

Minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Emily Cherniack.

Commission members present: Chairperson Emily Cherniack, Marnie MacAlpine, Mike McAteer, Alexandria Christmas and Gladys Vega.

Also, Present in Council Chamber Room: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher and Captain Keith Houghton, Officer Santiago, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Avellaneda.

Commissioner Cherniack asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2022, MacAlpine motioned to adopt, Vega seconded and vote unanimous.

Clerks update:

City Solicitor Fisher updated the Licensing Board on the Request for Proposal (RFP), stating that the Licensing dept. had received one proposal for an All Kinds of Alcohol liquor license (on Premise) and will be on for a public hearing next month. Will be advertised again with a deadline of August of 2022.

City Solicitor Fisher spoke about the Taxi companies and Hackneys ordinances about a more relaxed renewal process. Since there isn't places in the City that Taxis can park their vehicles.

City Solicitor Fisher discussed that Chelsea does not issue nightclub licenses and have no nightclub use. However, we allow dancing by patrons; we want to change the rules and regulations concerning "dancing by patrons". For renewal season of 2023, businesses that want "dancing by patrons" category will need to go before the Licensing Board and it will be like a nightclub sub-license.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Lime, Chelsea at 73 Winnisimmet Street and present was manager Petal Joseph-Seale. Petal spoke about wanting to include a singer, dancing to stimulate more business. Have like musical trivia or bingo, sort of a speakeasy theme. She applied for dancing for weddings and party events. Commissioner McAteer stated that there is no dance floor. Petal said if a patron wants to dance by their table, they can and it is about bringing money in and having catered events. Commissioner Vega asked Fisher if we are granting this permit for dancing. Fisher replied that they could have it until December 31, 2022. It came to our attention that the hours of operation was issued by the Zoning department. Captain Houghton spoke how two people dancing

would turn more people dancing then it becomes a nightclub. In addition, to allow to be covered just in case, other businesses would follow suit. McAteer motioned to approve all categories except "Dancing by Patron". Christmas seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider a Special Alcoholic Beverage License (off premise Beer Garden) application for BearMoose/TheatreZone, Inc., (Apollinaire Theatre) at 189 Winnisimmet Street. Andrew Gilman and Alison McCarthy were present. Andrew is asking for a Beer Garden permit for three weekends in collaboration with Apollinaire Theatre doing a play. Commissioner Vega motion to approve, MacAlpine seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider a Change of Manager of an All Kinds of Alcohol (on premise) License application for El Xielo of 425 Eastern Avenue. Attorney Jeff Turco and Juan Giraldo proposed manager were present and spoke that El Xielo is changing the manager to Juan Giraldo, He has been the assistant manager since 2007. El Xielo is a family owned business. No one from the public spoke. Commissioner Cherniack motion to approve, MacAlpine seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverage alcohol (on premise) License application from The Pasta Box to El Kiosco and Amusement & Entertainment License application at 212 Broadway. Attorney Jeff Turco and new owner Johanna Giraldo were present and spoke that El Kiosco is buying the Liquor license from The Pasta Box. In addition, El Kiosco will closed on Mondays. Captain Houghton spoke about the obstruction of view of the restaurant. Officer Santiago spoke that they need to see inside a restaurant when open for business for safety reasons. No one from the public spoke. Commissioner Cherniack motion to approve, MacAlpine seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the continued Public Hearing to consider a Change of DBA from Latinos Falcon to Nocturno and a Change of Hours from 5pm to 1pm of an All Kinds of Alcohol (on premise) License application and an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Moe Brothers d/b/a Nocturno. Also, a new Change of Alterations of Premise application. Nelson Molina and Andrea Perez were present. The

parking situation, the distributors were informed that they could not park in the back. They spoke to the residents about the noise and they have redone the wiring and bought small speakers. Nelson has been texting them about the noise and they informed him that they do not hear the noise. Fisher made it clear that they are a bar/restaurant and not a function hall and had most of the entertainment categories all along, but not grandfathered in. also, they are the bar that has the red security shirts and follow that particular regulation. Officer Santiago inquired whom they hire for their security. Nelson responded that they hire their own personnel and they go through training. Public speaking portion opened and Councillor Avellaneda stood up. He posed a question to the Board about the parking lot having lines painted and if it is a requirement. Avellaneda stated that dancing got lost when it transferred from a function hall into a restaurant. Public speaking portion closed. Nelson said he is adding an extra bar, because the existing bar is too small for people he serves. Commissioner MacAlpine motioned to approve the change of hours, dba, and the alteration of premises; Vega seconded, and vote unanimous. Commissioner Cherniack motioned to allow the entertainment except for the live band category until the new door is in place, MacAlpine seconded, and vote unanimous.

Previously the next meeting was supposed to be July 21, 2022, but because of Fiesta Shows having a carnival on that day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next meeting: July 14, 2022

APPROVED:








