

Minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission

Meeting opened at 6:11p.m. by Chair Silvia Guzman (Guzman)

Commission members present: Michael McAteer (McAteer), Chair Guzman, James Guido (Guido) and Vice Chair Mark Rossi (Rossi) appeared at 6:20 and Captain Keith Houghton on behalf of Chelsea Police Department with Assistant City Solicitor Amy Lindquist.

Chair Guzman introduced the new Commissioner James Guido.

Clerk's Update/New Business:

Chair read that a police report was received from the police dept. Captain Houghton read into the record Report # 16-4114-OF in regards to 373 Washington Avenue. The Commission accepted and filed the report moved to conference.

Chair read that a police report was received from the police in regards to 168-170 Washington Avenue – Report #17-2-IV. Captain Houghton paraphrased and stated that the current license holder is under investigation in an ongoing criminal matter and that they attempted to delete a video and hindered the investigation. (Attorney Cote was provided a copy) The report was accepted and filed.

Chair informed the Commission that the Colwen Management entertainment application was requested to be continued until next month.

Vice Chair Rossi moved to adopt minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting and McAteer seconded. Vote: Unanimous – minutes adopted.

Chair opened the public hearing to consider an application for a Change of Manager of Record at 1040 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea MA. Chair read the Notice and Attorney Michael Brandgwynne and Peter Tremblay appeared for Chili's. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Guido moved to approve the application and McAteer seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair then opened Public Hearing to consider the application for a change a to consider an application for a Change in Manager and a change in Corporate name of Corporate name of Caribbean Liquor Inc. at Caribbean Liquor, Inc. 399 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Chair read the Notice and Attorney McGlaughlin and Antonio Reyes, the sole owner with his daughter appeared. Attorney McGlaughlin stated that Antonio has owned the operation for 20 years and his brother who is the manager of record retired. McGlaughlin mentioned that they also owned the check cashing business next door. Guzman questioned about ownership and management. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Captain Houghton mentioned that the establishment has been trouble free for over seven years. McAteer moved to approve the change of manager and change of corporate name. Guido seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for to consider an application for a change in Officers/Directors of the Chelsea Yacht Club, Inc., at 1 Broadway, Chelsea. Chair read the Notice and Carmine Citro, Commandant of the Club appeared on behalf of the Licensee and explained that the Club has been operations since 1986 and in the Charter they have to vote yearly on officers and directors. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Captain Houghton stated that there have been no issues at the Club. Chair asked several questions as to the history and use of the space. Citro stated that there are 100 members and they are open six days a week and the bartenders and board members are tip certified. McAteer moved to approve the change of manager. Guido seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for a Wine & Malt Beverage on Premises License to the Theatre Zone located at 181 Winnisimmet, Chelsea, MA. Danielle Jacques appeared on behalf of the Theatre Zone and herself. Chair read the Notice. Ms. Jacques stated she is the Artistic Director of the Appollinaire Theatre and that they are opening a shared/new space for other theatres. They would like two areas for the bar location – on the third floor and also on the first floor in the shared space. Chair opened the public speaking portion and Marie Woodship and Mr. Gunning both spoke in favor of the application. Chair closed the public speaking portion. Capt. Houghton stated he has no issues but would like better lighting out front of the new space. Ms. Jaques stated that they are only seeking to serve wine and beer. Guido questioned the average attendance at their events. Rossi recommended a locked cabinet. Guzman recommended that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Commission. Rossi moved to approve a license to serve noon to midnight seven days a week with video surveillance and submittal of a floor plan. Guido seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for to consider an application for a change in Manager of the Wyndham Hotel Chelsea at 201 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Catherine Cucchiello appeared on behalf of the hotel and herself. Ms. Cucchiello stated she is the newly appointed General Manager for the Wyndham. Chair read the Notice. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Captain Houghton stated that there have been no issues at the Hotel. Ms. Cucchiello stated she was the GM at the Hampton Inn in Revere and she recently renewed her tip certification. Guzman questioned her about her duties as GM and as to whether she will be the bar manager. Ms. Cucchiello stated for now she will be the bar manager. Rossi moved to approve the change in manager. McAteer seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for an Amusement Entertainment License to S & L Subs at 462 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Chair read the Notice into the record and Steven Powers appeared who is the owner of S & L subs. Mr. Powers explained that there is a TV in the establishment with cable. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one

spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Guido moved to approved and Rossi seconded. Vote Unanimous

