

Minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.
Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.
Chairperson Marnie MacAlpine

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

PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM:

Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain David Betz, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Assistant City Solicitor Peter Christopher.

Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2023, Emily Cherniack motioned to adopt, Mike McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

CLERKS UPDATE/ NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Chairperson Marnie MacAlpine asked if we could have a motion to approve renewals for the following:
Renewal of 3 marijuana licenses Licensing Administer, Naomi Libran has asked for a motion to renew three city Marijuana Licenses. Mike McAteer motioned to approve, Emily Cherinack seconded, and vote unanimous, all three renewed.
2. Citizen Letter **Re: Blue Taxi:** A complaint from a resident would like the board to be aware that she has had some issues with Blue Taxi. She has made some allegations (although we do not have dates) that the taxi driver would have either his girlfriend, or grandchild in the front seat, which prevents her handicapped father in law from getting into the taxi, as he cannot sit in the back seat. She also alleges that sometimes they do not put on the fare meter, or they would charge more than what it usually takes. She is a frequent user of taxis, and knows fees vs. ride. There should be a concern that if they are either doubling up on fares, or if they are transporting nonpaying passengers, we need to know what exactly the ordinance? Residents Need to report gypsy taxi's license plates, to the police department. What are the regulations and rules for taxi companies? Should we call them for a public hearing? Ms. MacAlpine would like to schedule a public hearing, put forward to the board. The board would like to know what needs to be done, send a reminder to all taxi drivers. Sgt. Noffle is talking to residents near the taxi stand, to see if there were any other issues that were not reported. Alex Christmas motioned to approve, Emily Cherinack seconded and vote unanimous vote to put forth a Public Hearing for Blue Taxi.
3. Commissioner MacAlpine opened the **Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License** for A change in Hours to Taqueria Eucallipto Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant at 388 Broadway, Chelsea. The liquor license was extended 11. am to 1 am, Thursday till Saturday, Megan Corugedo would like to extend the hours of the Amusement & Entertainment License to match. They did not apply at the same time for both licenses. No questions/concerns from the police department. Chair opened public speaking portion: no one spoke Emily Cherinack motioned to approve, Alex Christmas seconded and vote unanimous.
4. Continued Disciplinary Public Hearing to consider revoking, suspending or modifying that **All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (On Premises) Consumption License** for Fannies Place, Inc. d/b/a Chelsea Walk Pub at 416 Broadway. Mr. Turco, and owner Angela Palmieri appearing for the Chelsea Walk regarding the May 5th, 2023 complaint # 23-1593-OF, and discipline hearing for failure to maintain a surveillance system within the rules and regulations for the city of Chelsea, sec. 2.908. City Ordinance requires that any establishment serving liquor must retain surveillance for 30 days. Which Chelsea Walk failed to do when asked to provide, as of now September 14, 2023, there is still NO video system that satisfy the Chelsea Ordinance. From May 5th, to July 17th, the Chelsea walk ran the establishment illegally without a working surveillance system. They are not allowed to open without a working surveillance system, (in the past, we received surveillance video showed other damning evidence). There are many concerns with this establishment: M. McAteer: He is highly suspicious that they have not been able to retrieve the video E. Cherniack:

"Very Messy", many different moving parts. MacAlpine: Extremely disappointed that they just started to repair the

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surveillance system, everything should have been straightened out by now. **Chair opened public speaking portion:** Debra Zobot lives in the neighborhood, and does not think that the establishment is good for Chelsea, she lives close enough to hear and see all of the comings and goings at the Chelsea Walk, the congregation was very disruptive, from cigarettes to drug dealing. They do not have any calls or reports from the police; they have only been disciplined once since 2019. **Licensing Commission Decision:** The commission deemed that The Chelsea Walk were in fact guilty for failure to have a working surveillance camera operating at the establishment. Chelsea Walk: Hours will be 11 am to 11 pm, Monday through Sunday (7 days). Cannot reopen until the surveillance system is up and working, and they have been inspected by Captain Betz, and approves the system.

5. Public Hearing to consider a **change of manager all kinds of alcohol beverages (on premise) consumption license** for Fannies place, Inc. d/b/a Chelsea walk pub at 416 Broadway Chelsea Walk would like to change the manager, who can be there more often than the owner can Alfred Dellacroce who is being promoted to manager. He is not Safe Serve/TipCert trained as of yet, he is required to take this and all of his other employees need to be taught. The current owner would like to sell the establishment while it is open. The new manager's background and Cori check have come back clean, even though he was arrested once for taking a sheet of lottery tickets without paying for them. Alex Christmas motioned to approve Emily Cherniack seconded and vote unanimous.
6. Public Hearing to consider a **change of manager all kinds of alcohol beverages (on premise) consumption license applications** to Lama Entertainment, LLC. D/b/a Populus Tapas & Bar at 11 Everett Ave, Chelsea. Motion to change Manager to the owners' wife, Erica Herrera as she is managing the day-to-day operations and is there 6 days a week. Captain Betz has no issue with this change. Erika Herrera is Tip Certified/SafeServe. Marnie MacAlpine motioned to approve Alex Christmas seconded and vote unanimous.
7. Public Hearing to consider a **request for proposal Change of Manager on All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (on premises) Consumption License application and an Amusement & Entertainment License** to Preciado Brothers, LLC, d/b/a P'onde Juancho at 400- 406 Broadway, Chelsea. P'onde Juancho is a bakery/restaurant that would like to apply for a liquor license. The family already has several establishments locally. They will be adding a small sit down bar with approx. 4 seats. Captain Betz will inspect the surveillance system and alarm system. The commission has granted the license, hours will be 11:00 am to 10 pm. **Chair opened public speaking portion:** Officer Nicole McLaughlin spoke, as she lives in the neighborhood, she would just like to keep the integrity of the bakery and not have it change the atmosphere of the bakery. Debra Zobot (resident in meeting) agrees. Emily Cherniack motioned to approve, Alex Christmas seconded and vote unanimous.

Next Meeting October 12, 2023

.Meeting adjourned at .7:17 p.m.

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