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 Board unanimously approved the minutes from their August 28, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kokomo, 1639 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois
   Jun Yong Ahn and Kristina Kim on behalf of Kokomo, requested a Class D (Restaurant) liquor license. Kokomo opened in Evanston in July 2019 and specializes in Korean food. Kokomo is interested in selling sake, beer and wine. Ms. Kim confirmed that they have completed the Basset certificate and are aware of the laws regarding serving alcohol in a restaurant. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. The Members of the Board did not have any further questions. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the liquor license and that Staff
forward the Kokomo’s application to City Council for approval.

2. Zentli, 1813 Dempster Avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Marcos Rivera and Alfonso Nieves Ruiz on behalf of their restaurant, Zentli, requested a Class D (Restaurant) liquor license. Zentli plans on selling Mexican food. Marcos Rivera currently owns another restaurant in Skokie, IL and stated that he has not had any compliance issues with the selling of alcohol. Alfonso Nievez Ruiz has previously worked for the arts community in Evanston and intends on having an artistic element to Zentli where artists can display their work. Rivera and Ruiz confirmed that they have completed the Basset certificate and are aware of the laws regarding serving alcohol in a restaurant. The Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. The Members of the Board did not have any further questions. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the liquor license and that Staff forward the Kokomo’s application to City Council for approval.

3. Hearth Restaurant, 1625 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Jennifer Gallery, on behalf of her client, GEIL Lessee, and Miguel Lopez, as part of the management group, requested a Class D (Restaurant) liquor license for Hearth Restaurant. Ms. Gallery stated that the sale of Hearth and the attached hotel should be finalized by October 5, 2019. Ms. Gallery confirmed that her client intends to carry on a similar restaurant as the one that currently operates as Hearth Restaurant. The Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. The Members of the Board did not have any further questions. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the liquor license and that Staff forward the Kokomo’s application to City Council for approval.

Monica Palermo and Keiko Thomas, requested a Class D (Restaurant) liquor license for Sea Ranch Sushi Evanston. Sea Ranch Sushi Evanston opened in Evanston in 2003 and has operated without serving alcohol since 2003. Ms. Palermo stated that Sea Ranch Sushi plans to sell beer, wine and sake. The same owners operate Sea Ranch in Wilmette; however, that location does not hold a liquor license. Ms. Palermo has initiated contact with the Alderman, Melissa Wynne, to discuss the possibility of suspension of the rules to expedite the license. The Liquor Control Commissioner asked the members if there were any further questions or concerns over the request. The Members of the Board did not have any further questions. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the liquor license and that Staff forward the Kokomo’s application to City Council for approval.

**UPDATE TO THE EVANSTON LIQUOR CONTROL CODE**

The City has received requests to serve alcohol at events on city-owned property
that is not currently included in the list of properties eligible for a Z-3 or Z-4 liquor license. No other license currently is available for City-owned property not specifically listed in the Z-3 and Z-4 liquor licenses. Currently, the one-day Z3 and Z4 liquor licenses limit the service of alcohol on city property to Chandler-Newberger Center, Robert Crown Community Center/Ice Rink, Ecology Center, Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Levy Senior Center, the Fleet-wood-Jourdain Community Center, and the Evanston Public Library. The proposed changes to the code would remove the names of specific buildings and permit liquor licenses for service of alcohol on city property if the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Service approves the event and the Mayor approves the liquor license. This change would provide greater flexibility for events in Evanston, while allowing the similar control over the use of City of Evanston property.

Ald Fleming requested an update the Z-3 and Z-4 license so that only the portion of the building or property where alcohol is being served be closed to the public. If approved, by the Liquor Control Review Board, a similar amendment to the Parks’ Ordinance will accompany the ordinance changing the Z-3 and Z-4 licenses to City Council. The Members of the Board did not have any further questions. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed changes to the Class Z-3 and Z-4 Liquor License and that Staff forward the proposed changes to City Council for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Rosinski spoke at public comment and asked questions regarding the sale of alcohol outside of Northwestern Football games and requested that staff confirm the Liquor Control Review Board is included on the City’s meeting notification listserv.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor, at 11:26 a.m. October 2, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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