – For a month or two.

Michael Hannibal

How do you intend to keep the area cleaned?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – We would sweep the street on a daily basis. If we do not, we would get a fine.

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

Alan Ong

We ask that you upkeep the front since there is a bus stop and build a relationship with the 107th Precinct.

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – I have been in the neighborhood for over fifteen years. We use to be a tea shop.

James Gallagher Jr.,

Where can people park?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – I am planning to rent a couple of parking spaces in the back for my customers.

Mohammed Tohin

If you are planning to have, mostly take out, why are you planning to have a full liquor license?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – We still have seats for the customers to be able to order beer, wine and cider. No hard liquor and no full bar.

Ahsan Habib

Will most of your customers be mostly Vietnamese?

Answer: [Tsz H. Chan] – No. There is not a lot of Vietnamese people in that community. We just serve Vietnamese cuisine.

Michael Hannibal

Can I have a motion to accept the application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License Pho Factory LLC located at 61-09 Utopia Parkway?

Motion made by Alan Ong and seconded by Mary Maggio.

Votes in favor: Unanimous

Committee Members who voted in favor: Michael Hannibal, James Gallagher Jr., Alan Ong, Mary Maggio

Purpose:

Chairman Michael Hannibal led a committee discussion on the new outdoor dining licensing regulations and procedures. An advisory was released to provide updated guidance to applicants and licensees regarding the use of outdoor space for

the sale/service of alcoholic beverages as part of their licensed premises including outdoor municipal public space, as authorized by ABCL 111-a enacted and effective 4/20/24, which imposes added conditions on licensees using such space. The Advisory hereby replaces Advisory 2022-19, which addressed COVID emergency circumstances.

Michael Hannibal

During COVID-19 establishments had outdoor dining to get people to go to restaurants. This will now be part of the new regulation. Establishments can apply for outdoor licensing when they apply for the regular liquor license application (*he then read the new questionnaire that will be sent to the applicants to the committee members*). The additional questionnaire does not include if they have a certificate of occupancy or if they have public assembly permit. This will be a supplement to the liquor license committee.

Mohammed Tohin

Do establishments have to come to you every year to renew?

Answer: [*Michael Hannibal*] – Liquor license is every two years.

Mohammed Tohin

Will this be the same where they have to come to renew every two years?

Answer: [*Michael Hannibal*] – Yes. It will be part of it. For instance, Mr. Chan was not looking to have outdoor dining. If he was, he would have to fill out the new application, specify that he wants outdoor dining and he would have to answer both questionnaires.

Alan Ong

Would the license be for an outdoor structure?

Answer: [*Michael Hannibal*] – Yes. Before it was temporary because of COVID-19. Now it is going to be permanent.

Mary Maggio

What happens if an applicant comes and does not want an outdoor dining, but, before they renew, they do it? If they do it, will they get fined for not coming before the board?

Answer: [*Michael Hannibal*] – That has to do with who is watching them. We would have to be more diligent as to who is setting them up.

Alan Ong

The way NYC did the outdoor dining structure after COVID-19 is that they had very strict guidelines when it comes to the size and how it should be built. I would think Department of Buildings is supposed to approve the structure after they put it up, but they have to pay a sizable amount to have that permit. Those who are serious about it, will do the right thing.

Michael Hannibal

Go to page two and the third bullet down. It states that the community board is involved. Applicants have almost a year and a few days to get back and correct whatever they are doing. If an applicant wants to put up an outdoor extension to their restaurant, they have to provide a diagram. Our questionnaire should require a diagram of the floor plan to see what that spacing would look like.

Mary Maggio

If a restaurant has a bus stop, then not all establishments should have outdoor dining.

Michael Hannibal

Well, I wanted to bring this to everyone's attention to let you know that this is coming up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Soleil Griffin, Community Board 8 Staff

January 24, 2025