



**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall – Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair Sarah Corbin
Present: Chair Sarah Corbin, Member Emily Masalski, Member Melody Kratz, and Member Todd Kuna
Absent: Member Timothy Thomas
Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Assistant Development Customer Services Director Cameron Davis

3. **Agenda Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Masalski to approve the Agenda as presented.

The motion was approved by voice vote and the agenda was approved.

4. **Minutes Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB").

The motion was approved by voice vote and the minutes were approved.

5. **Public Comment:**

None.

6. **New Business:**

A. **Application of Sistar5, Inc., DBA Rustico, for Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-4 Liquor License at 155 S. Oak Park Avenue**

Annabel Medina appeared on behalf of the applicant, Rustico Mediterranean Fusion. The restaurant is moving from its current location at 722 Lake Street to 155 S. Oak Park Avenue. The new location has a refreshed interior and expanded seating capacity. There is no plan to change the alcoholic beverage options from what is now being served. Staff has been trained on proper procedures for serving alcohol. 722 Lake Street will reopen with a new concept (possibly under a new limited liability company).

A motion was made by Member Emily Masalski to approve the application of Sistar5,

Inc., DBA Rustico, for issuance of a Restaurant Class B-4 Liquor License at 155 S. Oak Park Avenue. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kratz, Masalski, Kuna, Corbin

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

B. Application of VFJ Enterprises II Inc., DBA Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, for Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 543 Madison Street

Tanya Van Dyke Johnson appeared on behalf of the applicant, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles. The restaurant opened in Oak Park in December of 2010.

The restaurant currently has a Class B-6 Liquor License (bring-your-own beer or wine). Customers have been requesting service of beer and wine. If approved, the restaurant will offer a limited selection of beer and wine. There will be no active bar and all alcohol service will be tableside.

All restaurant servers and management staff will undergo BASSET training.

A motion was made by Member Kuna to approve the application of VFJ Enterprises II Inc., DBA Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, for issuance of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 543 Madison Street. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kratz, Masalski, Kuna, Corbin

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

C. June 2023 Renewals

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides discussed revising the Village code to remove entities that no longer have an active liquor license. These businesses include Kalamata Greek Cuisine, Inc., DBA Kalamata Kitchen, LMP Services, Inc., DBA Courageous Bakery, Jambal, Inc., DBA Sagano Sushi, Buzz Café, Inc., DBA Buzz Café, Thai Neighbor and the Oak Park Arts District Business Association. In addition, Salerno's Pizza and Pasta of Oak Park, Inc., DBA Salerno's Pizza is in the wrong license class and will be moved from B-1 to B-4. Nando's of Oak Park, LLC, DBA Nando's Peri-Peri is also in the wrong class and will be moved from B-4 to B-2.

A motion was made by Member Masalski to amend the code with the edits suggested by Village Attorney Stephanides for presentation to the Village Board. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

AYES: Kratz, Masalski, Kuna, Corbin
NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

June 2023 Renewals – Taco 76 is past due with taxes.

A motion was made by Member Masalski to approve all the June 2023 renewals with the condition that the Taco 76 license is subject to the payment of its past due taxes. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kuna, Masalski, Corbin, Kratz
NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

7. **Old Business:**

None.

8. **Administrative Report:**

Assistant Development Customer Services Director Cameron Davis spoke regarding upcoming applications. There will be new licenses to consider at next month's LCRB meeting. Unity Temple will be applying for a new license that will remove some of the restrictions on its current license. Another will be for a new prepared food market on Chicago Avenue.

9. **Board Member Comments:**

Welcome to new member Melody Kratz.

10. **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Member Masalski to adjourn the meeting. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary