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Meeting Minutes LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, June 11, 2014

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Special

1. [140058](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. DUDZIK that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

02 AMUNGWAFOR, Binyoti F, Class B Tavern License Renewal Application and Public Entertainment Premises Renewal Application for "THE HIDEAWAY TAVERN" at 9000 W KAUL Av. (Expires 7/6/2014)

The applicant states that on Nov 3, 2013 there was an altercation and security escorted the individuals outside. Security staff called police. On November 10, 2013, the upstairs tenant said he was attacked, but the applicant heard that the tenant spit on someone first. The applicant was unable to retrieve security footage. He is working to improve security at the establishment and has improved lighting outside.

Ald. Davis present at the table. There have been improvements since previous years, but he is still concerned about items on the police report.

Individual appearing:

Richard Holloway - 5837 N 48th St - He is a patron of the establishment and states that isolated incidents have been cleared up by security and police.

Ald. Dudzik moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. DUDZIK that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

02 CIMBRON, Linda M, Agent for "WISCONSIN CVS PHARMACY, LLC", Food Dealer Retail Renewal Application for "CVS PHARMACY #1267" at 7550 W PERKINS PI.
(Expires 6/30/2014)

The applicant did not appear.

Ald. Davis present at the table. He has some concerns.

Ald. Coggs moved to hold to the call of the chair for nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

02 FIUMEFREDDO, Peter J, Class B Tavern License Renewal Application and Public Entertainment Premises Renewal Application for "FREMO'S" at 6449 W FOND DU LAC Av. (Expires 7/14/2014)

The applicant has met with his security team to discuss how to fix problems. The bar uses ID scanners and has a book of banned patrons. He has spoken with the alderman and Police Department regarding issues. He also developed a plan of action with the Police Department. Security personnel has taken a course to learn to de-escalate situations. He has also updated lighting outside and increased security cameras. Adding an age restriction two years ago has helped alleviate problems. They also try to close early so everyone is off the property before bar close.

Ald. Davis present at the table. The applicant stays in touch with him and does community outreach.

Individuals appearing in support:

Chris Session - 1949 S 92nd - She owns the jukebox at the bar and has been at the establishment at various times. She has never felt threatened

Lynn Bratz - 5508 N 60th - She has worked at the bar for years and never felt unsafe.

Chris Oyen - 8718 W Rourke Ave - The bar has been contributing to the community with various fundraisers.

Julie Owens - 4572 N 71st St - She has visited the bar for many years. She is not afraid to go the bar and the applicant has helped clean up the community.

Janice Newman - 4535 N 71st St - She has been a patron since the 80s and feels completely safe at the establishment.

*Ald. Puente moved renewal with a warning letter based on the police report.
(Prevailed 5-0)*

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

02 KIMBROUGH, Mario V, Agent for "UNIVERSAL ESTATES, LLC", Class B Tavern License Transfer - Change of Business Operations removing 25+ age restriction on Sundays - Thursdays and 30+ age restriction on Fridays and Saturdays for "NOSTALGIA II" at 9316 W APPLETON Av.

Ald. Dudzik moved to hold to the call of the chair for nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. DUDZIK that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

07 ALI, Maiada, Agent for "All Star Food & Beer LLC", Class A Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Renewal Application and Food Dealer Retail Renewal Application for "All Star Food & Beer" at 3100 N 27th St. (Expires 7/22/2014)

Atty. Nels Bjorkquist appearing with the applicant.

Ald. Wade present at the table.

15 individuals appeared in support.

Ald. Puente moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

07 WILLIAMS, Lorri A, Food Dealer -Restaurant Renewal Application for "Ms. Mae's Good and Tasty/Money Lounge" at 5209 W Hampton Av. (Expires 6/30/2014)

The applicant states she wants the establishment to be a full restaurant, but she has encountered issues with renovations. The current business operation was not her intention and she has had issues at the establishment. The business had limited food at the beginning and has been open 8 am until midnight. Attorneys have advised her to have more than just one on one meetings with police.

She apologizes to residents in the area. She has taken wrong advice and has not been able to get the establishment running the way that it should be. She did not realize the problems had gotten so bad and would like an opportunity to improve the neighborhood.

Ald. Wade states that he visited the establishment at various times during the day and it was never open. He has only observed activity at night time. He states he is concerned about all of the activities that have occurred at what is supposed to be a restaurant.

*Individuals appearing: Assistant City
Atty Nick Desiato*

Captain Jackson - He states a lot of crime has occurred at the location in a short period of time. There have been issues with juveniles and a lack of communication with the applicant. He has sent officers to the premise numerous times and called the applicant at phone numbers listed on her application with no response. This meeting is the first time he has seen the applicant.

Officer Brian Kobelinski - Milwaukee Police Department, District 7 - He has tried to contact the applicant after each police incident. He has gone to her home, emailed

her, called her, and could not get a response. He has not seen the establishment open between 8 am and midnight.

Officer Michael Valluch - Milwaukee Police Department, District 7 - On July 19, 2013, he responded to a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, he saw multiple juveniles exiting the establishment and also observed them loitering outside. On December 28, 2013 a call was received for a juvenile party. Upon arrival, he received resistance from the door man. After entry, he observed a DJ playing and 3-5 people gambling with dice. There was also an odor of burning marijuana. He states that she does not have Public Entertainment Premises license.

