



CITY OF QUINCY
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of License Commissioners of the City of Quincy met in Council Chambers on **Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 4:00 P.M.** with Chairman Joseph P. Shea presiding. Also present, Police Chief Paul Keenan, Building Inspector James Anderson, Health Commissioner Andrew Scheele, Fire Chief Joseph Barron, Liquor Inspector Lt. Peter Turowski & Det. Leo Coppens.

Agenda 1. Hearing regarding the request for a One-day Wine & Malt License of Zamforis T-Shirts, 188 Sea Street for a fundraiser at Merrymount Beach to benefit Project ZAM on Sunday, June 6, 2010. Olivia Chamberland informed the Board that the event would be held from 12:00 to 4:00 PM, attendees would be required to provide an ID, wear wristbands, and there would be a Police Detail on site. Commissioner Scheele inquired about the source of food and was informed it would be catered, there would be Porta-Potties available and tents provided if it should rain (no rain date scheduled). Motion to grant the request made by Commissioner Scheele, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Agenda 2. Hearing regarding the request of Mr. Steven Emery, d/b/a Town Line Auto, 519 Quincy Avenue, for a Motor II Used Car License. Inspection of the site were completed as of 4/16/10. It was noted that a fire extinguisher would be required at the site. Mr. Emery indicated that he has been in the used car business in the past. He was asked if any repairs would be done on the premises and he indicated there would be none. It was noted that there were a few vehicles on the property along with a motor home. Mr. Emery stated that they belonged to people known to Mr. Hajjar, the landlord, and would be removed. The Board emphasized that the license stipulated only 16 vehicles on the property and that is the only number that would be acceptable. There were to be no banners/writing on any vehicles and the lot must be kept clean. He was reminded of the need for a bond. Hours of operation to be 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday – Saturday. Motion to grant the request made by Commissioner Scheele, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Agenda 3. Hearing regarding the request of Kwong Nam Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Kwong Nam Restaurant, 68 Billings Road for a Common Victualer License, Virginia Luk appeared, Mr. May, Manager. Inspections by Bruce Knapp and Frank Glynn accomplished on 5/3/10 and all paperwork is in order. Comm. Scheele asked about seating, and was told they have 58 seats. Chief Barron indicated that Capt. Lyons had inspected the restaurant and found a few items of concern. The Chief was informed that all work had been done. Motion to grant the request made by Commissioner Scheele, second by Chief Keenan, pending final fire inspection approval. All in favor.

Agenda 4. Hearing regarding the request of Quincy Express Transportation, LLC for a livery license at 112 Copeland Street, Mr. Miquel Torres, Manager. Atty. Edward Fleming representing. Application to the Board is only for a transportation license for parking of one 14 passenger van at the site. They have applied for a license through Mass. DOT and Mass. Port. They intend to operate a livery service out of Boston, but reside in Quincy and made an agreement with the owner of the site to house the van at the Copeland Street location. After speaking to Mr. Duca about the site, who expressed concerns about what type of livery service was involved, Atty. Fleming informed him that the application was solely for the purpose of housing the van at night. Mr. Duca indicated that he felt that if license approval is granted he would like to make it subject to a revised parking plan being presented to him for his approval. Atty. Fleming stated he was unaware that Mr. Duca had spent time with the owner regarding a parking plan. Atty. Fleming indicated that if a suitable plan could not be arrived at, he would be back before the Board with an alternate location. Chairman Shea indicated that the Board was familiar with the location and it had taken quite some time to bring them into conformance with the number of cars at the site. He also read into the record a letter from Councillor Brian Palmucci expressing his concern with the overcrowding at this site, and his request that this matter be continued until a resolution of the situation at the site could be reached. Chairman Shea indicated that he was in agreement with the Councillor's letter, in light of his inspection of the property that day. Atty. Fleming indicated that he was unaware of the problems at this location and that he was in agreement with a continuance and would speak with his client about other locations for his van. Motion was made by Commissioner Scheele to continue the request, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Agenda 5. Hearing regarding the request of Andy & Ed, Inc., d/b/a Great Chow, 17 Beale Street, Wah Tat Kwan, Manager, to Alter Premises of existing CV All Alcoholic License by expanding for additional dining space, reception area, handicapped accessibility, etc. Atty. Richard Paster representing. This petition is to extend the premise, with ABCC approval required. Existing restaurant in business since 1997. All plans had been submitted. Discussion ensued relative to the fantastic appearance of the restaurant and their great relationship within the community. In the past there had been a few complaints about workers there late at night, but all had been resolved. Mr. William Shutt, representing Century Bank, spoke to address concerns with deliveries to the restaurant that blocked parking in the rear parking lot that was shared with the bank, Papa Ginos and the restaurant. Deliveries use the parking lot and driveway as a loading zone, which impacts the other businesses/customers and their ability to either park or exit the lot. The heavy vehicles are also damaging the pavement, which the bank is in the process of repairing. It was indicated that if the application was approved, deliveries would then be able to access the restaurant from a new back door accessible from Cushing Street. Mr. Kwan stated that with expansion of storage space, it would not be necessary to make as many deliveries. They do try to schedule deliveries during hours that would not be disruptive to the neighbors. Motion was made by Commissioner Scheele to grant the request for expansion of the existing all CV alcohol license, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Agenda 6&7. Hearing regarding the request of Flagship Marina Bay, LLC, d/b/a Oyster Bar/Summer House, 333 Victory Road for change of Manager from David Jensen to Brian Ferrara and Change of d/b/a to The Launch and Nonna's Kitchen, Attorney Bryan Connolly representing. Atty. Connolly informed the Board that Mr. Ferrara, a Quincy native, who would be assuming responsibilities of General Manager at The Launch and Nonna's Kitchen, has been a part of management at Marina Bay for several years and no changes in operation or management of these two premises, which each have an excellent track record with the City, are anticipated.

