MINUTES

Liquor Control Board
Friday, July 12, 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), Marion MacBeth; and Dick Peach

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hugh DuBose (Assistant City Attorney)

Others Present: Tony Frandria (Canal Shores)

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.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
The Liquor Control Review Board reviewed the meeting minutes of May 8, 2019, and May 29, 2019, and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

NEW BUSINESS
Proposed updates to the Illinois Liquor Control Act

1. Currently, combination/restaurant package stores can only sell wine but not beer/liquor. The code update will be updated to include beer/liquor to the definition.

2. The definition of the University Area does not include the U2 district; the definition is updated in a proposal to include the U2 University District. The intent is to define the definition of the area while not making any changes relating to the discussion of a granting of a liquor license to the Walsh-Ryan arena. A map with the areas to be included in the U2 district will be provided at the next meeting.

3. The Live Music Venue License (Class V) is currently limited to the Core Area. This restriction prevents a music venue outside of the Core Area from
obtaining the proper license. The proposal will update the code to remove the Core Area requirement and require all music venues that are able to obtain the proper zoning to operate their business. Additionally, after reviewing the code, the annual license fee for a Class V license is disproportionate to other similar licenses. The proposed ordinance reduces the fee for a Class V license from $8,000.00 to $4,000.00. The City does not have any current Class V licenses holders.

4. Canal Shores Golf Club has approached the City regarding serving alcohol on their course. The City does not have a class that would permit them to sell alcohol. The Chicago Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has approved an amended lease that will permit the sale of alcohol on the course. The City does permit commercial “indoor” recreation facilities to serve alcohol. The City proposes to remove the “indoor” requirement to allow all commercial recreation facilities that are not part of the University Area to serve alcohol.

Canal Shores’ course manager, Tony Frandria, was present in the meeting and indicated the course intends to sell alcohol from a golf cart and possibly at the club house. Canal Shores is also working with the Village of Wilmette since the golf course is on land in both Wilmette and Evanston. All staff serving the alcohol will obtain Basset certification and if the proposed changes are approved, Canal Shores will apply for and submit a liquor application and go through the normal channels of the liquor board review.

The proposal would also add a definition of “commercial recreation facility” to limit the types of facilities that can apply for the Class W License. In an effort to simplify the code, arts and craft facilities are added to the definition of commercial recreation facility so that the Class X license can be eliminated.

Member MacBeth recommended removal of the word “fieldhouse” from the list of exclusions to the commercial recreation facility definition.

5. Since the proposed changes to the Class W license would include arts and craft facilities, the proposed ordinance eliminates the Class X licenses because it is now duplicative. The City does not currently have any active Class X licenses.

The Board unanimously recommended forwarding the proposed changes to the Evanston Liquor Code to the City Council as amended with Member MacBeth’s recommended change.
CLASS D LICENSE DECREASE

1. Falcon Eddy’s LLC, dba Falcon Eddy’s Barbeque, 825 Church Street
   Request to decrease Class D (Restaurant) License

   Falcon Eddy’s Barbeque has ceased operations and no longer wishes to hold a Class D license. The proposed ordinance decreases the number of permitted Class D licenses to account for the removal of Falcon Eddy’s license.

   There were no further questions or concerns. The Board recommended forwarding the ordinance reducing the number of Class D licenses to City Council.

2. Blaze IL Store 5LLC dba Blaze Pizza, 1737 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
   Request to decrease Class D (Restaurant)

   The proposed decrease of Class D licenses as a result of Blaze Pizza not renewing its license was not properly noticed and will be heard at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor, at 11:28 a.m. July 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh DuBose
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