

**MINUTES  
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 3:00 p.m. on January 20, 2016. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.**

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 8/19/15 and 9/16/15.

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

**VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Belle Isle Rotary Club**

Comfort Inn & Suites  
85 American Legion Highway  
Ashley Melnik, Contact

**Application for a Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine:** Application of the Belle Isle Rotary Club, Ashley Melnik, Contact, for a special one-day license to serve beer and wine, to be exercised at a function room in the Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 for a Paint Night fundraising event.

Ashley Melnik appeared for the application. This was a successful event last year, and so the Rotary Club is holding another this year.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application.

**Fiesta Shows**

15 Pine Street  
Seabrook, NH  
John Flynn, Manager

**Application for a Carnival License:** Application of Fiesta Shows, 15 Pine Street, Seabrook, NH, John Flynn, Manager, for a Carnival License to be exercised at The Showcase Cinemas parking lot, 565 Squire Road, Revere, MA, from March 24, 2016 through April 18, 2016, with requested hours of operation being Monday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

John Flynn appeared for the application. The Commission began by referencing an incident from last year's carnival, and asking what measures would be taken to prevent such occurrences this year. Mr. Flynn believes that the incident itself was a result of an unusual concatenation of circumstances – exceptionally warm weather, the night before Good Friday, and a wristband event – and not likely to happen again. However, he had met with the Mayor and Chief of Police after the incident, and Fiesta Shows has “an open book” with police details, meaning that the number of police details is at the discretion of the police, and that any police present on a given night, or any carnival managers, may increase the number of detail officers at any time. The Commission also inquired about the payments to the City from this carnival. The McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee receives a percentage of ticket sales from this carnival.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

99 West, LLC  
d/b/a **99 Restaurant and Pub**  
121 VFW Parkway  
Tanya Soucy, Manager

**Application for a Change of Manager:** Application of 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant and Pub, 121 VFW Parkway, Revere, MA, Tanya Soucy, Manager, for a change of manager from Michael Dirks to Tanya Soucy.

Tanya Soucy appeared for the application. 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.

Beach Mount Corporation  
d/b/a **Beachmont Roast Beef**  
629 Winthrop Avenue  
Andy Orphanos, President and Manager

**Application to Transfer a Common Victualler License and Change of Hours:** Application of Beach Mount Corporation d/b/a Beachmont Roast Beef, 629 Winthrop Avenue, Andy Orphanos, President and Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from Gege and Vango, Inc., to be exercised at the same location. Requested seating to remain at 20 seats, requested hours of operation to be Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 2 a.m., closed Sunday.

Andy Orphanos appeared for the application. He has been in the restaurant business his entire life, and he presently owns a pizza store in South Boston. He plans to keep this restaurant the same, except that he intends to add seafood to the menu. There was some discussion among the Commission about the change of hours. In the end, they felt it better to set the closing hour at 1 a.m. rather than 2 a.m. on a trial basis, with the license holder having the option to return before the Commission to increase his hours if he still wished to at a later date.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to approve the transfer of license, with the hours of operation being set at Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Select Car & Truck Rental, Inc.  
60 VFW Parkway  
James Marcotte, President and Manager

**Application for a Parking Lot License:** Application of Select Car & Truck Rental, Inc., 60 VFW Parkway, James Marcotte, President and Manager, for a new parking lot license to be exercised at 135 American Legion Highway, with requested number of spaces being 239, to be open 24 hours/7 days.

This item was continued at the request of the applicant's attorney.

## **HEARINGS**

Cinco de Mayo II, Inc.  
d/b/a **Pancho Villa Mexican Grill**  
124 Centennial Avenue  
Jose Chino, Manager

**Hearing:** Hearing regarding Cinco de Mayo II, Inc. d/b/a Pancho Villa Mexican Grill, Jose Chino, Manager, concerning a pattern of late-night disturbances requiring police intervention and arrests. This matter is continued from the meeting of November 18, 2015.

The Commission first heard from Revere Police Sgt. Patricia Carey. The police monitor this establishment, along with others in the city, as part of their usual directed patrols. They do not see any real troubles at this establishment. On those occasions where an incident occurs, the police find them cooperative and helpful.

Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke against the establishment. He has received complaints from residents about noisy patrons leaving at 2 a.m., and a complaint on 1/11/16 about music at 1 a.m. He feels that the business should do a better job at dispersing their patrons and that their hours should be rolled back. Commissioner Guinasso suggested that one step residents could take would be to call the police, which would provide ongoing evidence of any issues. Councillor Novoselsky agreed, but contended that police call takers are not always receptive to people who call in complaints. He suggested that the establishment should better monitor the parking area. Sgt. Carey observed that many patrons park on the streets in the area, and walk to their cars at closing time, which might account for some of the noise.

Madeline Chino appeared for the hearing. They have security for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. At closing time, 1 of the three security personnel is outside monitoring the departing patrons. They have made last call at 1:20, begin ushering patrons out at 1:40, and close by 1:50. The music is lowered at 1 a.m. and shut off entirely by 1:35. They use their DJ to announce at 1:20 that it's time for last call, and to get ready to leave, and to remind patrons that they should be considerate of the neighbors. The Commission considered that the establishment has shown responsibility and taken positive measures. They suggested some additional measures: for the outside

security to broaden their perimeter somewhat; for the music to be made quiet enough at 1 a.m. that it cannot be heard outside; and for signs to be posted urging patrons to respect the neighbors' peace. Ms. Chino agreed to these changes.

There were no proponents when called, and no additional opponents. The Commission closed the matter.