Karen Grady - Milwaukee Health Department - On May 28, 2013, she released a hold on the Food Dealer license application with restrictions. The establishment's hood was condemned for safety reason. The applicant was given authorization to serve cold food, but hot food had to be catered in. After the preinspection, she did a routine inspection and observed the establishment was serving food on June 18. She was unable to gain access after that date, despite several attempts. She also left three notices on the door and left a message on the business Facebook page. She called the applicant's house several times as well. She later witnessed a for-sale sign on the lot and requested that the business be designated as out of business on September 19. The applicant notified the License Division to state she was not out of business and Ms. Grady was then able to reach the applicant by phone.

Gwendoline Allen - 4731 N 52nd St - She has lived in the neighborhood for 37 years and has recently had to live through all the criminal incidents on the police report. She has been woken up by gunfire. Customers from the establishment park on her street, drive quickly, block driveways, and hang out vehicle windows. She has observed bullet casings outside the door of the establishment. She rarely sees the owner during the day, but occasionally sees her in the parking lot cleaning. She states the previous business was not a problem and they were good neighbors.

Sharon Hansen - 5123 W Courtland Ave- She agrees with the previous speaker. She has been awoken by gunshots and did not have the same problems in previous years prior to the business opening.

Randy Hansen - 5123 W Courtland Ave - He agrees with previous speakers.

Ald. Puente moved nonrenewal based on police testimony, aldermanic testimony, neighborhood testimony, city inspector testimony, the police report, and applicant testimony. (Prevailed 5-0)

Recessed at 3:29 PM

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

No 0

14 MICHALSKI, Rick A, Agent for "Cupol Enterprises LLC", Class B Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's, Food Dealer - Restaurant, and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Polka Bands 17 Times Per Year for "St Francis Brewery & Restaurant" at 3000 S Howell Av.

Meeting reconvened at 4:04 PM

The applicant states they have tailored the hours to suggestions from some

neighbors. They will have 200 mugs available with a deposit. Individuals cannot use their own mugs.

Individuals appearing in opposition:

Dani Graf - 2914 S Pine Ave - She states that the proposal is unsafe and unnecessary. Cars crowd around the nearby intersection. A playground is nearby and children are present every day. There is also not a designated parking area. Noise may also become an issue. The beer garden would be adjacent to the pavillion which is rented out for individual events. This could cause problems. She states that she has seen a flyer where a free appetizer was offered in exchange for support.

Lenore Burger - 2902 S Pine Ave - She has expressed concerns since February. The music and traffic will affect the neighborhood. Crowding is already an issue in the park. She is also concerned with the large capacity and not having a plan for capacity control. Children and pets could run into the excessive traffic. Parking is a concern as well. She states the park is very busy and there is not room for the beer garden.

Susan Millar - 308 E Rosedale - She states the park is used heavily by children and states those spaces should not be replaced with a place for adults to drink alcohol. Traffic will become an issue.

Kurt Schwenke - 2927 S Lenox - There are already problems with people parking in the crosswalks. He states that adding 200 more people to an already crowded, unsafe area is a bad idea. He is also concerned with noise from the beer garden. He can already hear music from parties at the park pavillion if his windows are open and thinks the beer garden will increase noise.

Jose Navidad - 2904 S Pine Ave - He believes having a bar across the street from his home will lower the house value. He is concerned that the applicant does not have a good plan to keep crowds under capacity and is worried that litter will become an issue.

Individuals appearing in support:

Libby Dianne Flynn - 815 E Ohio - She is new to the area and is excited about the proposed beer garden. She states the applicant has compromised on some issues that she was previously concerned with. The applicant has adjusted plans for the location within the park based on neighborhood suggestions. She states that the current pavillion does not have ADA accessible restrooms, but the applicant will bring in accessible restrooms.

County Supervisor Jason Haas - 3442 S Pennsylvania Ave - He states that the applicant was the sole respondent to the RFP for Humboldt Park. He has been taking questions and comments from neighbors and working directly with the applicant. They have repeatedly worked with objectors. The beer garden will not be open during school hours. The applicant is making improvements to the infrastructure and thinks there will be an improvement in people coming to the park. He states that the County Board could not vote on the contract. He thinks the beer garden will help with the overall safety of the park. Vandalism may be reduced because more individuals are present to view the park. There will be a big effort to pick up litter.

John Dargle - Parks Director - 5774 N Kent Ave, Whitefish Bay - The RFP that was released was very general about offering food and beverage throughout the parks system. A nonalcoholic proposal could have been submitted. Signage is used to keep individuals with alcoholic beverages within the licensed premise. It is also self-managed.

Tim Richter - 442 E Fremont Pl - Humboldt Park Watch - They think the beer garden will help improve safety in the park. Routine maintenance from the applicant would help prevent vandalism. The beer garden at Estabrook Park has improved the park and they hope to see a similar improvement at Humboldt Park. The vote at the last

meeting had zero votes in opposition. He states that aside from events at the park, he does not believe that it is overly populated.

Paul Smith - 2440 S Quincy - He states he believes the applicant is concerned with safety and will address the concerns.

Jane LaCapatain - 2728 S Quincy Ave - The beer garden will bring more people to the park, providing extra pairs of eyes to keep the area safe. She states that there is parking available, so it should not become an issue.

Ald. Puente moved to make pictures of the playground submitted by Ms. Millar as part of the record - Exhibit #1. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Puente moved to amend the premise description to exclude the rentable portion of the pavillion. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Zielinski states there was a neighborhood meeting where the majority of individuals living in the district were in favor (135 in support, 58 opposed). The Humboldt Park watch is in support of the beer garden and there have not been problems at the other park beer gardens. There will be no amplication of the polka music.

Ald. Zielinski moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

Meeting adjourned at

Jessica Celella
Staff Assistant

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

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Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Staff Assistant
Jessica Celella

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Motion be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zielinski, Coggs, Dudzik, Puente and Stamper

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