

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 20, 2016**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 3:00 p.m. on July 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.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Revere Beach Partnership

150 Beach Street
Adam Benoit, Event Manager

Application for Two Special One-Day All Alcohol Licenses: Application of Revere Beach Partnership, 150 Beach Street, Revere, Adam Benoit, Event Manager, for two Special One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, to be exercised in a VIP tent on Revere Beach. The requested dates and times are Friday, 7/22/16, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., and Saturday, 7/23/16, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Both events are receptions for the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival.

Adam Benoit appeared for the application. This is an annual event. The receptions are held within a tent, and professionally catered. Wristbands are used, bartenders are TIPS-certified, and they engage a State police detail.

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

Broadway Pizza, Inc.

266 Broadway
Moawwad Abougalala, President and Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Broadway Pizza, Inc., Moawwad Abougalala, President and Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 266 Broadway from Enterprise Liquor Store, Inc., for takeout and delivery of pizza, subs and more, with no seating, and requested hours from 9 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Moawwad Abougalala appeared for the application. He will be operating the pizza shop separately from the adjoining liquor store (both had previously been under the same management). There are no expected changes to the operation other than the name change.

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 table the application.

Abeer & Associates Investment Group, LLC
d/b/a **Aladdin House of Kebab and Shawarma**
148 Squire Road
Abdelali Elhasany, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Abeer & Associates Investment Group, LLC d/b/a Aladdin House of Kebab and Shawarma, Abdelali Elhasany, Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 148 Squire Road from Mustafa Elbach, for eat-in, takeout, delivery and table service of Middle Eastern cuisine, with seating for 32 and requested hours of operation from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Abdelali Elhasany appeared for the application. He has experience in the industry, and has a chef who has over 13 years experience. He plans to be on site 10 – 12 hours each day.

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.

Heng Chang, Inc.
d/b/a **Jing's Garden**

163 Squire Road
Willy Li, President and Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Heng Chang, Inc. d/b/a Jing's Garden, Willy Li, President and Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 163 Squire Road from Jing's Revere, Inc., for eat-in, takeout, delivery of Asian food, with seating for 30, and requested hours of operation Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., Friday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Willy Li appeared for the application. This is a transfer of ownership, with no change in operations.

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

Chocolaffee, LLC
2 Park Avenue
Angelica Cardona-Ramirez, LLC Manager

Application for a Common Victualler License: Application of Chocolaffee, LLC, Angelica Cardona-Ramirez, LLC Manager, for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 2 Park Avenue, for takeout service of chocolates, candies and coffee, with no seating, and requested hours of 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Angelica Cardona-Ramirez appeared for the application, assisted by Tom Hill. This operation will be selling high-end chocolate and candies, for purchase in the store and for weddings, party favors, and other catering options. In the store, they will sell coffee, chocolates, bagels and pastries. The business will be operated by two sisters, both of whom have many years experience in the industry. The proposed location is still under construction.

The applicant requested an amendment to include entertainment consisting of radio and TV. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the amendment to the application.

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, subject to receipt of all inspectional approvals when construction is completed.

Maekha Thai, LLC
d/b/a **Maekha Thai Restaurant**
163 Squire Road
Louis Schorr, Manager

Application for a Change of License Type: Application of Maekha Thai, LLC d/b/a Maekha Thai Restaurant, Louis Schorr, Manager, to change type of an Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License from Wine, Malt & Cordials to All Alcoholic Beverages, said license exercised at 163 Squire Road.

Louis Schorr appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Lane Goldberg. His restaurant is open from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. As it is an upscale restaurant, he has lost business from customers who would like spirits with their dinner, and so he is requesting the change of alcohol type.

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.

Primos Partners, LLC
d/b/a **Fajita's Sports Bar & Restaurant**
46 Revere Street
Nicolas Portillo, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Malt/Wine Restaurant License: Application of Primos Partners, LLC d/b/a Fajita's Sports Bar & Restaurant, Nicolas Portillo, Manager, for transfer of a Malt/Wine Restaurant license exercised at 46 Revere Street from La Fonda Americana, Inc., for eat-in, takeout, delivery and table service of Spanish food, with seating for 28, requested hours of operation from 7 a.m. – 12 a.m., and requested entertainment consisting of radio and television.

Nicolas Portillo and Jose Landaverde appeared for the application, represented by their attorney, Jillian Bargar. Mr. Portillo, the proposed manager of the restaurant, has several years of experience managing restaurants. They anticipate no real changes to the operation other than menu, and a request to open at 7 a.m. in order to serve breakfast.

