

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 26, 2019**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Selevitch at 2:00 p.m. on June 26, 2019. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere License Commission and those in attendance.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 5/15/19.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the minutes.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The following item was taken out of order

Big Bounce America, LLC
Fredericks Park
Pamela Esposito, Manager

Application for a One-Time Carnival/Festival License: Application of Big Bounce America, LLC for a one-time Carnival/Festival license to be exercised at Fredericks Park from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. on the following dates: July 4 – 7, and July 12 – 14. Carnival to consist of various amusements centered around a concept of the inflatable bounce house.

Michael Hinojosa, of Revere Parks & Recreation, appeared for the application. The company is an out-of-state company that has been traveling the country with bounce houses for approximately three years. Parks & Recreation rented the space to the company, in part as a substitute for its normal July 4th family events. He described the proposed operations, security, numbers and insurance. Revere Police Chief Guido raised concerns about security, citing the lack of response by the company to questions about expected number of attendees, and management of potential crowds. He was particularly concerned about July 4th, and the availability of officers for detail work on a day when the police force is already stretched thin. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the company might cancel the day of the 4th due to low ticket sales. After some further discussion, all parties agreed that the issues would be worked out for this year's event.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon receipt of approvals from state and city inspectional authorities.

Jimerson Enterprises, LLC
d/b/a **Larry J's BBQ Café**
1148 North Shore Road
Larry James Jimerson, Manager

Application for an Entertainment License: Application of Jimerson Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Larry J's BBQ Café for an Entertainment license to be exercised at 1148 North Shore Road. Requested entertainment is TV and radio.

Larry Jimerson appeared for the application. This is simply to add entertainment that he had forgotten to request during his initial license application.

There were neither proponents nor opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Queen Associates, Inc.
d/b/a **Wicked Eats**
76 Revere Beach Boulevard
Sheryl & Mark Queen, Managers

Application for a Common Victualler License: Application of Queen Associates, Inc. d/b/a Wicked Eats, Sheryl and Mark Queen, Managers, for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 76 Revere Beach Boulevard. Requested hours of operation are seasonal from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Requested seating is for 10.

Sheryl Queen appeared for the application. She presented a document outlining her business model, prospective employment numbers, and community engagement. The business will be open on a seasonal basis from April – November. The Commission complimented the operations of her existing business, located nearby.

Wendy Millar-Page, Executive Director of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the application. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

City of Revere Parks & Recreation
249 Broadway
Charles Giuffrida, Event Manager

Application for a Special 1-day License for Malt, Common Victualler, and Entertainment: Application of City of Revere Parks and Recreation for a 1-day license for Malt, Common Victualler, and Entertainment, said license to be exercised on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Malt to be served on the lawn at 249 Broadway. Common Victualler to consist of food trucks on Broadway, Entertainment to consist of music and games on Broadway.

Charles Giuffrida appeared for the application. This is an annual event hosted by the Parks and Recreation department. Previous events have been successful.

Dimple Rana, director of the City's Healthy Community Initiatives department, spoke in favor of the application. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Selevitch, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Revere Beach Partnership

Revere Beach
Chris Puiia, Event Manager

Application for Two (2) Special 1-day Licenses for All Alcohol: Application of Revere Beach Partnership for two 1-day licenses for All Alcohol, said licenses to be exercised in a tent set up on Revere Beach on Friday, July 26, 2019 and Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as part of the International Sand Sculpting Festival.

Chris Puiia appeared for the application. This is an annual event as part of the International Sand Sculpting Festival. Servers are TIPS certified, and there is a strong police presence as part of the event.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

City of Revere

Revere Summer Nights Series

Various Locations
Dimple Rana, Manager

Application for Three (3) 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses: Application of Revere Summer Nights Series for three 1-day license for common victualler and entertainment, said licenses to be exercised at the following dates and locations: 1) Tuesday, July 2, 2019, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. on the Markey Pedestrian Bridge; 2) Tuesday, July 16, 2019, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., on the lawn of the American Legion Building (249 Broadway); 3) Friday, August 23, 2019, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., at Sandler Square. Common Victualler to consist of food trucks; entertainment to consist of live music and children’s games.

Dimple Rana appeared for the application. These events comprise the remainder of the series of Summer Nights events, repeating last year’s successful run. There will be food trucks and family-friendly entertainment.

There were neither proponents nor opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon approval by inspectional authorities.

Casablanca House of Pastry, Inc.

151 VFW Parkway, Suite 60
Nabil Ammar, President

Application for a Change of Location for a Common Victualler License: Application of Casablanca House of Pastry, Inc. for a change of location from 60 Shirley Avenue to 151 VFW Parkway, Suite 60. Requested seating is 50, requested hours are 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Nabil Ammar appeared for the application. This is a move to the Wonderland Marketplace, and a larger space.

