

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2015**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2015. Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present. Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. was absent.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 8/20/14, 9/17/14, 10/15/14, 11/12/14, 11/19/14, and 12/17/14.

In the absence of Chairman Quarantello, it was decided to table acceptance of the minutes until the next regular meeting.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Luis Carlos Lopez Mejia
d/b/a **La Fonda Paisa**
46 Revere Street
Luis Carlos Lopez Mejia, Manager

Application for a Change of Hours: Application of Luis Carlos Lopez Mejia d/b/a La Fonda Paisa, Luis Carlos Lopez Mejia, Manager, for a change of hours to Monday – Wednesday 11 a.m. – 12 a.m., Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 a.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Luis Carlos Lopez Mejia appeared for the application. His restaurant has been open for 7 years with no problems. He would like to expand his hours in order to improve business. Commissioner Guinasso expressed concerns with the residential nature of the neighborhood, although she agreed that the restaurant had been a good neighbor so far. The applicant's intention is to serve wine and beer with meals, and not as a bar. Lt. Randall attested to the unblemished record of the applicant. Commissioner Guinasso considered that staggered hours are a bit of a problem for monitoring purposes.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, with the amended hours being Sunday 10 a.m. – 12 a.m., and Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 12 a.m.

North Shore 1A Enterprise, Inc.
d/b/a **Wonderland Convenience Store**
1247 North Shore Road
MD M Rahman, Owner & Manager

Application for a new Malt/Wine Package Store License: Application of North Shore 1A Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Wonderland Convenience Store, MD M Rahman, President & Manager, for a Malt/Wine Package Store license, to be exercised at 1247 North Shore Road, Revere, MA. Hours of sale for Malt/Wine Package Store license will be 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. Monday – Saturday, and 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday, subject to state regulations concerning hours of alcohol sales.

MD Rahman appeared for the application, and was represented by his attorney, Tom Truax. As Mr. Rahman failed to notify his abutters, as required by state law, it was necessary to bring the application before the Commission again. Atty. Truax described the measures that would be taken to control the sale of alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Guinasso had been under the impression that Mr. Rahman had notified his abutters, and recalled that Mr. Rahman had told her that he had spoken with the Ward Councillor of the area. Mr. Rahman professed ignorance of the notification requirement.

John Powers, City Councillor for the ward, spoke in opposition to the license. He is also a near neighbor of the proposed business. He had been unable to attend the earlier meeting due to a family emergency. The neighborhood is traditionally family-oriented, and has had no prior liquor stores. He spoke of the two existing package stores in the vicinity, and the playground within 300 feet of the establishment. He discussed the traffic impact on the neighborhood, particularly considering proposed changes to make Shawmut Street one-way, and mentioned neighborhood opposition. He urged the Commission to deny the application.

There were no proponents when called. Atty. Truax addressed the question of making Shawmut Street one-way, saying that he had been in contact with Mass. DOT, who have yet to approve the change, and were considering

making the approach to the store two-way. He also mentioned the difficulty for southbound travelers in approaching the two package stores on the northbound side of North Shore Road.

Councillor Powers spoke again in response, disagreeing with Atty. Truax about the unsettled state of the change to one-way on Shawmut Street. He said he'd received numerous calls in protest, and reiterated his concerns with traffic. He has no problems with the convenience store, as long as it doesn't sell liquor.

Commissioner Guinasso stated that in the absence of Chairman Quarantello, any votes that were not unanimous would be continued until the next meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to deny the application.

HEARINGS

David Lightbody
d/b/a **The Boulevard Bar & Grille**
320 Revere Beach Boulevard
David Lightbody, Owner & Manager

Hearing: Hearing regarding David Lightbody d/b/a The Boulevard Bar & Grille, David Lightbody, Owner & Manager, to review measures from hearing of 11/19/14, and to consider intervening incidents, including a melee on 11/27/14 that resulted in injuries and property damage.

David Lightbody appeared for the hearing. He has added cameras to the outside of his establishment since the 11/27 incident, and had added security and metal-detecting wands before. He apologized for the incident. He was not on the premises that night. He had no DJ that night. Commissioner Guinasso asked for Lt. Randall's observations. Lt. Randall had examined the location of the cameras, and the police have noted that it has been fairly quiet at the establishment in recent weeks. He did not see any obvious changes that should be made by management beyond the measures already taken. Commissioner Guinasso remarked on the small capacity of the establishment, and wondered why so much trouble would happen in such a small place, particularly in light of the changes that have been made.