Agenda 8. Hearing regarding the request of Flagship Marina Bay Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Marina Bay Beach Club, 314 Victory Road for Change of Manager from David Jensen to Timothy Collins and Change of d/b/a to The Ocean Club at Marina Bay, Attorney Bryan Connolly representing. Atty. Connolly outlined the qualifications of Mr. Collins, a native of Quincy, who will assume management responsibilities for the Ocean Club. He has an impressive resume managing restaurants and performance facilities over the past 15 years. Flagship has leased these premises to DiPasquale Ventures as its new operator, who have made a major financial commitment to improving the appearance and services at the premises. Mr. Collins has worked with the company to understand and respond to the communities needs. He has met with many neighbors and representatives of the City, including Councillor McNamee. They will be investing in several improvements to mitigate the noise impacts. They will relocate the end of the night exits to the northwest corner. They will also be implementing other sound abatement measures and sound metering technologies. He submitted six letters from Marina Bay residents in support. Mr. Ally Shaughnessy of Squantum, who spoke of the fine reputation of Mr. Collins, stated he felt Mr. Collins would do a wonderful job.

Mr. Shea spoke to the transfer of management from David Jensen to Brian Ferrara and change of d/b/a to The Launch, and asked if Mr. Ferrara was TIP certified. He was asked if he would consent to attending the next TIP course. He indicated he would be willing to do that. Mr. Shea indicated that they should be cognizant of the noise implications to the residents in the area. A fire prevention walk through would be conducted at all three establishments prior to license.

Motion made by Commissioner Scheele to grant the request for change of Manager from David Jensen to Brian Ferrara and Change of d/b/a to The Launch, ABCC approval required, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Scheele to grant the request for change of Manager from David Jensen to Brian Ferrara and Change of d/b/a to Nonna's Kitchen, and a CV License, ABCC Approval required, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Mr. Shea read into the record a letter from Councillor McNamee regarding a meeting with the proposed manager to discuss neighborhood concerns regarding the operation. Primarily, sound related issues that result from this type of operation. Councillor McNamee wrote that he felt that the new operation is not an expansion of what was there before and they are making every attempt to address concerns. Concern by the residents was also brought up concerning the deforestation at the Marina and loss of trees.

Chief Keenan asked about security issues and was assured that extra people would be used during hours of operation, most especially at closing. Friday, Saturday & Sunday from noon to 1:00 AM Music operations to end at 12:45 AM. Monday – Thursday, private events only. At exit time, there will now be expanded exit doors at the rear of the property to the northwest parking lot. Having a police car with flashing lights directing exiting cars towards the MWRA parking area is a good solution to exiting problems.

Motion made by Commissioner Scheele to grant the request for change of Manager from David Jensen to Timothy Collins and change of d/b/a to The Ocean Club, second by Chief Keenan. All in favor.

Chairman Shea wanted to congratulate David Jensen and mention that the Board had a terrific working relationship with him over the last few years and he had done a great job.

Chief Keenan wanted to bring forward James Pansullo of Club 58, Parkingway, to discuss incidents that occurred in the parking garage and at his establishment, but mostly regarding the shooting that occurred on May 1st. The request was made to bring Mr. Pansullo in at the meeting on May 11, and Mr. Shea indicated that a letter would be delivered to him.

Commissioner Scheele wanted to mention that the City and the local food pantries worked together with the USPS for the postal carriers food drive. The City generously donated, with the mail carriers picking it up, 26,000 pounds of food that was collected, sorted and distributed to 11 city-wide pantries and it was a real credit to the residents of the City to give so generously. It was a huge success and I want to thank the Post Office employees and Tammy Quinlan at the Post Office. They did a fantastic job. We want to thank all of them for all of their work. On another note, tomorrow, May 12, is School Nurse Appreciation Day. Over the last few years he had the privilege and honor of working with them for emergency preparedness training. When we had the swine flu and seasonal flu the vaccines were distributed in the school systems and the training and exercises were invaluable. Jane Caselius and staff did a superb job. The City has a truly unified command when we work on emergency preparedness and he wanted to acknowledge the nurses for their support.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and waive the reading. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.