

MINUTES

Liquor Control Board

Wednesday, February 6, 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)

Members Absent: Marion Macbeth; Dick Peach

Staff Present: Mario Treto, Jr. (Deputy City Attorney); Hugh DuBose (Assistant City

Attorney)

Others Present: Joshua Keating; Caesar Marron; Shawn Decker, Amy Wilkinson,

Josh Gilbert, Mike Polisky, Brett Bils, and Zuban Kammula

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

Stacked and Folded, 824 Noves

Joshua Keating appeared on behalf of Stacked and Folded. He is requesting an increase in the number of Class D Liquor Licenses.

He is the owner and operator of Stacked and Folded in Winnetka. They have operated in Winnetka for 3 years. He is expanding in Evanston with a larger location. He was an executive chef at several local restaurants before opening his own. He was on the Winnetka Board Chamber of Commerce, but resigned to expand his business.

The hours for Stacked and Folded's Evanston location are expected to be 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; they are not intending on being a late night bar. He would like to open in the end of March or early April.

All servers and managers will be BASSET trained. He has not had any past issues with underage drinking.

There were no objections. The ordinance will be introduced at the February 11, 2019 City Council meeting.

Illinois Liquor Control Act

Caesar Marron appeared to discuss the changes to the Illinois Liquor Control Act which went into effect on August 13, 2018. One of the amendments allows a Class 1 or Class 2 brewer to serve cider and beer that is made by another manufacturer in their taproom. A second amendment allows for contract brewing.

Evanston Code specifies that brewers tasting rooms are only permitted to sample products manufactured on site. They are asking that the language be changed to be consistent with what the state allows. He would like the language to state that a brewery taproom is permitted to serve beer and cider that is manufactured by the licensee or produced at another facility for the licensee.

Attorney Treto will look at the language from a liquor licensing standpoint, however the issue is related to a zoning code amendment and will need to go through the Planning Commission and City Council.

Caesar and Mayor Hagerty discussed the difference between the brewpub, craft brewery, and various other licenses that can be utilized by Evanston for breweries.

Mayor Hagerty expressed concerns about this opening up the opportunity to turn into a "World of Beer" type establishment as opposed to offering their own brews because of lack of success of the brew. The cost of starting and operating a brewery would dissuade people from doing that. Mayor Hagerty suggests limiting the offerings of outside beers and ciders to a small percentage of offerings in the taprooms.

Breweries are required to hold both federal and state licenses, and they are required to report their total production either at a brewery's physical location or at a contract brewery.

Mayor Hagerty expressed the importance of limiting the expansion of the brewery liquor license so that the brewery stays true to their particular license.

Attorney Treto will get them on the Agenda for the Planning Commission and the next Liquor Control Review Board meetings.

Welsh Ryan Arena

Zubin Kammula appeared to discuss a lack of liquor license class that would cover an arena or stadium. They currently have a catering license for the Wilson Club, but they would like introduce a license class that would allow for general concessions sales for events at the Welsh Ryan Arena. Mayor Hagerty asked Deputy City Attorney Treto and Assistant City Attorney DuBose to research if Welsh Ryan could be added to an existing class of liquor licenses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor, at 11:39 a.m. February 6, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mario Treto, Jr. Deputy City Attorney, Law Department