



ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall - The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
January 14, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Betty Barnett, Ralph Berkley, Malissa Cronin, John Metter, Ron Tilley (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Absent: Tina Goecks, Joseph Vickerman, Councilor Kevin Leavy (non-voting)
Advisory: Captain Dan Risse, Deputy City Attorney Elizabeth Krueger

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Berkley with a quorum present.
2. Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2013. Motion to approve by Mr. Metter, second by Ms. Cronin. Motion carried.
3. Consideration of the Application for an Amendment to the Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License, for an Outside Premise Extension for Rose's Soulfood, Clancy L. Smith, owner, 201 Short Street. Mr. Clancy Smith appeared.

Captain Risse stated the Police Department had no objection to the outside premise extension of Rose's Soulfood.

Mr. Metter moved approval of the outdoor premise extension at Rose's Soulfood, second by Ms. Barnett. Motion carried 4 -0.

4. Consideration of the Application for a new Agent for HRNS V Entertainment, d/b/a Adiktion, 1310 Cranston Road, Edgardo Garrido. Proposed Agent appeared.

Captain Risse stated he checked municipal and state criminal records and to the best of his knowledge with the available information, the character, record, and reputation of the Agent are satisfactory and the Police Department has no objection to this appointment based upon the records checked.

Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Garrido if he understood he would be personally responsible for all alcohol violations that may occur on the premises whether he is present or not. Mr. Garrido affirmed that he understood and that he has had one year experience managing a restaurant in Janesville that sells alcohol. Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Garrido if he was aware of the issues Adiktion had that resulted in the loss of their license. Mr. Garrido responded that he understood that it was because of the way they purchased beer and liquor and that he knows the correct way now. Attorney Krueger asked Mr. Garrido how often Adiktion would be open and if the owners of the business have given him authority and control of the premise. Mr. Garrido responded that he has been given control of the business and that Adiktion would be open Friday and/or Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Attorney Krueger explained to Mr. Garrido that anyone under the age of twenty-one must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and Mr. Garrido stated he understood.

Mr. Tilley asked if Adiktion has security cameras and security guards. Mr. Garrido stated they have sixteen cameras inside and outside the building and six security guards. He further stated that he would hire more security if necessary and that the security tapes would be available to the Police Department if needed.

Chairman Berkley moved to approve Edgardo Garrido as Agent of Adiktion, second by Ms. Barnett. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consideration of the Application for a new Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License for Olde Towne Market, Inc. d/b/a/ Olde Towne Market, 905 Henry Avenue. Proposed Agent, Akbir Kang, appeared.

Captain Risse stated he checked municipal and state criminal records, and to the best of his knowledge with the available information, the character, record, and reputation of the Agent are satisfactory and the Police Department has no objection to this appointment based upon the records checked. Captain Risse advised the committee to review the Impact Study completed by the Police Department where 18 residents were in favor of this license, 16 were opposed, 7 had no opinion, and 26 did not answer the door.

Attorney Krueger asked Ms. Kang if she understood that she would be accountable for all alcohol violations that may occur on the premises whether she is present or not. Ms. Kang replied that she understood her responsibilities of being the Agent.

Rory Owens, Chairperson of the Merrill Revitalization Group, stated his group met with Sean Chinna, owner of Olde Town Market, Inc., regarding his plans for this convenience store. Mr. Owens said his committee decided that they could not support a store selling beer and liquor as this would cause negative effects to the Merrill Neighborhood. However, he said that the group supports the store without alcohol sales.

Chairman Berkley stated he has seen the problems in the Merrill Neighborhood caused from the sale of alcohol and has observed the improvements made with the work of the Merrill Revitalization Group and the denial of alcohol licenses in this area by the Beloit City Council.

Chairman Berkley moved to deny the Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License for 905 Henry Avenue because of the opposition of the Merrill Revitalization Group and the adverse effects of selling alcohol in the Merrill Neighborhood, second by Mr. Metter. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Citizen Comments: None
7. Committee Comments: Chairman Berkley welcomed the Beloit Memorial High School students attending this meeting. Mr. Metter asked Captain Risse for an update on the Eagles Club incidents reported in this month's Police Reports. Captain Risse stated police officers met with the Agent of the Eagles Club and he stated they are going back to their previous members only policy. Because of the seriousness of the incidents at the Eagles Club recently, the committee requested that the Eagles Club be called to the February meeting of ABLCC.

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8. Police Department Comments: Captain Risse said the Police Department has set up special projects monitoring the problems in the parking lots and surrounding areas of Sara's Pub and the Eagles Club. He stated reports will be brought before the committee regarding these two monitoring projects.
9. Attorney Comments: Attorney Krueger explained that the Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License of The Castle at 501 Prospect Street, was granted July 15, 2013, but not issued because of construction, renovation and code compliance issues. Attorney Krueger said the owners, John and Jody Wittnebel, will be coming before this committee in February asking for an extension to complete the renovation.
12. At 4:27 p.m. Mr. Tilley moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Metter. Motion carried.

Judith A. Elson
Deputy City Clerk