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

NEW BUSINESS
Frida’s Breakfast and Lunch, 618 Church Street, Evanston, IL
Rosario Barreto on behalf of her restaurant, Frida’s Breakfast and Lunch, requested a Class D (Restaurant) liquor license. Rosario indicated that they recently opened in late January of 2019 serving only breakfast and lunch, but are expanding their dining options to include dinner and would like to serve alcohol. Ms. Barreto and her husband are also the owners of an indoor soccer facility in Chicago, IL that has a restaurant where they have had a liquor license for about four years. Ms. Rosario confirmed that she has completed the Basset certificate and is aware of the laws regarding underage drinking. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. No further questions from Members. The Board recommended approval of the liquor license to be introduced at the City Council meeting on June 10, 2019.

Lush Wine & Spirits, 2022 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201
Mitch Einhorn and Janice Webster on behalf of Lush Wine & Spirits requested a Class I (Restaurant) license. Lush Wine & Spirits previously obtained a liquor license, but the license expired in in 2016. The applicants are now applying for a new license.

The business is expected to open once the building passes all City of Evanston inspections.

Mr. Einhorn indicated that he owns other locations and a restaurant. He has twenty-five years’ experience operating restaurants or stores that sell alcohol. He is familiar with the laws regarding the selling of alcohol.
There were no further questions or concerns. The Board recommended approval of the liquor license to be introduced at the City Council meeting on June 10, 2019. Alderman Revelle recommended suspending the rules on this ordinance and presenting it for introduction and action at the June 10, 2019, City Council meeting.

**Proposed new P-5 class ordinance (Alcohol Manufacturer)**

Evanston currently only has one liquor license for distilleries. This license caps the amount of alcohol that can be distilled at 30,000 gallons and is intended for craft distilleries. The state of Illinois allows alcohol manufacturers to distill larger amount of alcohol; however, the City of Evanston does not have a license to accommodate these manufacturers. FEW Spirits has contacted the City regarding future growth that would require a new license class. The City's Law Department prepared a proposed ordinance to add a new license (P-5) to the Liquor Code that would permit larger scale alcohol manufacturing as permitted by State law.

The proposed ordinance adds a class P-5 license to the liquor code which removes the City’s cap on the volume of alcohol that can be distilled by a state licensed alcohol manufacturer. The requirements of this license track the manufacturer license in the Illinois Liquor Control Act. The proposed ordinance also adds definitions of alcohol manufacturing and alcohol manufacturer. These definitions mirror those currently found at the Illinois state code.

Currently state law does not permit retail sale, either off or on-site, by an alcohol manufacturer. The proposed P5 class will allow for alcohol manufacturers to serve or sell liquor only if it is permitted by state law. If permitted, alcohol manufacturers will need to follow the rules for craft distillery tasting room. Further discussions about the potential changes were discussed. Any zoning changes would be consistent with the liquor code. Paul Hletko of FEW Liquors voiced his support of the changes. There were no objections. The ordinance will be introduced at the June 10, 2019 city council meeting.

**Proposed updates to Class J and P-2 licenses**

In 2018 Illinois made several changes to the Illinois Liquor Control Act. Two of the changes impact brewers in Evanston. First, state law now permits production off-site of beer to be served in a brewer’s own tap room. Second, the state now allows craft brewers to serve beer and cider brewed by other brewers. Previously state law required beer to be brewed on-site in order to be served in a tap room.

The Law Department drafted an ordinance that will allow brewers to produce up to 465,000 gallons of beer manufactured off-site and allow for craft breweries with a tap room to have up to five taps of beer or cider from other producers of beer and cider. The amount of alcohol from other brewers is further limited as it cannot be more than fifty percent of a taproom’s gross retail sales of alcohol.

The draft ordinance also proposes a change to the Class J and P-2 licenses so that craft breweries and brew pubs can sell individual containers as small as 375 ml. Currently to
sell a container of beer for off-premises consumption the container must be no smaller than twenty-two ounces. Permitting brewers to sell in single containers of at least 375 ml will allow brewers to sell unique types of sours and specialty beers.

Finally the draft ordinance removes the requirement that employees engaged in the production of alcohol be BASSETT certified. BASSETT certification is a state requirement for individuals engaged in the sale and service of alcohol and is not intended for those in the manufacturing process.

Cesar Marron and Shawn Decker of Sketchbook and Josh Gilbert of Temperance voiced support to the changes to the code.

Board member Marion MacBeth expressed her reservations with reducing the minimum size requirement for a single container of alcohol.

The Board recommended the proposed updates to move forward and be introduced at the City Council meeting on June 10, 2019.

**Board & Brush Evanston, 802 Dempster Street, Evanston, IL 60202**
On April 26, 2019 Board & Brush Evanston notified the law department that they were ceasing operations effective April 28, 2019. Board and Brush requested that their license not be renewed.

There were no further questions or concerns. The Board recommended approval of the ordinance reducing the number of Class X licenses from one (1) to zero (0) be introduced at the City Council meeting on June 10, 2019. Alderman Revelle recommended suspending the rules on this ordinance and presenting it for introduction and action at the June 10, 2019, City Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor at 11:41 a.m. May 29, 2019.
Respectfully Submitted,

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