Dimple Rana, director of the city’s Healthy Community Initiatives department, spoke in favor of the application. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Uno Restaurants, LLC
d/b/a **Uno Chicago Grill**
210 Squire Road
Peter W. Major, Manager

Application for a Change of Officers: Application of Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill for a Change of Officers for an All Alcohol Restaurant license exercised at 210 Squire Road. There is no associated change in stock or ownership.

Peter Major appeared for the application. This is an ‘inverted’ application being processed at a statewide level by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, as it affects many restaurants across the state.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Driftwood Special Servicing, LLC
d/b/a **Four Points by Sheraton Revere**
407 Squire Road
Robert Loewen, Manager

Application for Transfer of an All Alcohol Innholder License: Application of Driftwood Special Servicing, LLC d/b/a Four Points by Sheraton Revere for transfer of an All Alcohol Innholder license from Bisuteki Japanese Steakhouse, Inc., said license to be exercised at 407 Squire Road. Requested seating is 200, requested hours of operation 5 a.m. – 10 p.m. (liquor sales to begin no earlier than 8 a.m. Monday – Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday), and requested entertainment is widescreen cable TV and radio.

Robert Loewen appeared for the application, represented by the applicant’s attorney, Joseph Devlin. The hotel is parting ways with its tenant, who has been operating food and alcohol service for the hotel. The license will be transferred at this time, and the hotel will then finalize plans for a new restaurant and new food service within the hotel. This will be a multi-stage process, of which this is the first step.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Chairman Selevitch, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Colwen Management, Inc.
d/b/a **Staybridge Suites/Holiday Inn Express - Revere**
245 Revere Beach Parkway
Luziane Cavalcanti, Manager

Application for an All Alcohol Innholder License: Application of Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a Staybridge Suites/Holiday Inn Express – Revere for an All Alcohol Innholder license to be exercised at 245 Revere Beach Parkway, with 152 rooms. Requested hours and seating for Common Victualler license to be 216 seats from 6 a.m. – 1 a.m. Requested entertainment to be widescreen cable tv, radio, DJ, vocal and instrumental music.

Luziane Cavalcanti appeared for the application, accompanied by the applicant’s attorney, Stephen Miller. The applicant company operates 18 hotels throughout the state, and is well-regarded. This building is presently under construction, with an expected opening date in March, 2020. During the process of community engagement, the

neighboring residents requested a restaurant at the site, prompting the proposed restaurant area. There will be no room service, nor minibars.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon completion of the plans as submitted, and inspectional approvals.

Netraa, Inc.
d/b/a **Dairy Mart**
160 Squire Road
Vimuben Ghanshyam Patel, Manager

Application for Transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License and Pledge of License: Application of Netraa, Inc. d/b/a Dairy Mart for transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store license from Dairy Mart Liquor, Inc., and for pledge of the license, said license to be exercised at 160 Squire Road.

Shalin and Sunny Patel appeared for the application, represented by their attorney, Rachel Judkins. They intend no changes to the store's operations, continuing with liquor sales, tobacco sales, lottery sales, and some convenience items. Commissioner Guinasso raised the ongoing issue of the proportion of alcohol sales to convenience item sales. The current owner has agreed on several occasions to adjust this proportion to one more fitting a convenience store, but has yet to actually follow through on these agreements. Ms. Judkins engaged in a spirited debate with the Commission, before requesting a short period to consult with her clients, which was granted.

The Commission addressed the next two items on the agenda in the interim. At that time, Ms. Judkins returned from conference with her clients. She stated that the applicants had agreed to a ratio of 60% convenience items and 40% alcoholic beverages, and asked to retain table and seats for their Keno business, which is apparently the 7th largest in the state.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, with the condition that the applicant must maintain a product ratio of no more than 40% alcoholic beverages.

Ocean 500 of Revere, LLC
d/b/a **Dryft**
500 Ocean Avenue, 3rd Floor
Michael Aldi, Manager

Application for an All Alcohol Restaurant License: Application of Ocean 500 of Revere, LLC d/b/a Dryft, for an All Alcohol Restaurant license to be exercised on the 3rd floor at 500 Ocean Avenue. Requested seating is 138 inside, and 96 outside; requested hours are 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.; requested entertainment is TV, radio, DJ, karaoke, vocal and instrumental music.

Michael Aldi appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Cory Rhoades. Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio was also present. Upon completion of construction, this restaurant is planned as an upscale restaurant serving modern American food. The seasonal outdoor seating will be on the plaza area leading from the Wonderland station to the Markey pedestrian bridge. The hope is for the restaurant to open in mid-August.

