

Minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m. by Commissioner Emily Cherniack.

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

Also, Present in Council Chamber Room: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, and Captain Keith Houghton, Officer Santiago, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Avellaneda, and interpreter.

Commissioner Cherniack asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2022, MacAlpine motioned to adopt, McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

Clerks update: Licensing Administrator Libran updated the Licensing Board on the Request for Proposal (RFP), stating that the Licensing dept. have not received any proposals for the 5 All Alcohol and 2 Beer and Wine (on premise) licenses that the city acquired due to the Census.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Fiesta Shows at 295 Eastern Avenue and present was the owner John Flynn. John stated he is requesting permission for the annual carnival. Councilor Avellaneda stated that Fiesta Shows has been coming to Chelsea for over 20 years. It was a fundraiser every year for the summer job youth program and a great event for families. Locations have change because of developments in Chelsea and has been challenging. It is temporary because there is a proposal for development. It was a success last year, mainly due to COVID. Police and Fire safety personnel were on hand. Avellaneda believes that John DePriest from Planning has the authority to approve the permit conditionally of the conservation land. No incidents at all since Fiesta Shows has done it in the City. Communication from John DePriest as the Conservation Agent was read into the record, stating large scale cutting of vegetation in the resource area occurred and fill brought onto the site despite the carnival operator being told to stay outside the wetland buffer zone. Captain Houghton says it was a success last year but there is not a second egress and it is not an optimal position. It should be only until 10pm and more lighting and many potholes MacAlpine moved to approve from 3pm to 10pm and pending John Depriest approval. Also pending operations of Public Safety approval DePriest. McAteer seconded, all in favor and license pending approval.

Commissioner Cherniack opened the 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. Nelson Molina and Andrea Perez were present. Nelson wants to change the dba and change the whole concept of his business to different clientele moving into Chelsea. The Change Hours is because of football on TV starts at 2pm. Andrea stated that it has been a family owned business for 16 years and has no issue with the Liquor license. To attract a different clientele and provide a better environment. Cherniack asked about the noise issue. Nelson explained that he is going to get the new door and change it. McAteer asked about if they did a Change of Premise application. Naomi said that they have not applied for the Change of Premise to change the bar location. Captain Houghton stated there were neighbors who should be heard before he speaks. Cherniack opened the public portion. Bobby Jaramillo spoke that he has living there for three years and recently got married and would love to start a family but the noise is constant and you expect that living in the city. Neighbor Liz Jason spoke about she was the originally the complainant last year. She said that if you can hear it in the home, they are violating the Rules and Regulations of the Licenses. Another neighbor Joseph Arsenault spoke about the parking situations in the back of the building. He stated that they are not delivery drivers as Nelson states, but drinkers. Nelson told all of his distributors not to park or deliver in the back, but in the front. Councillor Avellaneda asking for clarification and has not heard the explanation of the Change of Name concept. It was once a function hall, to a billiard place, to a video DJ doing self-promotions of dancing that is not allowed. Councillor asked if the Board ask the petitioners what exactly is Nocturno, and what is going to be forseen as. McAteer motion to continue until next month meeting, Cherniack seconded, and all in favor and both license is pending.

Meeting adjurned at 7:05pm

Next meeting: July 21, 2022

Approved:

Emily Cherniack

M. Houghton

Michael McAteer

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