MINUTES

Liquor Control Board
Wednesday, November 28, 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); Dick Peach

Members Absent: Marion Macbeth

Staff Present: Mario Treto, Jr.

Others Present: Rajeeh Patel (Evanston 1st Liquors); (Dil Foods); (Evanston Shell Gas Station); (D & D Foods); Alderman Ann Rainey; Alderman Judy Fiske.

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

Evanston 1st Liquors, 1019 Davis Street
D & D Finer Foods, 825 Noyes Street
Rajeeh Patel appeared on behalf of Evanston 1st Liquors. Kosta Douvikas appeared on behalf of D &D Finer Foods. They are requesting an amendment to Class E and Class L liquor licenses to allow sales of liquor in amounts of 1.69 fluid ounces minimum, wine in amounts of 6.32 fluid ounces minimum, and standard beer in containers of 40 fluid ounces minimum and 10 fluid ounce minimum for craft beer.

Mario Treto advised that the amendment should mirror Binny’s license, containing the same language, allotments and limitations with regard to liquor, wine and beer sales.

Major Hagerty expressed that he would not like to allow for sales of 10 ounce containers of beer. He hasn’t really seen 10 ounce containers, but has seen 12 ounce containers of craft beer. However, because 10 ounces is what is allowed for Binny’s he would agree to grant the same to Class E license holders.
Dick Peach is surprised that the city is allowing single container sales. Mayor Hagerty clarified this is for craft beers only.

Mayor Hagerty asked for clarification whether the amendment is allowing for single sales of craft beer, or single containers of craft beer to be packaged by the customer and sold in four or six packs.

Alderman Fiske said we should not be allowed to go over to Binny’s and purchase a single 10 ounce container of beer. Nobody ever intended for a single 10 ounce can of beer to be sold in Evanston.

Rajeesh Patel says he would like 50mL containers of liquor because customers come in and would like to purchase the liquor for cooking purposes only and don’t want to buy the larger containers. The Board agreed to allow 200mL containers that are kept behind the counter.

Board members and Aldermen agreed that they did not mean to allow for Binny’s to sell airplane size liquor containers and would like to review that at a later date.

The Board commenced discussions regarding Binny’s liquor license and amending licenses.

The Board recommended the request move forward to be heard before the City Council with the amendment of Class E and Class L sales of liquor in containers no less than 200mL and wine containers of no less than 6.32 fluid ounces. The amendment requests will be introduced at the City Council meeting on December 10, 2018.

The Board will revisit Binny’s liquor license and will determine if any changes to the license will be made.

**Evanston Shell Gas Station, 2494 Oakton Street**

Minhaz Lakhani appeared on behalf of Evanston Shell Gas Station. He presented their request to amend Class O license to allow for wine sales.

There were no objections to the request.

The Board recommended the request move forward to be heard before the City Council with the amendment to sell wine in containers of no less than 200mL. The amendment request will be introduced at the City Council meeting on December 10, 2018.

**Lao Sze Chuan, 1633 Orrington Avenue**

Tak Li appeared on behalf of Lao Sze Chuan. He presented Lao Sze Chuan’s request to be granted a Class D Liquor License. He explains there was a transfer in ownership and the previous owner’s liquor license expired. Their customers are used to them offering liquor and the Company would like to continue to be able to serve alcohol to their customers.
There were no objections to the request.

The Board recommended the request to increase Class D liquor license move forward to be heard before the City Council and Alderman Fiske requested a suspension of rules. The ordinance will be introduced and the City Council will take action at the meeting on December 10, 2018.

**Colectivo Coffee, 716 Church Street**
Scott Schwebel appeared on behalf of Colectivo Coffee. He presented Colectivo Coffee’s request to increase the Class H Liquor License. Alderman Fiske welcomes the new business and expresses excitement to have the look of the location updated. She believes the business will do well. Mayor Hagerty agrees.

Mayor Hagerty asks Mr. Schwebel to describe Colectivo Coffee. They are a coffee roaster, bakery, a commissary, and a network of cafés. This is Colectivo’s 20th location. There are 16 in Wisconsin, 13 in Milwaukee, 3 in Madison, 3 in Chicago, and this is their 1st in the Chicagoland area. Scott Schwebel is the vice president of Colectivo. It operates as a café, but 40% of sales are from food and bakery items which they make themselves. The other locations sell a selection of beers and sometimes wines. Generally, most locations have a 6 tap head and serve seasonal beers. They also brew their own beer and highlight local beers. All beer is tapped and not to-go. All servers are BASSET trained. They have not been fined or violated for serving underage.

The Board recommended the request to increase Class H liquor license move forward to be heard before the City Council and Alderman requested suspension of rules and the ordinance will be introduced and City Council will take action at the December 10, 2018 City Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor, at 11:51 a.m. November 28, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mario Treto, Jr.
Deputy City Attorney, Law Department