The Commission recollected that there had been complaints about this establishment recently. Commissioner Guinasso spoke of broken bottles on the sidewalks and loud patrons exiting the establishment at 11 p.m., citing the highly residential nature of the area. The Commission strongly suggested that the new owners make every effort to be good neighbors, taking care to police their area for noise and cleanliness. They also reminded them that City ordinances restrict the times businesses can receive deliveries at their establishments.

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.

Mahavir Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a **Convenient Market and Deli**
270 Broadway
Dineshbhai Patel, Manager

Application for a Malt/Wine Package Store License: Application of Mahavir Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Convenient Market and Deli, Dineshbhai Patel, Manager, for a Malt/Wine Package Store license to be exercised at 270 Broadway.

Rajendra Patel, Hardik Patel and Dineshbhai Patel appeared for the application, represented by their attorney, Lawrence Simeone. This is a family-run business, which the applicants have owned since 2001. They are applying for this license in order to remain competitive, as many similar stores on Broadway currently sell beer and wine. They intend to buy an ID scanner, and ensure that all employees are TIPS-certified. Attorney Simeone submitted a petition supporting this application. The applicants have also offered to take on the responsibility for keeping the entire area surrounding the building clean, as an act of neighborliness.

Chairman Quarantello spoke of complaints he had received from neighboring residents prior to the meeting. Not all of the complaints were about the particular establishment, but he did request that the applicants, if approved, take particular care in policing the cleanliness of their area. The Commission discussed the specific arrangements for selling alcohol in that store, and the applicants' plan for control during those hours in which alcohol sales are barred. The Commission stressed the responsibility of a liquor license, and the need to be sensitive to neighboring residents. The applicants promised that they would not sell alcoholic beverages before obtaining their ID scanner.

John Wood, proprietor of Woody's Liquors, approximately 30 feet away from the proposed licensed premises, spoke in opposition to the application. He contended that his store already adequately serves the needs of the neighborhood for alcoholic beverages. He also questioned the character of the applicants, and questioned whether a liquor license should be granted to a store which includes children among its patrons. He stated that he had never received the required abutter notification of the application, and was only made aware of it because of his presence at the meeting for his hearing (for selling alcohol to an underage person during a compliance check). Commissioner Guinasso explained that the City has a certain number of licenses to grant under the state quota, and cannot withhold licenses without due cause.

Seven neighboring residents spoke in favor of the application. They all attested to the applicants' probity, charity, and cleanliness. One neighbor spoke of kindnesses offered in the aftermath of the tornado, when he had the care of his grandchildren and the power was out. Several mentioned that they frequently see the applicants sweeping up the area around their store.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, with the conditions that the applicants police the area around their store for cleanliness and also buy an ID scanner.

NOTE: at this time, Commissioner LaCroix left the meeting. It was announced that any votes on which the two remaining Commissioners could not reach agreement would be continued until the next meeting.

DVI 407 Squire Road, LLC
d/b/a **Four Points Boston Logan**
407 Squire Road
Michael Buddemeyer, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Hotel License: Application of DVI 407 Squire Road, LLC d/b/a Four Points Boston Logan, Michael Buddemeyer, Manager, for transfer of a Hotel license exercised at 407 Squire Road from Logan Hospitality Associates, LLC. Number of rooms is 168.

Michael Buddemeyer appeared for the application. DVI 407 Squire Road, LLC is a sub-company of Driftwood Hospitality Management, which has been in operation since 1992, and has 52 hotels in 22 states. They purchased the hotel in March. In future, they are planning a multi-million dollar renovation of the hotel, but for this moment, there are no changes in operation.

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.

HEARINGS

Enterprise Liquor Store, Inc.
d/b/a **Woody's Liquors**
264-266 Broadway
John Wood, Manager

Review Hearing: Review hearing arising from sale of alcohol to an underage person during a compliance check in April.

John Wood appeared for the hearing. There have been no additional violations since his last hearing. Mr. Wood informed the Commission that he had replaced the employees who were involved in the violation. Mr. Wood also asked if, in the spirit of competition, he might begin selling groceries in his liquor store; he was told that he may certainly apply for the necessary licenses and permits to do so.

The hearing was closed, although the violation will remain on file.

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. – **Continued from June meeting.**

Ahmad Selman appeared for the hearing. He apologized to the Commission for the violation, saying that both he and his clerk had suffered a lapse of attention, which would not happen again. Commissioner Guinasso suggested that he consider obtaining an ID scanner, which Mr. Selman said he would consider doing. Lt. Randall spoke of the establishment's checkered past with the License Commission, and pointed out that the establishment, while in possession of a liquor license for some time, had only begun selling liquor approximately two weeks before the compliance check, and in that check, they sold to a young-looking 17-year-old, implying that they were not exercising any diligence in ID checking. When the police entered the store to inform them of their violation, they asked the clerk who made the sale for identification, as they are required to do by law. She did not have identification, so was asked to provide the police with her name and information. Mr. Selman wrote down the information, but they later discovered that Mr. Selman had provided them with his name instead. Mr. Selman apologized, saying it was a mistake, made because the responsibility for all sales rests with him.

