MINUTES

Liquor Control Board
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:00 a.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2750

Members Present:  Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty (Local Liquor Control Commissioner); Marion Macbeth; Dick Peach

Members Absent:  None

Staff Present:  Theresa Whittington, Mario Treto

Others Present:  Joseph Gattuso (Compass Group); Mary Pat Dorner (Compass Group); Sylvia Xim'enez (Tereneo 3634 LLC); Alan Anderson (Northwestern University); Mike Polisky (Northwestern); Zubin Kammula (Levy Premium Foodservice); Terra Westhaus (Next of Kinship); Gail Taggart (Next of Kinship); Peter O’Malley (Beer on Central); Brian O’Malley (Beer on Central); Sandeep Ghay (Vinic Wine); Lorraine Dostal (Theo Ubique)

Presiding Member:  Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty/Mayor

CALL TO ORDER
The Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen Hagerty called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Compass Group USA, Inc., d/b/a Chartwell’s-Norris Center, Northwestern University, 1999 Campus Drive
Joe Gattuso spoke on behalf of Compass Group’s request for a class R and class T liquor license. Compass Group is taking over the food and beverage services at Northwestern’s Chicago and Evanston campuses. These services were previously offered by Sodexo. In Evanston, Compass Group will operate as Chartwell’s at Norris Center. There will not be any daily or regular alcohol service at Norris Center. Instead, the class R license will be used to host special events taking place at Norris Center. The class T catering license will be used to provide services for other events located on campus. Mayor Hagerty asked Compass to explain how they will monitor and prevent underage drinking. Mary Pat Dorner (catering Director) explained that NU hires only licensed bartenders and uses wristbands at events where underage guests will be in attendance. Alan Anderson of Northwestern University stated that often registries for events will have the ages of guests and wristbands issue at check in.
The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended liquor license issuance to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

TERENO 3634 LLC d/b/a Bat 17, 1709 Bensen Ave.
Sylvia Xim’enez requested consideration of a Class C (Restaurant-Liquor) license. She intends to close on the purchase of Bat 17 and would like a liquor license issued in the name of the new owner. She stated that there will not be any changes in the daily operations. The only changes will be cosmetic. Mayor Hagerty expressed his zero tolerance for underage drinking and his expectation that the business will abide by all rules and regulations. Ms. Xim’enez said her family is 4th generation restaurant owners and in over 40 years in the business they have never had any issued with underage drinking.

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Northwestern University, 633 Clark street, Evanston, IL 60208
Mike Polisky requested consideration of an amendment to the class Z1 and Z2 license classes to allow sale of alcohol up to 4 hours before kickoff at NU football games. The university is looking to improve the experience of ticket holders in the hopes of retaining and growing its season ticket base. NU is offering a “game day experience” pilot program during NU football games. The intention is to offer responsible and social opportunities four hours prior to kickoff. The End Zone will feature a beer garden, food trucks, and entertainment. Wild Cat Alley will have more family-friendly activities. There will be a police presence and security at all games. Mayor Hagerty expressed a need to maintain the family friendly atmosphere and asked what other Big Ten schools do. Mr. Polisky stated that a majority of Big Ten universities sell alcohol in the stadium. This is not something they are requesting at this time. Dick Peach asked if the alcohol sales will be restricted to ticket holders. Mr. Polisky affirmed that only game ticket holders would have access to the events.

Kickoff time is set by the conference and not the University. Some of the games will have kickoff times as early as 11 am and others have yet to be determined. As currently written, one day license classes Z1 and Z2 allow for on premise sale of alcohol during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday through Sunday. NU seeks an amendment that would allow it to begin some of its game day events earlier than 10 am. The board agreed to amend the Z1 and Z2 license classes to allow applicants to apply for extended hours of sales. Such requests would be required to go before City Council.

