

**Approved Minutes of the
Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 215**

Present: Commissioners, Jeanette Mancusi, Jane Miller and Sara Spivy; Chair Victoria Scaman; Interim Deputy Village Clerk MaryAnn Schoenneman

Absent: Commissioner John Lipic

Also Present: Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet; Business License Officer Sunny Choi; Sara Faust, OPDC; Ashley Wright and Brandon Wright, Hamburger Mary's; Sam Papageorge, Papaspiros Agora

Call to Order: Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

New Business

b. Hamburger Mary's/Oak Park Brewing Company

Brothers Ashley and Brandon Wright discussed the history of Hamburger Mary's, which originated in San Francisco in 1972 and has expanded to 13 locations, including the Andersonville neighborhood in Chicago. On-site brewing began in 2009. They are looking at several potential locations for purchase in Oak Park but expressed concern that there is not an existing brew pub ordinance in the Village. They wanted to confirm that such an ordinance could be approved prior to making a commitment to purchase a building.

Their business plan consists of a dual establishment featuring Hamburger Mary's on one side of the building and Oak Park Brewing Company on the other. Both sides will offer the same full-service menu as well as full-service liquor but will be different in atmosphere. Oak Park Brewing Company will have a sports bar theme; Hamburger Mary's will feature drag shows on occasion as well as charity events. Also included in their plan is an on-site brewery, package sales of site-brewed beer and distribution of site-brewed beer to other local establishments. The Chicago location produces 200 barrels per year; they are looking to brew 1,000 barrels at the Oak Park location and possibly an additional 1,000-2,000 for distribution.

Assistant Village Attorney Simone Boutet asked what type of license they have with the state. Mr. Wright spoke about their Illinois Brew Pub License. Hamburger Mary's will not come close to the state volume limit of 7,000 barrels per year, as their brewing system cannot produce more than 4,000 barrels maximum. He added that the primary focus of the restaurant is to eat and drink on the premises.

Sara Faust of OPDC commented that the Wrights are negotiating several locations and have been working with OPDC for six months. They are looking at investing over \$1 million and are hoping to be open by next year's Microbrew Review.

Commissioner Miller asked for details regarding Hamburger Mary's drag shows. Mr. Wright described them as "G-rated". The Chicago location has shows scheduled two to four times per month; the Milwaukee location has them every weekend. All shows are reservation only and are full to capacity.

The Wrights have a third investor for this location who lives locally and will act as the managing partner. They are looking to hire approximately 50 employees and plan to serve lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. The seating capacity will be 150-200 with a possible event space on the second level.

Ms. Boutet explained the licensing process and noted that the ordinance can be created in a day but must be approved by the Board of Trustees. She added that the ordinance approval and issuance of the liquor license shouldn't be problematic, as there has been previous support for establishing a brew pub in the Village.

a. Papaspiros Agora

Sam Papageorge spoke about his restaurant. He stated that he is the single owner. The menu will be based on the former Papaspiros menu with an organic twist. He is also looking to sell packaged wine and other items and explained the layout. Ms. Boutet and Business License Officer Sunny Choi indicated that the approved drawings did not coincide with what he described and they needed to be revised. Mr. Papageorge also noted that he plans to expand the small kitchen in the future, which will enable him to broaden his menu.

Ms. Boutet commented that she has conflicting information regarding ownership; the materials submitted from the state reflect that Mr. Papageorge has 0% ownership. The signature on the lease listing the company as tenant is that of Spiro Papageorge, not Sam Papageorge. She requested a copy of the Articles of Incorporation as proof of ownership interest in the company, as there is nothing that clearly recognizes him as an owner, let alone the sole owner.

Mr. Choi indicated that there are some concerns regarding the background check. Commissioner Spivy volunteered to follow up for clarification of these issues.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the build out. Mr. Papageorge stated that he is waiting for inspection of the work currently completed.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 27, 2013. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

Administrative Report

La Majada

Interim Deputy Village Clerk MaryAnn Schoenneman and Ms. Boutet discussed La Majada's tax delinquency. Mr. Choi would follow up with them. He also reported that Lou Malnati's has applied for a liquor license.

Old Business

a. Ordinance Review Process Update

Chair Scaman asked the LCRB if they had any comments noted on their copies of the liquor ordinance and if so, to give them to Ms. Boutet.

Topics of discussion included definition of the role of the Clerk and the LCRB, the hotel license, who may not hold a liquor license, the pool hall license and general rewording of the license classifications.

Annual Renewals

It was moved and seconded that the November annual renewals be approved.

<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>	<u>TAX STATUS</u>
Philanders LLC dba Barclay’s American Grille 1120 Pleasant St	A-2 Hotel Subsidiary	30-Nov-2013	Current
Nineteenth Century Club 178 Forest Ave	A-3 Catering Hall Only	22-Nov-2013	No Taxes
Dominick’s Finer Food LLC #1124 259 Lake St	C-1 Package Liquor	19-Nov-2013	Current
Salerno’s Pizza & Pasta of Oak Park Inc 7124-7128 Roosevelt Rd	B-4 Restaurant/ Lounge	20-Nov-2013	Current
Bond Drug Company of IL LLC dba Walgreens #05235 6412 Roosevelt Rd	C-1 Package Liquor	07-Nov-2013	Current
Bond Drug Company of IL LLC dba: Walgreens #11760 801-811 Madison St	C-1 Package Liquor	07-Nov-2013	Current

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Board Member Comments

There were no comments.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman
Recording Secretary