MINUTES
Liquor Control Board
Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2750

Members Present: Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty (Local Liquor Control Commissioner)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hugh DuBose (Assistant City Attorney)

Others Present: Marion Macbeth; Dick Peach, Zuban Kammula, Scott Schwebel
Alderman Revelle

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
Northwestern University- Levy Catering License

Northwestern University as well as Levy catering requested a change to the Evanston Liquor Code to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages to attendees of the Northwestern basketball games at Welsh Ryan Arena.

Attorney Hugh DuBose provided background. Northwestern arena currently holds a Class R license, which allows for some alcohol sales on the campus at Northwestern, but that class is not applicable to Walsh-Ryan Arena.

The city drafted an ordinance that creates a new class of licenses called R1 which would permit the sale of alcohol at the Walsh-Ryan arena.

The City drafted the ordinance so that the ordinance only applies to Welsh Ryan Arena and excludes other athletic and performance venues on Northwestern’s campus. Specifically, the draft ordinance applies to venues with a seating capacity of not more than 8,000 and not less than 7,000. Walsh-Ryan Arena is the only building on Northwestern’s campus that meets this criteria.

Counsel for Levy Catering, Northwestern’s food and beverage service provider, Zuban
Kammula, indicated that they may have interest in extending this privilege to other venues on Northwestern's campus in the future, but for now, the idea is to see how it goes with the basketball games at Welsh Ryan Arena. This draft ordinance is restricted to the Walsh-Ryan arena intended for by-the-drinks sales inside the Walsh-Ryan arena. All of the training and procedures that Levy employs at other venues both on and off Northwestern’s campus will be utilized at Welsh Ryan Arena. Levy has an exemplary compliance record throughout the country.

Alderman Revelle noted that Northwestern is currently not permitted to hold professional athletic events pursuant to the zoning code. If Northwestern would like to host tennis tournaments, they will need to seek changes to the zoning code.

All voted in favor to moving this to council.

**Colectivo – Sidewalk Café – Discussion only**

Currently, the City of Evanston has a sidewalk cafe ordinance that restricts permanent structures to be installed on the sidewalk. Colectivo has indicated that they would like to add a permanent structure.

The restrictions on serving alcohol depend on the type of restaurant. Type 1 restaurants, sit-down restaurants that must use reusable flatware and have wait staff, are permitted to serve alcohol on their sidewalk café with a meal. Type 2 restaurants include all other types of restaurants, such as counter-type restaurant with no wait staff and restaurants that use biodegradable products to serve food, are not permitted to sell alcohol on their sidewalk cafes.

Colectivo is a Type 2 restaurant and currently holds a liquor license.

In order to allow the Type 2 restaurants to serve alcohol in the sidewalk cafes, the sidewalk café ordinance will need to be amended to allow Type 2 restaurants to serve alcohol on their sidewalk cafes. If Colectivo’s permanent structure is approved, Colectivo would like to serve alcohol in their sidewalk café. If Colectivo is allowed to serve alcohol, that decision will affect those other license holders.

The proposed course of action is to amend the sidewalk café ordinance to allow Type 2 restaurants to serve alcohol on the sidewalk cafes if they comply with the Type 1 restaurant rules concerning having wait staff and reusable dishware. Additionally, the proposal would remove the requirement for Type 1 restaurants to only serve alcohol with the service of a meal.

Colectivo rep, Scott Schwebel, discussed their sales incentive and their expectations in acquiring such a license. Marion Macbeth reiterated that having a server would be ideal. The group discussed concurrence that the Type 1 requirements imposed on the Type 2 restaurants that want to serve alcohol in their sidewalk cafes should be applied.

The board, recommended approval of the proposed changes to the Sidewalk Café
ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor, at 11:29 a.m. May 08, 2019.

 Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh DuBose  
Assistant City Attorney, Law Department