

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2017**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Selevitch at 3:00 p.m. on October 18, 2017. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere License Commission and those in attendance.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 9/20/17.

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

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
670 Washington Avenue
Stephen Fielding, Contact

Application for a Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler and Entertainment: Application of St. Mary of the Assumption Church for a special one-day license for malt/wine, common victualler and entertainment, to be exercised at St. Mary's Hall, 670 Washington Avenue from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017, for a St. Mary's Holy Name Society Spaghetti Supper.

Ralph DiCicco appeared for the application. This is an annual event.

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

NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC
d/b/a **Showcase Cinema Revere Chatter's Bar**
565 Squire Road
John Grande, Manager

Application for a Change of Officers/Directors: Application of NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC d/b/a Showcase Cinema Revere Chatter's Bar, John Grande, Manager, for a change of officers/directors.

Sean Judge, area manager for National Amusements, appeared for the application. This is a change of the company's officers and reflection of changes in the Sumner Redstone trust.

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.

Hook & Reel, Inc.
d/b/a **Hook & Reel**
151A VFW Parkway
Liyu Lin, Manager

Application for Entertainment & Change of Hours for an All Alcohol Restaurant License: Application of Hook & Reel, Inc. d/b/a Hook & Reel, for an Entertainment license and a Change of Hours. Proposed entertainment is cable TV and radio. Proposed hours are Sunday – Thursday 3 p.m. – 10 p.m., Friday – Saturday 12 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Attorney Kristen Scanlon represented the applicant, who was not present due to a family illness. The change of hours is to open on Fridays and Saturdays at noon in order to accommodate lunch patrons on those days. The entertainment, non-live, is for 15 TVs and background music. Commissioner Guinasso asked about parking, as she has observed towing in the lot at that mall. Commissioner LaCroix asked why, in view of football season, the restaurant did not consider lunch hours for Sundays as well.

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.

Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC
d/b/a **Boston Harley-Davidson**
649-1 Squire Road
Heather Vieira, Event Manager

Application for two Special One-Day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler & Entertainment Licenses:

Application of Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC d/b/a Boston Harley-Davidson, 649-1 Squire Road, Heather Vieira, Event Manager, for two Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Entertainment, to be exercised in at the same location. The requested date and times are: Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. for a Halloween Party; and Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. for a Pet Adoption Day. Both events are to be held indoors.

Heather Vieira appeared for the application. The two events were taken separately. For the Halloween event, Commissioner Guinasso expressed concerns about security, and suggested contact with Revere Police to determine if there is a need for detail officers at that event. Commissioner LaCroix asked why the beers would be sold for \$1, as he considers that inexpensive, and an odd price to set. Ms. Vieira replied that the money is for donation to charity.

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 caveat that the applicant must consult with Revere Police as to the possible necessity of detail officers at the event.

The second event is to be held in concert with Great Dog Rescue New England, who will bring several available dogs to the event for people to meet. Commissioner LaCroix asked how many dogs were expected, but was unable to get a definitive number.

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.

Royal Food Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a **Juliette Bakery and Café**
91 Centennial Avenue
Yusuf Yassin, President and Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Royal Food Enterprises, Inc., 91 Centennial Avenue, Revere, MA, Yusuf Yassin, President and Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from Fedala House of Pastry, Inc., said license to be exercised at the same address. Requested hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 10 p.m., requested seating is for 36.

Yusuf Yassin appeared for the application. The business is to be a bakery with sandwiches and the like. There is no change in hours or seating.

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.

Argueta & Piche Corp.
d/b/a **Nino's Restaurant & Bar**
7B Everett Street
Julia Duarte-Alarcon, Manager

Application for Transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License, Change of Seating, and Change of Hours:

Application of Argueta & Piche Corp. d/b/a Nino's Restaurant & Bar, 7 Everett Street, Unit B, Revere, MA, Julia Duarte-Alarcon, Manager, for transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant license from Nino's Italian Restaurant, Inc., said license to be exercised at the same address. Requested seating is for 58, prior seating was 48. Requested hours are 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., former hours were 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Attorney Peter Martino represented the applicants. Julia Duarte-Alarcon also appeared. The attorney had questions regarding a confusion in the requested seating. They wish the seating to remain at 48. The Commission had concerns about the experience of the proposed owners; while the applicants have food service experience, they do not appear to have any real experience in alcohol service. It was not clear to the Commission that any of the involved parties were properly certified in the sales and service of alcoholic beverages.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue the application until the November meeting in order to get more information about the applicants' qualifications and plans for the sales and service of alcoholic beverages.

Cafeteria las Delicias Colombianas, Inc.

86 Shirley Avenue
Nurth Cordero, Manager

Application for Change of Seating: Application of Cafeteria las Delicias Colombianas, Inc. for a change in allowed seating.

Attorney Cory Rhoades represented the applicant. A routine inspection by the Fire Department had revealed that some egresses were not up to current code, and the applicants have been working with Inspectional Services to remedy that issue. As part of the process, they uncovered discrepancies in the occupancy and seating records, and are now here to clarify the allowed seating in the restaurant, based on the occupancy. The occupancy is 165, and the requested seating is 130.

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

HEARINGS

CBW Lending, LLC
190 VFW Parkway

Hearing: Hearing into unlicensed operation of a commercial parking lot business at 190 VFW Parkway.

In light of a recent motion by the City Council designed to address this problem, the Commission decided to continue this hearing until the October meeting. It is hoped that this time will allow the City Council and other departments an opportunity to resolve the zoning and special permit issues. – **Continued from September meeting.**

Attorney James Cipoletta represented the property owner. At this time, the owner does not have a license, as the special permit which authorized that license has expired. Atty. Cipoletta first gave a précis of the history of the parking at Wonderland, and the special permit allowing it. It is his contention that a sunset provision on a special permit is not permitted by zoning law. The property owner intends to sell the property for development, and is using the parking operation as a stopgap earning measure. The denial of the special permit is in appeal, and, should the property owner prevail, all license fees will be paid, dating back to 2017.

The Commission alluded to the many complaints received, and the appearance that the owner is being a poor neighbor to residents in the city. Attorney Cipoletta said that the ownership is trying to ameliorate the issues, and that he will pass on the concerns to the owner. The ownership has hired a local management company to help reduce irritants.

City Councillor John Powers spoke against the ownership and the unlicensed parking operation at that location. He adamantly opposes the issuance of a license at that location, and feels that the ownership has acted in bad faith in its dealings with the city regarding the parking lot business. There were no other opponents and no proponents.

The Commission pointed out that the City Solicitor's opinion is that the Commission has no punitive authority in this situation, absent a license. Commissioner LaCroix suggested that Atty. Cipoletta suggest to the owners that they just remove the cars until all court appeals are decided.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guinasso to place the matter on file pending the results of any appeals and proceedings, with the request that the Commission be kept apprised of progress in that arena. The motion was seconded by Chairman Selevitch, and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of a Return No Action for Lazy Crab, LLC, 733 Broadway, Unit 1.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

Commissioner Guinasso referenced a recent shooting incident at the Showcase Cinemas. In light of that incident, and the incident in the summer, she made a motion to call the license holders in for a hearing to determine the specifics of the incidents and what actions the license holders are taking in these matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, and carried.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on November 15, 2017, 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 4:25 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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