MINUTES LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2015. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present. Commissioner John M. LaCroix, absent.

Due to the absence of Commissioner LaCroix, it was announced that if the two present Commissioners disagree on any issue, it shall be continued until the next meeting, when all Commissioners would be present.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

St. Anthony of Padua Church

250 Revere Street Father George Butera, Contact

<u>Application for Special 1-day license for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler and Entertainment:</u> Application of St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere Street, for a special 1-day license for beer/wine, food and entertainment, to be exercised at the same location on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 6 p.m. – 12 a.m. for a dinner commemorating St. Anthony's Feast. – **Taken out of order**

George Anzuoni appeared for the application. This is an annual event, at which they expect approximately 250 people.

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.

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

Application for Special 1-Day Malt/Wine License: Application of Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC d/b/a Boston Harley-Davidson, William Peary, Contact, for a special 1-day license to serve beer and wine at 649-1 Squire Road, Revere, on October 31, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a Halloween Party.

William Peary appeared for the application. This is an annual event for the company, with costume contests, pumpkin carving and other family-friendly activities, held inside. They intend a three-beer minimum, enforced with wristbands.

The Commission expressed concerns with the date of the event. As Halloween itself falls on a Saturday this year, and there are planned parades, along with the number of children out trick-or-treating on the streets, they felt it was an inauspicious time for beer to be served at an event.

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 deny the application.

Speedway, LLC d/b/a **Speedway #2409 & 2479** 630 Squire Road & 41 Lee Burbank Highway Cynthia Lewis, District Manager

Application for Change of Corporate Name: Application of Speedway, LLC d/b/a Speedways #2409 & 2479, Anthony Kenney, LLC Manager, Cynthia Lewis, District Manager, for a change of corporate name resulting from a merger of subsidiary corporations into their parent corporation.

Kimberly Dastur appeared for the application. Operations at both places will remain the same, although there will be cosmetic changes to the outside to reflect the Speedway name, rather than Hess.

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.

Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a **Uno Chicago Grill** 210 Squire Road Christine Barone, Manager

<u>Application for Change of Manager:</u> Application of Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill, Christine Barone, Manager, for a change of manager from Doug Scott.

Christine Barone appeared for the application. She has been with the company for 25 years, and switched from the downtown Boston location to Revere in July. She is on site 50 - 60 hours per week.

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.

Sharad Shah d/b/a **The Breadbasket Discount Store** 535 Broadway Sharad Shah, Manager

<u>Application for New Malt/Wine Package Store License:</u> Application of Sharad Shah d/b/a The Breadbasket Discount Store, 535 Broadway, Sharad Shah, Manager, for a Malt/Wine Package Store License.

Sharad Shah appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Hirak Shah.

The Commission suggested that the matter be tabled until the entire Commission could be present to vote on the matter. This matter was continued until the November meeting.

La Fonda Americana, Inc. d/b/a **La Fonda Paisa** 46 Revere Street Antonio Gomez, Manager

Application for Amended Entertainment License: Application of La Fonda Americana, Inc. d/b/a La Fonda Paisa, Antonio Gomez, Manager, to amend its entertainment license to include Karaoke on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as Cable TV, Radio, Jukebox.

Antonio Gomez appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Cory Rhoades. They would like to add karaoke to their existing entertainment license. They are aware of the concerns expressed by neighboring residents in last month's meeting, and would like to take any steps necessary to ameliorate those concerns.

Christine Molle spoke in opposition to the application, speaking on behalf of her 91-year-old mother and 103-year-old aunt, who are abutting residents. Ms. Molle acknowledged that the restaurant's management has always been responsive to any concerns, but she feels that the addition of karaoke music to the restaurant's business model will be a cause of increased disturbances in the neighborhood.

There were no proponents when called. The Commission expressed concerns about the increased noise in a highly residential area, and Commissioner Guinasso also feels that this is part of a progression of the business from catering, to serving breakfast, then dinner, and now becoming a neighborhood bar.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to deny the application, and to leave the entertainment license as it now stands.

Sandra Sanchez d/b/a **La Calenita** 227 Revere Street Ruth Hernandez, Manager

<u>Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License:</u> Application of Sandra Sanchez d/b/a La Calenita, Ruth Hernandez, Manager, for transfer of a common victualler license exercised at 227 Revere Street from Guillermo & Javier, Inc.

Sandra Sanchez and Daniel Suryan appeared for the application. They intend no changes to the existing restaurant. Ms. Sanchez is the co-owner (with her husband) of the Las Vegas Restaurant on Shirley Avenue, but will be devoting her future energies to this establishment, intending to spend 50 hours each week on the premises.

The Commission commented on past issues that have involved the Las Vegas Restaurant, and stressed the need to be a good neighbor to the residential community surrounding this restaurant. Since this transfer does not involve a liquor license, there is reason to believe it will be a quieter establishment. The Commission indicated that they would not be particularly favorable to any future proposals to serve liquor at this restaurant.

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

HEARINGS

Burbank, Inc. d/b/a **Full Rack Smoke House** 297 Lee Burbank Highway Noelle Giacchetti, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing for Burbank, Inc. d/b/a Full Rack Smoke House, Noelle Giacchetti, Manager, regarding police reports of serving patrons after 2:00 a.m. in violation of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12. – **License holder requested a continuance until November meeting**

A continuance was requested by the license holder. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to continue this matter until the next meeting.

David and Tobie Katz d/b/a **Tobie's Jewelry** 150 Shirley Avenue David Katz, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing for David and Tobie Katz d/b/a Tobie's Jewelry, David Katz, Manager, regarding possible violations of Revere City Ordinances regarding reporting requirements for dealers in regulated property.

David and Tobie Katz appeared for the hearing. It is a requirement of City ordinances that dealers in regulated property (which includes jewelry) provide the police with regular reports. The Revere Police had not been able to obtain these reports from this establishment, despite repeated efforts.

Ms. Katz stated that she had never been told what needed to be done for reporting. She alleged that repeated inquiries to both the Police Department and the License Commission Office had gone unanswered. She indicated that Salem, where she maintains her other store, explained reporting much better than Revere. They have a computer at their store in Salem, but not at their store in Revere. She said she has since spoken with the Sergeant in Revere to determine requirements, and, upon prompting, agreed that she would now comply with all reporting requirements.

The matter was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Board Discussion

Matter for Discussion: Commission discussion of closing hours for New Year's Eve.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications this month.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on November 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 3:45 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman	Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary
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