

**Minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.
Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:09 p.m. by Chairperson
Marnie MacAlpine**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Marnie MacAlpine, Alexandria Christmas, Mike McAteer

ALSO, PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM:

City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher, Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain David Betz and Officer McLaughlin.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2023, McAteer motioned to adopt, Christmas seconded, and vote unanimous.

CLERKS UPDATE: Cheryl Watson Fisher, City Solicitor

1. The City Solicitor informed the commission that renewal for Tobacco, Taxi Service Company and Hackney Drivers licenses that are complete, needed a motion to approve. McAteer motion to approve all complete renewals, Christmas seconded, and vote unanimous.
2. The City Solicitor updated the commission that there is two pocket licenses of Beer and Wine that are not being use. Nancy Serna, who passed away in 2021, owns one. Johana Giraldo owner of El Kiosco at 212 Broadway, who has an all kinds of alcohol license, owns the other. The Licensing Board motioned to have a public hearing on both liquor licenses.

COMMUNICATIONS: Cheryl Watson Fisher, City Solicitor

1. The City Solicitor informed the commission that in their packet there was an incident police report about a disturbance in front of the Chelsea Walk Pub, also received a complaint from resident Devra Zobot. The Police dept. requested video surveillance, which they could not produce and it is a violation. The commission asked for a motion for a public hearing, Christmas motion for a public hearing, McAteer seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner MacAlpine opened to consider a Public hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment license.

John Flynn of Fiesta Shows asked for permission to do the carnival at the Home Depot for the eighth annual carnival. Previously approved, Fiesta shows carnival at 295 Eastern Avenue opens tonight. John Flynn gives John DePriest plot plans for both locations because of wetlands in both locations. McAteer expressed concerns with the lighting in the parking lot. The public speaking opened and former Councilor at large Roy Avellaneda spoke in favor of Fiesta Shows with the fund raising proceeds going to Chelsea Community Connections to help Chelsea families. Public speaking closed. Christmas motion to approve, McAteer seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner MacAlpine opened to consider a Public hearing to consider a Special Alcoholic Beverages License (off premise Beer Garden) and a One Day Amusement & Entertainment license.

Present was Andrew Gilman of BearMoose and Alison McCarthy of Apollinaire Theatre. Apollinaire Theatre is doing a production of Hamlet in English and Spanish outside at Chelsea Square with a Beer Garden hosted by BearMoose. The event will happen in August for three weekends. There are pre shows before the main event. The performance of Hamlet will last 90 minutes. The Beer Garden will open before and after the performance. This is their third year of doing performances at Chelsea Square. Captain Betz stated that there has been no issues in the past two years. MacAlpine has not heard of any complaints. Public speaking portion opened, hearing none, public speaking closed. McAteer motion to approve, Christmas seconded, and vote unanimous.

Commissioner MacAlpine opened to consider a Public hearing to consider a Rooming House license application.

Rick Costa of Hawthorne Broadway, LLC asked to transfer the rooming house license to his name at 165 Hawthorne Street. MacAlpine asked for clarification in the number of rooms. Rick explained the number of rooms reducing from 18 to 12, adding a bathroom and a kitchen to each unit. Also, done at his other properties on Fifth and Sixth street locations. Christmas asked McAteer if he has seen the plot plans. He stated that he has and Costa needs to go before the ZBA for approval. The license will be pending until he obtains an occupancy permit. Public speaking portion opened and City Solicitor Fisher read in to record, a letter from City Council President Leo Robinson and an email from Former City Manager Tom Ambrosino, both communications in favor of the Rooming House. Public speaking portion closed. Captain Betz had no comments on the matter. Christmas motion to approve pending zoning, McAteer seconded, and vote unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 PM NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2023

Approved: July 13, 2023

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