388 Broadway, LLC  
d/b/a **Volare**  
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Cecilia Maya, Manager

**Hearing:** Hearing regarding 388 Broadway, LLC d/b/a Volare, Cecilia Maya, Manager, concerning unreported assaults & battery that occurred on the premises.

Revere Police Sgt. Patricia Carey reported approximately 120 entries for Volare within the past year. Since 7/11/15, these have included 10 disturbances (drunkenness, fights, arguments, etc.), 2 assaults with dangerous weapons, 2 arrests, and a 911 hang up. The management of the establishment has not once called the police, even for the two assaults (one of them serious). Management does not cooperate with police, they do not provide video when requested (e.g., for the assaults), and they have been known to claim that incidents took place outside when police investigations conclude they took place inside. These incidents are usually on the weekends, between 10 p.m. and closing. In response to a question from Commissioner Guinasso, Sgt. Carey replied that, in her opinion, many of these incidents involved over-service. Commissioner Guinasso also asked if the staff of Volare ever aided or supported police in dealing with intoxicated patrons, and was told, no, they do not. Revere Police Lt. David Callahan spoke about the two assaults. In one case, police, responding to a 911 hang up, found blood and glass all over the floor from where a patron had received serious injury to his face. Lt. Callahan expressed grave concerns about the fact that management does not call police, no matter how serious the incident.

Cecilia Maya and Salvatore Gaglio, the chef/manager, appeared for the hearing. Ms. Maya first addressed the two recent assaults in her establishment. In the more serious of the assaults, she apologized for her staff's failure to call police, but attributed it to her bar manager's rush to get the victim to the hospital, as well as the shock of the event. In the second assault, she stated that the victim had said she had no need for help, and that she and her companion stayed the evening at the restaurant, so the staff had felt police intervention was unnecessary. Ms. Maya stated that they had changed their policy, instructing all staff members to call the police for any incident, however minor. When questioned about her establishment's unwillingness to provide video surveillance to the police, she stated that she and her staff were unable to properly work the surveillance software. Most, but not all of her staff are TIPS certified, and she will work to ensure that all are certified as soon as possible.

The Commission noted that the tenor of the restaurant changes from quiet restaurant to disruptive bar at around 10 p.m., and asked why this might be so. Ms. Maya suggested that the later crowd is generally made up of young people, who are more apt to respond physically to perceived irritants instead of using their words. Dinner is served until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 p.m. on Sundays, with bar food available later. Ms. Maya and Mr. Gaglio did not suggest any steps they had taken or intended to take to mitigate the problems, although they did say that they had not been engaging police details because of the expense. Commissioner LaCroix concluded that there had been a failure in managing the later crowd, and reminded Ms. Maya and Mr. Gaglio of their potential liability, particularly in view of that failure.

The Commission decided to close the matter and place it on file, with the following conditions: 1) management would provide the Commission with written procedures for managing their post-10 p.m. crowd; 2) they would engage police details for Friday and Saturday nights from 10:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m.; 3) they would take whatever steps necessary to be able to quickly provide police with copies of their video surveillance when asked; and 4) they would ensure that all employees receive their TIPS certification within the next 30 days, and inform the Commission when that is done.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Form 43 from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving a change of manager for Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill.
2. Form 43 from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving a Malt/Wine Package Store license for Sharad Shah d/b/a The Breadbasket Discount Store.
3. Notice of Hearing from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to determine if The Dining Room, Inc. d/b/a Sebastian's Restaurant has violated Massachusetts General Laws, c. 151A, §§14, 15, and 45 (relating to unemployment insurance). Hearing date is Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.
4. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving a Malt/Wine Restaurant license for Antonella's, Inc.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

**LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2016**

**Common Victualler**

Aamwal, Inc. d/b/a **Nick's Bistro**, 169 Squire Road  
William A. Niosi III & Yuvraj Singh d/b/a **Subway**, 3 Everett Street  
**Uncle Nino's Restaurant, Inc.**, 313 Park Avenue  
Dritta Foods, LLC d/b/a **Nick's Place**, 64 Revere Beach Boulevard  
The Delta-Hellenic Company, LLC d/b/a **Revere House of Pizza**, 354 Broadway  
Peter Fotopoulos d/b/a **Peter's Super Beef**, 1485 North Shore Road  
Bajza, Inc. d/b/a **Papa Jack's**, 327 Broadway  
Café Montecristo, Inc. d/b/a **Montecristo Mexican Grill**, 364 Broadway

**Entertainment**

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**Motor Vehicle Sales – Class 2**

**Metropolitan Acceptance Corp.**, 1605 North Shore Road

**Secondhand Dealer**

Larry Bagnera d/b/a **Lavilla Jewelry**, 396 Broadway

**Pawnbroker**

Larry Bagnera d/b/a **Lavilla Jewelry**, 396 Broadway

**Gold, Silver, Precious Metals & Jewelry Dealer**

Larry Bagnera d/b/a **Lavilla Jewelry**, 396 Broadway

**Flea Market**

International Recreational Industries, Inc. d/b/a **Revere Swap N Shop**, 565 Squire Road

**LATE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:**

**Motor Vehicle Sales – Class 2**

**Motorcycles of Manchester, Inc.**, 184 Broadway  
Pat Tata, Jr. d/b/a **Millennium Motors**, 190 American Legion Highway  
**Exotic Auto Group, Inc.**, 212 Everett Street

**Parking Lot**

Revere Hospitality, LLC d/b/a **Hampton Inn**, 230 Lee Burbank Highway

**Hotel**

Revere Hospitality, LLC d/b/a **Hampton Inn**, 230 Lee Burbank Highway

It was unanimously VOTED to approve the above renewals.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on February 17, 2016, 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 4:30 p.m.

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Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

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Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2016