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended an amendment to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership dba Levy at Walter Athletics Center
Zubin Kammula requested consideration of a Class T (Catering-Liquor) license on behalf of Levy Premium Foodservice. Levy Premium Foodservice is a subsidiary of Compass Group USA. Levy Premium Foodservice specializes in managing food and beverage services at athletic facilities. It is seeking a class T (catering) license in order to provide service at private alumni and booster events as well as game day events during football season.

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended liquor license issuance to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

L3 Evanston, LLC d/b/a Next of Kinship, 1603 Orrington Avenue
Terra Westhaus spoke on behalf of Next of Kinship’s request for a class T (catering) liquor license. Next of Kinship currently holds a class C restaurant liquor license and reopened in February under a new concept. It now wishes to expand into catering events offsite and offering food and alcohol. It holds similar licenses in Chicago.

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended liquor license issuance to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

Vinic Wine Company d/b/a Vinic Wine Company, 1509 Chicago
Sandeep Ghaey requested consideration of an amendment to class K to allow onsite tasting of alcoholic spirits not to exceed 2.75 fluid ounces and consideration of an amendment to adjust wine container size to 6.32 fluid ounces or greater for off-site consumption. Sandeep Ghaey explained that these limits are similar to those granted to Binny’s in its Class F-2 license class. He is asking that Class K be allowed the same limits.

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended an amendment to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

Beer on Central, 1930 Central St.
Peter O’Malley requested consideration of amendment to class K to remove the onsite consumption limit of beer. He feels that BASSET training will provide adequate guidance for consumption limits to avoid overserving customers. It’s a small space and it is easy to keep an eye on customers and know when to make them stop drinking. He said different businesses such as Temperance and Sketchbook (craft breweries) do not have limits on how much beer their customers can consume and he wants to offer his customers the same opportunities. Mayor Hagerty views the primary function of Beer on Central as a craft beer retailer with a tasting room. Mayor Hagerty noted that the primary function of Temperance and Sketchbook are brewers of beer. Dick Peach questioned the difference between World of Beer and Beer on Central. Mayor Hagerty pointed out that World of Beer does not sell packaged goods. Mayor Hagerty stated that the original concept presented by Beer on Central was that of a small packaged goods store with some tastings. Dick Peach noted that now it seems to want to expand from tastings into a bar. Peter O’Malley says it’s no more or less a bar than Temperance or Sketchbook. Mayor Hagerty asked how many customers Beer on Central typically has
at the bar. Peter O’Malley guessed 10-12 on weekdays and 20-24 people on weekends; at its busiest, 25-30 people. Mayor Hagerty said he needed more time to consider the request and the issue will get continued.

No action was taken. The Board recommended continuing the matter.

**Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard Street**

Lorraine Dostal requested amendments to the class U (Theatre) liquor license. Class U allows alcohol sales one hour prior to shows and during intermission in the lobby only. She explained that Theo Ubique is a cabaret dinner theater that plans to serve alcohol in the theater as part of dinner service and at a bar in the theater. Dinners will be provided by a catering service. All servers will be BASSET trained. Because the theater lacks a traditional lobby, she is requesting an amendment that eliminates the lobby requirement. She also requested an adjustment to hours of service, as alcohol will be served during the shows with dinner and not limited to before shows and during intermissions. In addition to its regular show season, the theater is interested in hosting auxiliary events such as movie sing along nights and special events as a way of earning money in between show productions. Lorraine Dostal explained that the theater does not intend to run a kitchen and would instead offer snacks during those auxiliary events. Alderman Rainey and board members expressed concern over alcohol service that did not accompany food and expressed that Theo Ubique needs to give additional thought to its business plan and food offerings with respect to the auxiliary events. It was agreed that the amendments to hours and location of service with respect to dinner theater service will get introduced to City Council and that Theo Ubique will need to rework its business plan with respect to food service during its auxiliary events.

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. None were voiced. The Board recommended an amendment to be introduced at the City Council meeting on September 17, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor at 12:43 a.m. August 29, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

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