

Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 215

Present: Commissioners John Lipic, Jeanette Mancusi, Jane Miller and Sara Spivy;
Chair Victoria Scaman

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides; Loretta Daly, Business Service Manager;
Shannon Williams, Marketing Director of Downtown Oak Park

Call to Order: Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

Downtown Oak Park Special Event Liquor License Proposal

Chair Scaman stated that Shannon Williams, Marketing Director of Downtown Oak Park, is here to discuss and answer questions about its special event liquor license proposal.

Downtown Oak Park (“DTOP”) has an event called “Thursday Night Out” which is held every Thursday night during the summer months. It has taken place for at least 10 years and it got so big that they had to close off half of Marion Street. DTOP sets up tables and chairs and have entertainment. DTOP thought it would be a little nicer if beer and wine was offered at this event. DTOP would like to start out by doing one Thursday a month in June, July and August. They have three restaurants that wish to participate and one restaurant per month would sponsor it, sell the alcohol and profit from it and it would be co-sponsored by the Village. The restaurant staff would have to have Basset training. DTOP will meet with the restaurants to find out how the purchase of alcohol will be handled. It would be the restaurant applying for the E-2 liquor license and the license would temporarily be moved to different locations. Patrons would have to drink the alcohol in designated areas. There has not been a problem with people taking alcoholic beverages out of the designated area. Loretta stated that at the Wednesday Night Market there were flags and signage on the edge of the parking lot to avoid people wandering around the rest of downtown. There is usually a police officer at the event. Paul suggested that

the Board wait until a complete application is filed and dates are set for the event before taking action.

Annual Renewals

Loretta stated that Il Vicolo's application is complete, Poor Phil's taxes are paid in full and the renewals before the Board are all complete. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual renewals for April as presented.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

Old Business

Liquor Ordinance Amendments

Chair Scaman stated that we were asked by the Village Board last year after the Village election to review the entire liquor ordinance. The Board got through an initial review and we forwarded John Lipic's notes on that review. Chair Scaman wants to identify clearly the areas of the ordinance that the Board has questions about and the wording of the ordinance and relevant to our community today. Last meeting, the Board asked to take a second look. The Board would like to have a chart that shows closing hours for specific licenses. Several sections of the liquor license chapter of the Village Code were discussed in detail.

Administrative Report

Trader Joe's

Paul stated that at the December 2013 meeting, the Board took action on Trader Joe's request for a C-1 license. The application is complete except for the fingerprinting and is ready to go before the Village Board at the April 7, 2014 meeting. The Village Code needs to be amended to add Trader Joe's as a C-1 license holder. Paul suggested a motion to recommend approval of an ordinance granting Trader Joe's C-1 liquor license to the Village Board and as part of that ordinance, increasing the number of C-1 licenses.

It was moved and seconded to approve the motion to approve a C-1 liquor license for Trader Joe's East operating as Trader Joe's 697 as presented.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

Board Member Comments

Agora Bistro's sign was brought up for discussion and whether it possibly violates the Village Code. Loretta stated it is temporary signage and she does not think it is in violation of the Code, but she will look into it.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary