

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 22, 2016**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 2:00 p.m. on June 22, 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 5/18/16.

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

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC
d/b/a **Boston Harley-Davidson**
649-1 Squire Road
Bill Peary, Contact

Application for Six Special 1-day Licenses: Application of Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC d/b/a Boston Harley-Davidson, Bill Peary, Contact, for six 1-day licenses for beer and wine with entertainment, all to be exercised at 649-1 Squire Road for a series of customer events, on: Thursday, 6/23 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., with band; Saturday, 6/25 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with band and stunt riders; Saturday, 7/9 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with band and stunt riders; Thursday, 7/21 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., with band; Thursday, 8/18 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. with band; and Thursday, 9/15 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., with DJ.

Due to the late arrival of the applicant, this application was taken out of order. Bill Peary appeared for the application. This is for a series of customer events, similar to events held last year. Previous events have gone well, with no incidents. Alcohol service is limited to two beers, with wristbands indicating those who provide proper ID.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to approve all six 1-day licenses, with the condition that there always be one detail officer retained for the events, and that additional officers be retained for the Saturday events, if the judgment of police or management deems it needed.

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 Seaside Parking Lot, 646-660 Ocean Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts, from July 7th until July 17th, 2016, with requested hours of operation being Monday – Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Due to the late arrival of the applicant, this application was taken out of order. After the applicant failed to appear a second time when called, the Commission heard from residents who had come to the meeting to speak against the application. The applicant arrived during this process. John Flynn appeared for the application, while the Commission was hearing from opposing residents.

Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke against the application. He acknowledged the past carnivals held at this location, but pointed out that the neighborhood has changed dramatically with the construction of new residential apartments, and is no longer a suitable place for a carnival. He has been bombarded with communications from residents in opposition, and he read an email into the record that he had received from a resident of the Vanguard building near the proposed site opposing the application.

Tanya Friedman, managing agent for 382 Ocean Avenue spoke against the application, and presented a petition by residents of her building. She spoke of the traffic issues, the parking, and the detriment to their peace and quiet posed by the carnival, and considers the carnival will create an increase in physical violence in the neighborhood. Councillor Novoselsky added that he had heard from residents of other Ocean Avenue buildings, including 394, 388, 364, 370, and 376. He stressed that he is not opposed to the carnival itself, but simply the proposed location.

Catherine Penn spoke in opposition to the application. She found it discouraging that money was the root of all evil, and suggested that City officials were allowing their greed for money to cause them to ignore the comfort of residents such as herself.

The Commission acknowledged the concerns, and agreed with the issue of location. They did point out that the money the City received from the carnival had been used for good causes. Commissioner Guinasso expressed a worry about the number of events going on in the city at the same time, and its effect on policing requirements.

John Flynn then appeared for the application. The Commission apprised him of the neighboring opposition, and suggested that the proposed location was not the best location, given the changes to the area. The Commission did, however, clarify that they had no objections to considering another location. After some discussion, it was decided to table the matter to allow the applicant to find another location. The Commission agreed that, given the time constraints, they would be willing to hold a special meeting to consider the application at a different location.

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

G.F. Enterprise, LLC
d/b/a **Taco Bell**
339 Squire Road
George Fellows, LLC Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of G.F. Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell, George Fellows, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 339 Squire Road from Nantucket Fast Foods, Inc. Requested hours are Sun – Thurs 7 a.m. – 2 a.m., Fri – Sat 7 a.m. – 3 a.m., requested seating is 62. – **Continued from May meeting.**

Due to the late arrival of the applicant, this application was taken out of order. Mohammad Bellamari appeared for the application. He is the district manager, and has been since the ownership was transferred in April, 2015. There have been no changes to the operation, other than a difference in hours that were originally on the license. After some discussion, the Board elected to amend the application to include the change of hours.

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, including the change of hours.

Sabor Salvadoreno Restaurant, LLC
227 Revere Street
Endis Obregon & Pilar Obregon, LLC Managers

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Sabor Salvadoreno Restaurant, LLC, Pilar Obregon and Endis Obregon, LLC Managers, to transfer a Common Victualler license exercised at 227 Revere Street, Revere, MA from Sandra Sanchez. Requested seating is 30.

Endis Obregon appeared for the application, assisted by Daniel Surian. As the application had been disapproved by the Board of Health, the Commission decided to table the matter until such time as all inspectional approvals have been obtained. The matter was continued indefinitely.

Speakeasy Sports Bar, LLC
d/b/a **Speakeasy Sports Bar**
118 Broadway
David Lightbody, LLC Manager

Application for a General On-Premises All Alcohol License and an Entertainment License: Application of Speakeasy Sports Bar, LLC, David Lightbody, LLC Manager, for an All Alcohol General On-Premises license and an Entertainment license, to be exercised at 118 Broadway, Revere, MA, on Sunday – Saturday from 11 a.m. – 2 a.m., with requested seating for 60. Entertainment to consist of 11 widescreen cable TVs, radio, and jukebox.

David Lightbody appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Lesley St. Germain. He plans to maintain the same operation as in the previous establishment, as a neighborhood bar with no food service. Mr. Lightbody plans to be on the premises approximately 40 hours/week.

Ward Councillor Patrick Keefe spoke in favor of the application. The applicant submitted letters from neighbors indicating support. There were no opponents when called. Commissioner Guinasso expressed concerns about the lack of food service with alcohol.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to approve the application.

HEARINGS

Washington Liquors, Inc.
d/b/a **E-Z Liquors**
750 Washington Avenue
Bhavin Patel, Manager

Hearing: Hearing concerning police report of selling alcohol to an underage person during a compliance check.

Bhavin Patel appeared for the hearing, accompanied by Fred Tobin, the sales person who had made the sale. The Commission first heard from Lt. Randall, who had been involved in the compliance check. This was their second failure of an underage compliance check in less than two months. In both cases, the minor child working for the police was 17 years old. Mr. Tobin stated that in forty-two years of liquor sales, this was his first sale to an underage person. Mr. Patel stated that respect for his elders creates difficulties in speaking harshly to his staff over these mistakes, as the staff is all men in their fifties or sixties.

Chairman Quarantello pointed out that this was two violations in two subsequent stings within two months, which demonstrated a lack of responsibility on the part of the license holder. The Commission had seen no indication that the establishment had made any plans to prevent sales to minors. Commissioner Guinasso agreed in these concerns, and remarked on the technology currently used by most liquor stores, which requires IDs to be scanned before purchase.

Commissioner Guinasso made a motion to suspend the license for three days, suggesting the dates of June 25 – 27. Commissioner LaCroix made a substitute motion to have the license suspended for two days, and have the license holder return in one month with a concrete plan to prevent future violations. Commissioner LaCroix's substitute motion failed. Chairman Quarantello seconded Commissioner Guinasso's motion, and it was VOTED to suspend the license for three days. The license holder was advised of his right to appeal the suspension to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and assured that, if he did appeal, any unserved suspension time would be held in abeyance until the ABCC reached a decision on the matter.

At this point, Catherine Penn, a resident of Revere, addressed the Commission to ask if the license holder could remain open during his suspension to sell non-alcoholic products. She was informed that the establishment could NOT remain open during suspension, but that, in any case, this establishment only sells liquor.

Squire Road Station, Inc.
174 Squire Road
Ahmad Selman, Manager

Hearing: Hearing concerning police report of selling alcohol to an underage person during a compliance check.

Mr. Selman was neither present nor represented. The matter was continued until the July meeting, which is the second continuance, with the caveat that the Commission would act upon the matter in July whether or not the establishment was represented.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to table the matter, with the proviso that a third failure by the license holder to appear would not prohibit the Commission from acting on the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the transfer of a wine and malt package store license to **Orange Grove Market, Inc.** at 158 Shirley Avenue.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on July 20, 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 3:35 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2016