The Commission spoke to Mr. Selman about the responsibilities of a license holder, and the penalties he may be subject to in violating the law. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the matter for two years, pending further violations.

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

Hearing: Hearing concerning possible service to intoxicated person.

The license holder was neither present nor represented. The Commission heard from Lt. Randall about the facts of the case: a patron left the establishment at about 1:00 a.m., got into his car in the presence of police officers, and immediately drove off in such a way as to ensure his arrest for drunk driving. The Commission decided to table the matter until the August meeting, with the proviso that they will act on the matter whether the license holder attends or not.

Revere Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1272

470 Broadway

Wesley Clemons, Manager

Hearing: Hearing concerning reports of service to intoxicated persons.

Wesley Clemons appeared for the hearing, accompanied by the club's bar manager, Julio Gonzalez. The Commission first heard from Lt. Randall, who summarized the incident: at about 8 p.m., police came upon a woman assisting a severely intoxicated man into his car. The gentleman in question was too drunk to walk, and was accompanied by a friend in a similar state. The woman told police that she was the bartender; that it was "all right" because she had taken the keys to the car, and that the gentlemen were regulars who frequently get this drunk, and sleep it off in their cars. Lt. Randall had seen police video of one of the gentlemen, who was described as 'legless' and far too drunk to drive, or even walk properly.

When asked to account for this, Mr. Clemons said that he had not been aware of the incident prior to receiving a summons from the Commission, but that the bartender was new, and also worked at the Sons of Revere. He suggested that the patrons had come from the Sons of Revere, and that they had simply followed this bartender to the Moose Club. He agreed that it was inexcusable, and mentioned an agreement that the club has with a local cab company. He deferred to Mr. Gonzalez for a more complete explanation.

Mr. Gonzalez described it as a case of bad judgment on the part of the bartender. He explained that she had been working upstairs at a function when someone else notified her of the intoxicated gentlemen, and that she had found them attempting to cross the street and was merely assisting them to sit somewhere that wasn't on the sidewalk while she called a cab for them. Mr. Clemons again alleged that it was the Sons of Revere who had allowed the gentlemen to become intoxicated.

The Commission reminded them that the police incident report stated that the patrons had been at the Moose Club for two hours, and found it extremely unlikely that they were able to leave in that state without having been served any drinks; therefore, they had either arrived sober or drunk, but had likely been served in all cases, which was the responsibility of the Moose Club. The Commission expressed a desire to hear from the bartender herself, if she is available, and also see protocols for the Moose Club to handle such situations. They were extremely disturbed by the event itself, the lack of procedures to handle such situations, and the fact that the Moose Club has been before the Commission as frequently as it has.

The Commission tabled the matter until the August meeting, at which time they expect them to return with protocols, and the bartender, if she is still available to the club.

Four Partners, Inc.

d/b/a **Antonia's at the Beach**

492 Revere Beach Boulevard

Rodrigo Angulo, Manager

Hearing: Hearing concerning possible violations of entertainment licensing laws and state regulations.

The license holder was neither present nor represented. The Commission decided to table the matter until the August meeting, with the proviso that they will act on the matter whether the license holder attends or not. In addition, they will have the police monitor the establishment to ensure that it adheres to the conditions of its entertainment license, and, if they find the business non-compliant, it is to be shut down until the August meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice of hearing from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to determine if The Dining Room, Inc. d/b/a **Sebastian's Restaurant**, is in violation of laws relating to unemployment insurance.
2. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving new officers for **Revere Lodge #1171 of the B.P.O.E. of U.S.A., Inc.**
3. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving a new all alcohol restaurant license for Nino's Italian Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a **Nino's Italian Restaurant**.
4. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of a Return No Action for **Beach Hospitality, LLC**: requesting further documents.
5. **LATE COMMUNICATION:** Request from Patsy, Inc. d/b/a **Renzo's Brick Oven Pizzeria**, to extend the hours of their outdoor seating from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and to allow the doors to remain open until 11:30 p.m.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

The Commission discussed the late communication by Patsy, Inc. d/b/a **Renzo Brick Oven Pizzeria** requesting an extension of hours for its outside dining. They scheduled a special meeting for August 3, 2016 to consider the application, with notification going to abutting residents due to the many issues raised by neighbors of the establishment. *(NOTE: the neighbors took issue with the date, and the application was rescheduled for the regular meeting of August 17, 2016.)*

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on August 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 4:50 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2016