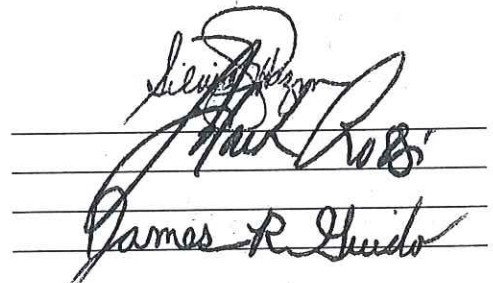
Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for an Amusement Entertainment License to Fusion Bistro LLC at 180 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Chair read the Notice into the record and Ms. Karen Dia appeared who is part owner of the establishment with Ms. Melissa Vo. Ms. Dia stated that the entertainment is a radio for background music. Chair asked if they are going to seek a liquor license and Ms. Dia stated that they intend to shortly. Chair opened the public speaking portion and no one spoke. The public speaking portion was then closed. Guido moved to approve and McAteer seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an application for an all Alcohol on Premise Beverage License to Pineda Restaurant Corporation d/b/a Rincon Latinos at 373 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Chair read the Notice into the record and Clerk stated she received an email from Attorney Dodge who could not attend due to an illness. Mr. Orlando Pineda attended. Guzman questioned the applicants as to the pending police report which was moved to conference. The alcohol was given to a family member. Discussion as to why the establishment is open even serving food. Clerk stated only the liquor license was revoked. Commission expressed concerns over serving without a food permit and applicants stated they will file immediately. Rossi moved to award a temporary permit to serve food until approval. McAteer seconded. Assistant City Solicitor Lindquist stated that the Commission has authority to issue a temporary permit. Clerk stated she believes there is a CV issued to the location. Guido moved to have the establishment closed until approved by Inspectional services and moved to continue the application for a liquor license. Rossi seconded. Vote 3-1. Matter continued.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider a transfer application for an On Premise All Alcohol License to The Blue Frog Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Blue Frog Sports Bar at 168 – 170 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Chair read the Notice into the record. Attorney Aude Cote along with Mr. Ramos, Mr. Morales and Mr. Morales and Attorneys Lattarulo and Tierney appeared. Cote mentioned that he could not reach Mr. Acuna the current owner nor his attorney but all of the paper work has been signed by him. Captain Houghton stated that Mr. Acunha has rarely made appearances at the Commission or at the licensed premises. Chair asked about notifying neighbors and Attorney Cote stated he notified everyone in the area and his clients are hoping to change the historical past of the establishment. Cote mentioned that the oen of the owners has a law enforcement background and the proposed manager owns a security company. Cote mentioned he worked at Valeri's in Revere. The commissioner's asked if he was involved in the post recent criminal investigation at Valeri's and Mr. Ramos said he was not present that evening. Cote stated that they wish to open a sports bar but did not make a full presentation as to its floor plan and cuisine because they were waiting for the liquor license. Chair opened the public speaking portion: Roy Avellaneda stated he met with the new ownership and would prefer a restaurant and not a bar or night club. He mentioned his concerns about this being another front for Sanchez. Avellaneda further stated that he is

concerned with the fact that the Commission heard this evening there is a pending investigation and the authority to approve a transfer with an investigation pending. Zeta Hogan from the United Pentecostal church is a direct abutter stated that they were pleased when the bar was closed because of the intoxicated people outside and walking into the church. Daniel Sosa spoke against a bar being placed there next to his church. Felipe Sosa spoke about intoxicated persons bullying the church members. Chair closed the public speaking portion. Captain Houghton stated he is concerned about the pending investigation, and the history of Miguel Sanchez who is friends with the proposed new manager or at least was seen on Facebook with each other. There was a stabbing that the bar is being investigated about that occurred in December 12th and Sanchez was on property making renovations. Attorney Lindquist states that Miguel Sanchez clearly has some ownership and he was the one who wrote the checks and had his girlfriend on the payroll and at a hearing all of the employees referred to Sanchez as the owner. Lindquist recommended that the Commission receive assurances that Sanchez will not be involved. Attorney Cote stated that he understood the concerns and that Sanchez' debt would be paid off with the sale. Chair asked how the applicants entered into the business relationship with Plaza Mexico. Mr. Morales has a relationship with Mr. Ramos who thought it was a good investment and they know Mr. Sanchez from the neighborhood. They are real estate investors and this would be their first restaurant/bar. The food served will be Spanish and Italian and hours will be seven days a week noon to midnight. Entertainment they are seeking will be comparable to a sports bar and not a nightclub. Rossi stated he has concerns for the neighborhood. Guido asked about long term plans and renovations. Guzman stated she would like to see a restaurant first and establish a relationship with the neighborhood. She also said she is concerned with the nexus between Ramos and Sanchez and no one has experience in the restaurant business. Cote mentioned they have hired anyone yet. Guido stated he needed more information on the restaurant. Cote requested a continuance. Rossi moved to approve a continuance Seconded by McAteer. Vote Unanimous matter continued.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02


Daniel Sosa
Felipe Sosa
James R. Guido

Michael McAteer