

Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 215

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

Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides

Call to Order: Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Agenda Approval

It was moved Member Miller and seconded by Member Mancusi to approve the Agenda with a correction to the date of the next meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved with a correction to the date of the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Lipic and seconded by Member Spivy to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2014. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

- a. Application of Café Fresh (name change only) for a Club Class D-3

It was noted that Café Fresh was informed that it would not be required to have a representative present at this meeting since they were requesting a name change only. After consideration of the application form and accompanying paperwork, several questions arose as to current ownership and the lease period. It was determined to table this item to the meeting of August 26, 2014, for clarification of owners, the addition of the date of incorporation to application, and clarification of the lease period, which should run consecutively with liquor license.

- b. Application of Urban Markets of Oak Park, Inc. d/b/a Pan's Food Center for a Package Liquor Class C-1 License (approval contingent upon proof of legal status).

Arthur Paris, the purchaser of Pan's Food Center introduced himself, and stated that for the last 14 years he has owned a similar business known as Carnival Grocery at 548 W.

Dickens and his liquor license for that location is current. He also stated that upon purchase of Pan's, he intends to operate the business as it currently exists, with perhaps just an expansion of the wine collection. Currently, 10% of Pan's sales are alcohol, and the store on Dickens alcohol accounts for 20% of sales. He does not anticipate the expansion of the wine collection to increase alcohol sales significantly. He anticipates closing on the purchase of the business in October 2014.

Member Miller moved and Member Mancusi seconded a motion to make a recommendation to the Village Board that an ordinance be passed Urban Markets of Oak Park, Inc., d/b/a Pan's Food Center for a Package Liquor Class C-1 License be issued contingent upon the owner completing BASSET Training, and obtaining ownership of the business.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Mancusi, Miller, and Chair Scaman

NAYS: Members Lipic, Spivy

The motion was approved.

- c. Application of Avarom d/b/a Careful Peach Boutique for a package Liquor C-4 License (wine only).

Karen Morava and Peter Morava introduced themselves as owners of the Careful Peach Boutique which they described as a gift shop with a French influence. They have operated the business at its current location for five years, and prior to that operated the business at 11 Harrison for eleven years. The business offers table top gifts and a line of French foods, including cheeses, crackers and gift baskets. The applicant would like to be able to include a small number of inexpensive French wines to accompany their foods and gift baskets. The applicant does not intend to focus on the sale of wine. Members discussed the requirements of a C-4 Liquor License and determined that the designation might not be appropriate, as written, for the type of use envisioned by the applicant. The C-4 classification requires that the primary percentage of sales be from gourmet foods. It was noted that there are no C-4 Liquor Licenses currently issued thereby offering an opportunity to fine tune the requirements of the classification. The applicants will be invited to a future Liquor Control Review Board meeting to discuss its application further.

Old Business

- a. Original Pizza, LLC, d/b/a Leona's Application for a Liquor License

Original Pizza, LLC, d/b/a Leona's ("Leona's") was sold to a new business entity in October of 2013 but did not file for a new liquor license application with the Village for the new entity until December 2013. Leona's has seven locations in Chicago, one in Des Plaines and one in Oak Park. Tanya Mavrakis introduced herself as the new owner of the businesses, and explained how the oversight in applying for licenses occurred, and the steps taken to rectify the problem,

including the submittal of an application to the Village. The owner also reported that she, the general manager and current staff had completed BASSET Training.

Member Lipic moved and Member Miller seconded a motion to make a recommendation to the Village Board that a license for Original Pizza, LLC, d/b/a Leona's be issued subject to the submittal of a new and completed application to the Village Attorney by Friday, July 25, 2014.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Lipic, Spivy, Mancusi, Miller, and Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

Administrative Report

None.

Board Member Comments

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lipic and seconded by Member Mancusi to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary