MINUTES LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 17, 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 August 17, 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 6/22/16, 7/11/16, and 7/20/16.

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

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

<u>Application to Amend Entertainment License:</u> Application of Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill, Christine Barone, Manager, to amend its Entertainment license to add karaoke. Current entertainment license consists of: Widescreen Cable TV, Radio, Jukebox, Live Entertainment (consisting of three musicians inclusive of a vocalist at one time, one to two people playing guitar, hours of operation being 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. seven nights).

Christine Barone appeared for the application. They have been having trivia nights, and their customers have requested karaoke. They would like to hold karaoke one or two nights a week from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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 condition that karaoke should only take place between the hours of 9 p.m. and 12 a.m.

Shuban, Inc. d/b/a **Parkway Convenience** 190A Revere Beach Parkway Meena Patel, Manager

Application for Alteration of Premises of All Alcohol Package Store License: Application of Shuban, Inc. d/b/a Parkway Convenience, Meena Patel, Manager, to alter its licensed premises by expanding the premises into adjacent space to total 2015 square feet.

Attorney Joseph Devlin represented the applicant, accompanied by Mitaben Patel and Chin Patel. There is an opportunity to expand into the adjoining store space, and they would like to use it.

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, with the proviso that the second door in front should remain locked.

Patsy, Inc. d/b/a **Renzo Brick Oven Pizzeria** 381 Revere Beach Boulevard Jackson Gateman, Manager

<u>Application to Change Hours of Outside Seating:</u> Application of Patsy, Inc. d/b/a Renzo Brick Oven Pizzeria, Jackson Gateman, Manager, to change its hours of outside seating and open doors to extend the closing time to 11:30 p.m. from 10 p.m.

Jackson Gateman appeared for the application. Many of his customers come to dinner at 9:30, and he feels that closing his front doors at 10 p.m. is too early. He requested that opposition be limited to the matter of the application before the Commission, and presented the Commission with a cease and desist letter from his attorney to certain neighboring residents.

Speaking on behalf of the application were: William Bell and Stephen Mantia. Speaking in opposition to the application were: City Councillor John Powers; Lenore Parsons; Dianne Wiroll; and Edwin Parsons.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to allow outdoor seating until 11 p.m., with the conditions that the doors shall be closed at 10 p.m. whenever there is live music, that the trash shall be cleaned up regularly in the back area, and that the door to the prep area shall remain closed.

JP's Auto Sales, LLC

1107 North Shore Road Peter Varone, Jr., LLC Manager

Application for Transfer of a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License and Change of DBA: Application of JP's Auto Sales, LLC, Peter Varone, Jr., LLC Manager, 1107 North Shore Road, Revere, MA has made application to transfer a Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer License from North Shore Auto Sales, Inc., said license to be exercised at the same location, for sale of 17 cars, with requested hours of operation being Sunday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Peter Varone appeared for the application. He is licensed to sell used cars in Malden, and would like to open a second business.

City Councillor John Powers spoke on behalf of the application.

There were no opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a **Antonia's at the Beach** 492 Revere Beach Boulevard Rodrigo Angulo, Manager

Application to Amend Entertainment License: Application of Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a Antonia's at the Beach, Rodrigo Angulo, Manager, to amend its Entertainment license to include widescreen cable TV; radio; jukebox; karaoke; vocal and instrumental music; dancing by patrons.

The applicant's attorney had submitted a request for a continuance. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue this application until the next meeting.

HEARINGS

Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a **Antonia's at the Beach** 492 Revere Beach Boulevard Rodrigo Angulo, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing concerning possible violations of entertainment licensing laws and state regulations, and noise complaints. – **Continued from July meeting.**

The applicant's attorney submitted a request for a continuance. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue this application until the next meeting.

Taqueria Eucalipto II Corp. d/b/a **Las Vegas Restaurant** 107 Shirley Ave Raul Santos, Manager

<u>Review Hearing:</u> Review hearing of Taqueria Eucalipto II Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant, Raul Santos, Manager.

The license holder was represented by his attorney, Cory Rhoades. He recapitulated the events leading up to the prior hearing, and the results of those changes in policy put in place since then. He requested that the Commission remove the requirement to have a police detail officer on Saturday nights.

Commissioner LaCroix made a motion to remove the detail requirement. The motion was not seconded.

Commissioner Guinasso made a substitute motion to continue the police detail on Saturday nights through September 30th, barring further issues. This motion was seconded by Chairman Quarantello, and the motion was approved.

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

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing concerning possible service to intoxicated person. – **Continued from July meeting.**

Madeline Rodriguez appeared for the hearing. 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. Ms. Rodriguez detailed the measures she is taking to prevent future incidents. The Commission suggested that all staff should be TIPS-certified.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to table the matter, pending further incident.

Revere Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1272

470 Broadway Wesley Clemons, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing concerning reports of service to intoxicated persons. – **Continued from July meeting.**

Wesley Clemons appeared for the hearing, accompanied by the club's bar manager, Julio Gonzalez, and the involved bartenders, Anna Siracusa and Jennifer Santana. 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.

Ms. Siracusa stated that the patron was not intoxicated when he arrived. She said he was on new medication for Parkinson's disease, and had not eaten. She had called a cab for him, but he went outside to go to his car, and that was when the police arrived. The license holders characterized this as good intentions gone awry, and promised that they had learned better. New policies have been implemented, and new doormen have been hired for Saturday nights to prevent future such occurrences.

Commissioner Guinasso disclosed that she and her husband are members of the Moose Club. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the matter pending further incident, with the qualifier that future incidents would be dealt with severely.

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

<u>Appeal Hearing:</u> Hearing to consider an appeal of the License Commission's approval of a Malt/Wine Package Store License to Mahavir Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Convenient Market and Deli, Dineshbhai Patel, Manager, alleging that abutter notification was not made.

John Wood appeared as the appellant, represented by his attorney, Kristin Scanlon, and her mentor, John Connell. The applicant was represented by their attorney, Lawrence Simeone. The matter revolved around the question of whether the appellant had received his required abutter notification, and whether the sending of such notification without confirmation of actual receipt is sufficient to meet the statutory requirements of license applicants for abutter notification. Both sides argued for their interpretation of the law.

After due consideration of the relevant statutes, upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to deny the appeal. Chairman Quarantello voted in opposition.

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. Hearing date is 10/13/16, continued from 8/4/16.
- 2. Notice of informational hearing from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to determine if the application of MHF Logan Operating V, LLC d/b/a **Hampton Inn Revere** should be approved or disapproved. Hearing date was 7/26/16.
- 3. Notice from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of dual conditions required to approve the application of Speakeasy Sports Bar, LLC d/b/a **Speakeasy Sports Bar**.
- 4. Letter from Attorney Joseph P. Franzese, representing Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a **Antonia's at the Beach**, informing the Commission that the establishment will apply for an amended Entertainment license, and will comply with its existing entertainment license and attempt to control noise.
- 5. Letter from Attorney Joseph P. Franzese, representing Four Partners, Inc. d/b/a **Antonia's at the Beach**, requesting a continuance of the scheduled hearing and license application due to his schedule conflict.
- 6. **LATE COMMUNICATION:** Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission advisory regarding alcohol sales the day after Christmas when Christmas falls on a Sunday: it is now allowed to sell alcoholic beverages on the Monday after Christmas.
- 7. **LATE COMMUNICATION:** Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission advisory regarding ownership of §12 and §15 licenses in the same city or town: it is now possible to own both types of license in the same city or town, subject to restrictions and conditions found in Mass. General Laws Chapter 138.
- 8. **LATE COMMUNICATION:** Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission advisory regarding farmer-series pouring permits.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on September 21, 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 5:48 p.m.

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

Minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2016