Councillor Powers spoke for the license holder. He suggested a warning, in view of the changes implemented by Mr. Lightbody. Commissioner Guinasso suggested that Mr. Lightbody appear before the Commission next month for further review. Mr. Lightbody said that he believes he has made the correct changes to "right the ship" and that another month might show significant improvement. Commissioner LaCroix recommended that Mr. Lightbody spend more time on the premises himself rather than relying on his employees to manage the establishment, particularly on weekends or holidays.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue the matter to a review hearing next month, with the caveat that, if there are any incidents in the interim, the Commission will schedule a special meeting and assess penalties.

Cafeteria Las Delicias Colombianas, Inc.

86 Shirley Avenue
Nurth Cordero, Manager

Show Cause Hearing: Show Cause hearing for Cafeteria Las Delicias Colombianas, Inc., Nurth Cordero, Manager, to determine if cause exists to consider sanctions for service past 2:00 a.m., intoxicated patrons, and an intoxicated manager.

Nurth Cordero appeared for the hearing, and was represented by Attorney Cory Rhoades from D'Ambrosio Brown, LLP. Atty. Rhoades submitted a memorandum outlining the license holder's plans to prevent any further incidents, and expressed his client's remorse for the events, stressing their previously blameless record, and their desire to avoid any future violations. They will be reviewing all internal procedures and controls and communicating with their staff. One of their security personnel had to leave for a family emergency, which may have contributed to the lapse. The person who identified himself to police as a manager (and was considered intoxicated by the police), was not the manager, but is a family member who works there during the day. The actual manager, Nurth Cordero, was present that night.

Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke on behalf of the establishment. He urged leniency for the license holders, stressing their unblemished record, and their record as good neighbors in his ward. He suggested that a stern warning might suffice.

Sgt. Patricia Carey testified as to the events of the evening. The window grates were down at the establishment, requiring officers to go look in the windows, where they saw patrons drinking at 2:05. They began clearing the patrons out, one of the patrons became belligerent and was arrested, after which her husband intervened, and required arrest as well. Sgt. Carey expressed surprise at finding this establishment in violation, and stated that the management had helped the police in removing patrons and closing down the establishment. She described this restaurant as one of their quiet places. In response to a question from Commissioner Guinasso, Sgt. Carey described the management as very apologetic.

Commissioner LaCroix admonished Ms. Cordero to ensure that her employees don't identify themselves as manager when they are not working in that capacity. Commissioner Guinasso spoke sternly about the inexcusable nature of violating the 2:00 a.m. rule. The license holder was also directed to leave the window grates open until the establishment closes. It was then VOTED to place the matter on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of a decision that KST Corporation d/b/a Bill Ash's Lounge violated fire and safety regulations. The ABCC suspended the license for 3 days, but held the suspension in abeyance for 2 years provided no further violations occur.
2. Notice from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of continuation of a hearing for Boulevard Café Corp. d/b/a Sammy's Patio to determine if safety regulations were violated with a blocked exit. New hearing date is 1/20/15 at 10:30 a.m.
3. Notice from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of continuation of a hearing for Boulevard Café Corp. d/b/a Sammy's Patio to determine if fire and safety regulations were violated. New hearing date is 1/20/15 at 11:00 a.m.
4. Notice from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of a decision that Eddie Mac's Lounge, Inc. d/b/a Atlantic Lounge violated fire and safety regulations. The ABCC suspended the license for 3 days, but held the suspension in abeyance for 2 years provided no further violations occur.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014

Class 1 Motor Vehicle Dealer

The Bikers Outfitter, Inc., 1039 Broadway

Common Victualler

Happy Garden Revere, Inc., 80 Revere Beach Boulevard

The Delta Hellenic Company, LLC d/b/a **Revere House of Pizza**, 354 Broadway

Mustafa Elbach d/b/a **El Madina**, 148 Squire Road

Makkah Market, Inc., 1 Unity Avenue

Peter Fotopoulos d/b/a **Peter's Super Beef**, 1485 North Shore Road

Mehrun Islam d/b/a **7-Eleven #34393**, 127 Broadway

Papa Gino's, Inc., 125 Squire Road

Calixto, Inc. d/b/a **Bridge Pizzeria**, 800 Washington Avenue

N. Pizza, Inc. d/b/a **Nonni's Pizza**, 750 Washington Avenue

Uncle Nino's Restaurant, Inc., 313 Park Avenue

The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

Guillermo & Javier, Inc. d/b/a **Los Pinos Mexican Grill Restaurant 2**, 227 Revere Street

Bajza, Inc. d/b/a **Papa Jack's**, 327 Broadway

Dritta Foods, LLC d/b/a **Nick's Place**, 64 Revere Beach Boulevard

Entertainment

The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

Guillermo & Javier, Inc. d/b/a **Los Pinos Mexican Grill Restaurant 2**, 227 Revere Street

Bajza, Inc. d/b/a **Papa Jack's**, 327 Broadway

Secondhand Dealer

Nyan Corporation d/b/a **Cash Point**, 7C Everett Street

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on February 18, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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