

 CITY OF
Bloomington **ILLINOIS**
MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
August 8, 2017

1. Call to order

The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:01 p.m. on August 8, 2017.

2. Present

Commissioners: Lindsey Powell, Jack Bataoel and Tari Renner. Staff: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Greg Scott, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

3. Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of July 11, 2017.

Commissioner Renner approved the minutes as presented.

The following was presented:

4. Consideration of the request from Kaleb Shumara and Valerie Meredith to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 26, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Valerie Meredith, bride, addressed the Commission. She stated Alcohol Party Catering would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to recommend at the August 14, 2017 City Council meeting, approval of the request from Kaleb Shumara and Valerie Meredith to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 26, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on August 14, 2017.

The following was presented:

5. Consideration of the request from Taylor Knuth and Danielle Ferg to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their October 14, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Taylor Knuth, groom addressed the Commission. He stated Lake Road Inn would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to recommend at the September 11, 2017 City Council meeting, approval of the request from Taylor Knuth and Danielle Ferg to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their October 14, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on September 11, 2017.

The following was presented:

6. Consideration of the request from Logan Bruce and Rachel Angus to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 25, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Logan Bruce, groom addressed the Commission. He stated that Nelson's Catering would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Batael, seconded by Commissioner Powell to recommend at the September 11, 2017 City Council meeting, approval of the request from Logan Bruce and Rachel Angus to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their November 25, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Miller Park Pavilion.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner stated he would recommend the item be sent to Council for its review and consideration on September 11, 2017.

The following was presented:

7. Consideration of the request from Josh Maubach for the Saturday, September 9, 2017 5K requesting suspension of portions of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code pertaining to possession of open alcohol in public on the date of their event for portions of downtown Bloomington.

Commissioner Renner noted that Josh Maubach was not present. Sue Feldcamp came forward to speak on behalf of Mr. Maubach. She noted that she had attend the event last year. She believed same was a success and there were no issues.

Tricia Stiller, Executive Director, Downtown Business Association noted that her role was to support Downtown businesses. The 500 and 600 blocks of N. Main St. were congested. She had been contacted by concerned business owner's reference closing those block. It was suggested that the 5K be conducted elsewhere, keeping the after party the same, in front of Drifter's, located at 612 N. Main St.

Mr. Boyle noted that under the "Organizers' Responsibilities" on the draft permit, it instructed the Organizer to collaborate with the Downtown Business Association Director and to notify businesses and residents in the race area.

Ms. Stiller stated that Ms. Travis, the owner of Common Ground, had said that representatives from Drifter's did go door-to-door with a petition to ask businesses to sign to get their support for this event. Ms. Stiller noted that Ms. Travis was one of the business owners who had concerns for customer parking.

Ms. Feldcamp suggested reducing the event route to the same as last year.

Motion by Commissioner Bataoel, seconded by Commissioner Powell, that Mr. Boyle contact Mr. Maubach instructing him set a meeting with Ms. Stiller within one (1) week from today, failure to contact Ms. Stiller within same would result in the request being denied. If Ms. Stiller will inform the City in favor or denial of the application.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the August 28, 2017 City Council meeting agenda after Ms. Stiller had given a favorable recommendation.

The following was presented:

Due to the similarity of the requests, Items 7 – 10 were heard at the same time.

- 8. Notification of Officer change for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #1251, located at 2302 W. Market St., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

The following was presented:

- 9. Notification of Officer change for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #1407, located at 2412 S. Main St., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

The following was presented:

- 10. Notification of Officer change for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #1421, located at 1206 N. Towanda Barnes Rd., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

The following was presented:

- 11. Notification of Officer change for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #129, located at 1903 W. Market St., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. The change is removing Timothy Alexander Miller.**

George Boyle, Corporation Counsel, noted that the Illinois Liquor Commission required that all change of officer changes be presented to the local Liquor Commission for notification purposes only.

- 12. Notification of Officer change for Acutus, LLC, d/b/a Parke Regency Hotel & Conference, located at 1413 Leslie Dr., currently holding a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

George Boyle, Corporation Counsel, noted that the Illinois Liquor Commission required that all change of officer changes be presented to the local Liquor Commission for notification purposes only.

The following was presented:

13. Public Hearing on proposed text amendment to City Code Chapter 6 for a Class “CS” (Complementary Service) Liquor License authorizing the complementary service of beer or wine to patrons over the age of 21.

a. Discussion by the Commission of the proposed text amendment to City Code Chapter 6 for a Class “CS” (Complementary Service) Liquor License authorizing the complementary service of beer or wine to patrons over the age of 21.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Hearing. He noted that there was no one to speak in favor or opposition.

Mr. Boyle noted that there had been periodic complaints. He was not aware of overserving issues. Mr. Boyle read the definition of sale from Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages. Commissioner Renner clarified that as long as customer was not required to make a purchase in order to receive a complementary alcoholic beverage then the business was not violating our ordinance.

Commissioner Powell questioned complementary beverages after a special event where the participant was required to pay an entry fee. Mr. Boyle stated that same was consider a sale and required a liquor license.

Commissioner Renner stated that this matter would not be recommended to Council.

12. Adjournment.

Commissioner Renner adjourned the meeting. Time: 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham, R.M.C.
Chief Deputy Clerk