John Correggio spoke in favor of the application, although he did have questions about parking, and whether police and fire details would be used at the establishment. The parking will be largely handled by valet parking.

There were no opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon completion of the plans as submitted, and inspectional approvals.

Ocean Ale House of Revere, LLC

Fine Line Tap Room

500 Ocean Avenue, 3rd Floor

Michael Aldi, Manager

Application for an All Alcohol General On-Premises License: Application of Ocean Ale House of Revere, LLC d/b/a Fine Line Tap Room, for an All Alcohol General On-Premises license to be exercised on the 3rd floor at 500 Ocean Avenue, serving craft beer and cocktails. Requested hours are 11 a.m. – 2 a.m., requested seating is 76 inside, and 44 outside. Requested entertainment is TV, radio, DJ, karaoke, vocal and instrumental music.

Michael Aldi appeared for the application, represented by his attorney, Cory Rhoades. Attorney Gerry D’Ambrosio was also present. The owners are a respected family of restaurateurs, and this business will be an upscale room with craft beer and cocktails.

City Councillor Ira Novoselsky, who is ward councillor for the location, spoke in favor of the application.

There were no opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application, contingent upon completion of the plans as submitted, and inspectional approvals.

HEARINGS:

Kenneth G. LaFauci

d/b/a **Brothers Auto Body**

19 Naples Road

Kenneth G. LaFauci, Manager

Hearing: Hearing into violations of Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer license stemming from fraud convictions. – **Continued from December meeting.**

Kenneth LaFauci appeared for the hearing, represented by his attorney, James Cipoletta. Chairman Selevitch opened with a discussion of the parking of cars in various states of disrepair on Naples Road and on the lot across from Brothers Auto Body around and under the billboard. Mr. LaFauci first responded that this was customer parking, then that it was only “in and out” car movement, then blamed the towing companies for putting the cars there at night, and then informed the Commission that he singlehandedly plows and repairs the street for the last 30+ years. The matter of the fire violations in the building was then addressed. Mr. LaFauci stated that he had fixed 95% of the issues, and his attorney informed the Commission that the fire department had not appeared at the shop for an inspection. In the matter of unpaid real estate taxes, Mr. LaFauci indicated that the Treasurer’s office was incorrect, and that his taxes had been paid two weeks prior.

The Commission did not take up the matter of Mr. LaFauci’s felony conviction or the status of his appeal of that conviction.

Lance Kelly, former building and zoning inspector for the City of Revere, spoke in behalf of Brothers Auto Body. He has been retired for 15 years, and was engaged by Mr. LaFauci in the matter. He considers that Brothers Auto Body is protected against needing to amend his fire violations by virtue of being grandfathered. He did, however, suggest that Mr. LaFauci install a smoke detector in order to appease the fire inspector. Regarding the matter of cars on the street and in lots, Mr. Kelly reminisced with Commissioner Guinasso about the parking difficulties on that road back when he was inspector, and many of the other companies that did or still do business on that road. Both agreed that Mr. LaFauci should not be held solely responsible for the issue of cars clogging the streets and lots, and that it is therefore unfair to make him accountable for parking.

Wayne Rose also spoke on behalf of Brothers Auto Body. He wished the Commission to give Mr. LaFauci the benefit of the doubt, and to accept all his statements as they stand, and to allow him thirty days before he be inspected for the work that was stated to be already completed.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to close the hearing and fully renew the license, with the condition that all taxes be paid, and the Commission receive a fire inspection report showing the required installations have been completed and passed.

Revere Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1272

470 Broadway

No current manager

Hearing: Hearing into possible violations of law and regulations stemming from ongoing lack of manager and approved officers.

Thomas Goodell, assistant territorial manager for Moose International, and Kelly Freeman, clerk for the Revere Moose Club, appeared for the hearing. They elaborated upon the current convulsions in Moose Club management, which have now been resolved. They have submitted applications to correct their manager and officers. Chairman Selevitch reminded them that the problem could, again, have been avoided if they had merely notified the Commission when their manager was dismissed, as the law requires. Commissioner Guinasso discussed the benches outside the Moose Club, which are attracting a regular population of loiterers who often engage in confrontations. The Club has agreed that these benches are problematic, and will remove them.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Chairman Selevitch, it was VOTED to dismiss the matter without a finding.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Santana, notifying the Commission that she is no longer the manager of the **Revere Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1272**.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

LICENSE RENEWALS

Common Victualler

N. Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Nonni's Pizza, 750 Washington Avenue

G.F. Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell, 339 Squire Road

Pawnbroker

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

Secondhand Dealer

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

Jewelry, Precious Metals Dealer

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

It was unanimously VOTED to approve the above renewals.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on July 17, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2019