# MINUTES LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Selevitch at 3:00 p.m. on October 18, 2023. Commissioner Daniel Occena, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, absent.

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 9/20/23.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the minutes.

## VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Mass. Trips, Inc. d/b/a **Esquite Taqueria** 1148 North Shore Road Anapaula Guerrero, Manager

Application for a Malt/Wine Restaurant License: Application of Mass. Trips, Inc. d/b/a Esquite Taqueria, 1148 North Shore Road, Anapaula Guerrero, Manager, for a Malt/Wine Restaurant license to be exercised at the existing restaurant at the same location. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 1:30 a.m., seating is 18.

Emiliano Moreno appeared for the application. This license had been approved earlier by the License Commission, but a paperwork error required it to be re-heard before the Commission. The business plans on having only simple drinks in a small venue.

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

Jia Liquors Corp. d/b/a **BCM Liquors** 535 Broadway Nirav Kiritkumar Patel, Manager

**Application for a Change of DBA:** Application of Jia Liquors Corp. d/b/a BCM Liquors, for a change of DBA to BCM Liquors. No other changes to the license at this time.

Nirav K. Patel appeared for the application. There are no other changes than the DBA change proposed at this time.

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

## **Revere Beach Partnership**

Waterfront Square Chris Puiia, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Malt/Wine & Entertainment License: Application of Revere Beach Partnership, Chris Puiia, Event Manager, for a 1-day Malt/Wine & Entertainment license to be exercised at Waterfront Square on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is The Pumpkin Dash Road Race Post-Race Party. Expected attendance is 500.

Chris Puiia appeared for the application. This application is to extend the area in which they can have their post-race party, as last year, the space allowed at the Fine Line Tap Room was a bit tight. The base of the party will be within the Fine Line outside seating area.

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

### **Revere Parks & Recreation**

Veterans Memorial Park Charles Giuffrida, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler & Entertainment License: Application of Revere Parks & Recreation, Charles Giuffrida, Event Manager, for a 1-day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler & Entertainment license to be exercised at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a rain date of Monday, October 30, 2023. The event is an All Hallows' Eve celebration, featuring the movie Hocus Pocus. Expected attendance is 250.

Charles Giuffrida appeared for the application. The city will be holding its second annual All Hallows' Eve celebration at locations at the library, the Rumney Marsh cemetery, and Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Giuffrida informed the Commission that the requested dates had been mistakenly incorrect: the actual proposed dates are: Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, with rain dates of either Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> or Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **HEARINGS**

Argueta & Piche Corp. d/b/a **Carnaval Latino Restaurant** 7B Everett Street Julia Duarte-Alarcon, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing into pattern of incidents involving late-night brawls, intoxicated patrons, vandalism, and motor vehicle accidents. – **Continued from September meeting.** 

Joel Lemus appeared for the hearing, accompanied by Julia Duarte-Alarcon. He reported that there have been no incidents since the Commission made police details a condition of operating entertainment late on Friday or Saturday nights, but complained that he has suffered a loss of business, both patrons and employees who left because there is insufficient business. After some discussion with the Commission concerning why the presence of a detail officer would cause such a decline in business, Mr. Lemus requested that the business be allowed to

operate their entertainment until 1:30 a.m. and dispense with the police detail, saying his own security could take the place of the detail officer.

After some discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Lemus of possible options, Ward Councillor Anthony Cogliandro spoke on behalf of the business, offering his own recommendation for the entertainment license, which was: entertainment to operate until 1:30 a.m. and still have a police detail on Friday and Saturday nights, and maybe have the business return before the Commission in a couple of months.

Commissioner Occena suggested allowing the business to entertain until 1:30 a.m. without a detail officer and review the situation in three months. Chairman Selevitch asked Lt. Randall for his opinion. Lt. Randall indicated that it is not the business of the police department to seek out detail requirements; that being said, his general take on it was that if something works, it is probably worth continuing with that success.

After some discussion between the Commissioners, Chairman Selevitch moved to allow the entertainment to continue until 1:30 a.m., to continue the police details on Friday and Saturday nights, and to have the business come before the Commission for a review hearing in January. If the business is unable to obtain a detail officer, they may still entertain until 1:30 a.m., but they must request an officer for every Friday and Saturday night. Commissioner Occena seconded the motion. It was VOTED to approve the amendment and schedule a review hearing in three months.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1. Notification of an Order of Notice from Revere Fire Department to Revere Hotel Realty, LLC d/b/a **Avid Hotel Boston Logan Airport Revere** for fire alarm issues.
- 2. Communication from City Councillor Richard Serino regarding noise complaints against Scalzi Hospitality Corporation d/b/a **Casa Lucia**, requesting that the License Commission take action in the matter.
- 3. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of a Return No Action of the application for a change of manager and change of officers for **Beachmont VFW Post #6712, Inc.**
- 4. Communication from City Councillor Richard Serino regarding noise complaints against Scalzi Hospitality Corporation d/b/a **Casa Lucia**, rescinding his request that the License Commission take action in the matter. The Councillor has addressed the matter directly with the business owner.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

Commissioner Occena has been alerted to a significant amount of noise at the Oceanside Events Center, particularly in the parking lot at around 2 a.m., and has obtained video of disruptive noise in the parking lot at 2 a.m., with loud stereo and cars burning rubber while remaining in the lot. The business had committed to engage an MBTA detail officer to maintain order in the parking lot, but there was no detail officer there. The Commission decided to summon the business for a hearing at the next meeting of the License Commission.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on November 15, 2023, 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.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman	Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary
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