

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Selevitch at 3:00 p.m. on September 18, 2019. 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 8/21/19.

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

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Beachmont Improvement Committee
State Street at Kimmerle Park to Donnelly Square
Kathleen Heiser, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment License: Application of the Beachmont Improvement Committee for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment license to be exercised on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a Beachmont Multicultural Festival to take place on State Street between Kimmerle Park and Donnelly Square. Event to include food, art, music, games, and a short sidewalk parade. – **Continued from August meeting.**

Kathleen Heiser and Mary Turner appeared for the application. This will be the third annual event. The event itself will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with the remaining time used for road closures, prep, and cleanup. The rain venue will be at the Beachmont School.

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.

St. Mary's Holy Name Society
670 Washington Avenue
Stephen Fielding, Event Manager

Application for a Special Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, & Entertainment License: Application of the St. Mary's Holy Name Society for a special one-day license for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Entertainment, said license to be exercised at 670 Washington Avenue on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. The event will be a Feast of St. Lucy's Dinner Dance, with a DJ, music, and dinner.

Stephen Fielding appeared for the application. This is an annual event.

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.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Plaza at Wonderland Station (above pedestrian bridge)

Chris Mancini, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Entertainment: Application of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for a 1-day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Entertainment license to be exercised on [NO DATE SUBMITTED], 2019 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. for a Summer Celebration/Paws on the Promenade to take place on the plaza at Wonderland Station above the pedestrian bridge. Event to include food, music, drinks, a costume contest and a puppy parade.

The applicant was neither present nor represented. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Neighborhood Developers

Municipal Parking Lot on Shirley Avenue

Kyla Alterman, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment License: Application of The Neighborhood Developers for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment license to be exercised on Saturday, October 5, 2019 (rain date is Saturday, October 12) from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. for a Shirley Avenue Block Party to be held at the municipal parking lot on Shirley Avenue. Event to include food, music, dancing, and family activities.

Kyla Alterman appeared for the application. There will be a small stage with a DJ at the event. The stage will be erected by the city’s DPW.

Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor 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.

Boston Harley Owners Group Chapter #3905

649-1 Squire Road

Steven Cooper, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment License: Application of Boston Harley Owners Group Chapter #3905 for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment license to be exercised on Sunday, October 13, 2019 (rain date is Sunday, October 20) from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. for staging for a fund-raising ride, said license to be exercised in the parking lot at 649-1 Squire Road. Event to include food carts, coffee brewers, a DJ, and other family-friendly entertainment.

Steven Cooper appeared for the application. This will be the 31st annual ride to benefit muscular dystrophy. Commissioner Guinasso expressed concerns, as such a crowded event has potential fire safety issues.

Arielle Andrews spoke in favor of the application. There were no opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon approval from the Fire and Health inspectors.

Argueta & Piche Corp.

d/b/a **Nino’s Restaurant & Bar**

7B Everett Street

Julia Duarte-Alarçon, Manager

Application to Amend Entertainment License: Application of Argueta & Piche Corp. d/b/a Nino's Restaurant & Bar to amend an Entertainment license exercised at the same address. Requested entertainment to be cable TV, radio, DJ, amplifiers, karaoke, vocal and instrumental music, and dancing by patrons. Current entertainment is for cable TV and radio.

Sergio Piche appeared for the application, accompanied by a translator. The business is located in a non-residential area with no adjoining businesses remaining open late at night. He has worked with Fire officials to ensure that all safety measures are installed before any changes to entertainment are made. Deputy Chief Cheever and Lt. Randall expressed no objections to the amendment.

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, contingent upon final approval by the Fire Inspector and with the condition that all music must end at 12:30.

HEARINGS

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

Hearing: Hearing into neighborhood disturbances stemming from uncontrolled patrons in restaurant parking lot, resulting in multiple police calls and resident complaints.

Rodrigo Angulo appeared for the hearing, accompanied by his manager. Prior to proceeding, Commissioner Guinasso disclosed that she owns some condominiums at 500 Revere Beach Boulevard next door. She has received no complaints from her tenants, and considers that she can be impartial in this matter. Mr. Angulo declared that the incident was overblown and over early in the night. He apologized for any disturbance to his neighbors. Commissioner Guinasso and Chairman Selevitch both suggested that the situation should have been managed better.

Councillor John Powers spoke on the matter. While he was not opposed to the business, he was concerned that the incident had been allowed to drag on too long, creating an extended noise disturbance for neighboring residents. Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the business. He considered the disturbance and isolated incident, regards the owner as a great guy, and often patronizes the establishment himself.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to place the matter on file.

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

Hearing: Hearing into multiple complaints of regular neighborhood disturbances caused by patrons of establishment.

Jose Landaverde appeared for the hearing. His contention is that he has one person who regularly complains and that no one else in the area complains at all. He described himself as tired of it, and no longer willing to listen. Chairman Selevitch commented that he has been to the restaurant and found it a nice place. Commissioner Guinasso suggested that Mr. Landaverde should be considerate of neighbor complaints. When asked, Lt. Randall reported that directed patrols had found no problems, and there have been no calls to police within the past year.

Walter Ramirez, owner of the neighboring business, spoke on behalf of the business. He reports finding no noise himself. He considers the complainant a nice person, but one who tends to exaggerate. Councillor John Powers spoke as well, urging the business owner to treat neighboring residents with respect.

Chairman Selevitch made a motion to place the matter on file, which did not carry. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to dismiss the matter.

Emerald Business Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a **Rodeway Inn**
309 American Legion Highway
Elena Vega, Manager

Hearing: Hearing into possible violations stemming from operation of unlicensed park & fly operation.

Attorney Lawrence Simeone represented the business. He laid out the purchase history of the various lots involved and referenced special permits issued in 2011 and 2019. He described the owner of the hotel as a great operator, and requested a continuance until the November meeting so that he could investigate the matter to determine if it would be necessary to apply for a parking lot license, and if so, to apply; or if it would be a matter for him to argue before the Commission.

The Commission was willing to consider a continuance, but first wanted to determine whether unlicensed parking would continue in the interim. Commissioner LaCroix commented that at a recent visit to the site he found the lot crammed with cars. Deputy Chief Cheever reported that the city received multiple calls from neighbors and pedestrians who can't pass on the sidewalk on American Legion Highway because of the parked cars there. Cars are also blocking access for fire trucks as well as the fire connection for the building. That being said, he had no objection to a continuance, as long as the number of cars in the parking lot is reduced to allow for safety and emergency access.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue the hearing until the November meeting.

Netraa, Inc.
d/b/a **Dairy Mart**
160 Squire Road
Vimuben Ghanshyam Patel, Manager

Hearing: Hearing into violations of license conditions.

Shalin Patel and Sunny Patel appeared for the hearing. Chairman Selevitch reminded them of the conditions under which their license was issued, which was to operate primarily as a convenience store, with no more than 40% of sales being liquor. To date, the business has failed to meet those conditions. Shalin Patel protested that they needed more time to change their supplies. Commissioner Guinasso stated that she was out of patience with

continued flouting of the license conditions. She was inclined to vote to revoke the license. Sunny Patel asked for more time to remedy their violations. Chairman Selevitch warned that all license conditions must be met.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to continue the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Guinasso voted in opposition.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Telephone complaint from resident concerning advertising signs on The Squire.
2. Late Communication from Councillor Patrick Keefe concerning unlicensed junk dealer operations.

All communications were accepted and placed on file. The communication concerning unlicensed junk dealer operations was referred to Lt. Randall and Inspectional Services for enforcement.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on October 16, 2019, 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 4:35 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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