

**Approved Minutes of the
Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 215**

Present: Commissioners John Lipic, Jane Miller, Sara Spivy and Mas Takiguchi; Chair Victoria Scaman; Village Clerk Teresa Powell

Absent: None

Also Present: Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet

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 presented.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2013. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Report

1. BASSET Training Update

Village Clerk Powell reported that there was a large turnout for the May BASSET training; two dates are set for June and it is hopeful that at least one will be filled.

2. Flat Top Grill

Clerk Powell reported that there has been a change in ownership of Flat Top Grill. Information is pending; they may be appearing before the LCRB in June.

3. Work Plan Revisions: Review of Liquor Ordinance

Clerk Powell referred to the updated work plan and suggested that the ordinance review be taken in segments. The revised work plan will go to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 17.

4. Revision to Brunch Ordinance Service Hours

Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet stated that this was omitted from the last ordinance revision and distributed copies of the ordinance. She suggested taking a close look at that section as the current language is incomprehensible. After discussion, Village Clerk Powell stated that the original recommendation was to allow for liquor service to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and the holidays indicated for Restaurant Class B-1 through B-4 Liquor License holders that offer brunch. Ms. Boutet stated that she would draft the ordinance to reflect this but indicated that there would be some

language clean-up for clarification. She commented that she will inform the Board that the LCRB is currently reviewing the ordinance and further revisions are being considered. Clerk Powell added that this is scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees on June 17.

5. Updates to Liquor License Listings

Village Clerk Powell explained that this is a general clean-up of the list of active liquor licenses in the ordinance. This will go before the Board on June 17 as well.

Ms. Boutet noted that the Board tasked the LCRB with reviewing the entire liquor code but most importantly sections pertaining to who can and cannot have a liquor license, i.e., conflicts of interest, and process. The liquor code does not reflect the process currently being used. She stated that the changes in State law have been incorporated into our code, with the addition of the LCRB process and that these conflicts require that the Village President recuse himself from any liquor related proceedings.

Chair Scaman asked the commission how they would like to proceed. Those two areas would be focused on first, but perhaps the sections that are difficult to read should be addressed. She suggested that everyone fully understand the intention of the language before rewording it.

New Business

1. Motion to Recommend E-1 Special Event Liquor License for Seven Generations Ahead

Village Clerk Powell noted that this license is specifically for the Microbrew Review event. The E-1 License previously provided by Downtown Oak Park does not cover this year's expansion onto South Marion Street (the Pleasant District), thus Seven Generations Ahead would need their own.

Julie Ledogar of Seven Generations Ahead spoke about last year's event, this year's check-in procedures and referred to the map of the event layout. She also answered questions from the commission regarding beer vendors, food vendors and the cap on attendance.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that a Class E-1 Special Event Liquor License for Seven Generations Ahead be granted.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Miller, Spivy and Takiguchi; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

2. Motion to Recommend B-4 Restaurant Lounge Liquor License for Have Dinner, LLC dba Chara

Chair Scaman reviewed what was presented and discussed at the last meeting. She asked Owner Oktunc Sipahi and Manager Jason Bushouse for a construction update. Mr. Oktunc stated that the basement, which houses the lounge area, will initially be closed but re-opened in September after a complete layout renovation. He noted that the current layout is hard to work with and will be changed to an open space that will seat 80-100 people and could serve as a meeting or banquet space. There will be a service bar only in the kitchen area.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that a Class B-4 Restaurant Lounge Liquor License for Have Dinner, LLC dba Chara be granted.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Miller, Spivy and Takiguchi; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion was approved.

Old Business

1. LCRB Best Practices

Chair Scaman referred to the Proposed Procedures for Liquor Control Review Board handout, adding that she hoped the commission had reviewed this. Village Clerk Powell distributed a handout describing the history of liquor in Oak Park.

Local Liquor Commissioner Adam Salzman joined the meeting. The commission members introduced themselves and Village Clerk Powell gave a synopsis of the meeting thus far. Trustee Salzman asked about Ms. Boutet’s comments regarding review of the ordinance; Clerk Powell gave a brief overview.

It was moved and seconded that the LCRB Procedure be adopted.

The roll call was a follows:
AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Miller, Spivy and Takiguchi; Chair Scaman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion was approved.

Annual Renewals

It was moved and seconded that the June annual renewals be approved, with the exception of La Majada, as follows:

<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>	<u>TAX STATUS</u>
The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park 200 N Oak Park Ave	E-1 Special Events	16-July-2013	No Taxes Paid
Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society 320 Lake St	E-1 Special Events	22-July-2013	No Taxes Paid
La Majada Restaurant Inc. DBA: La Majada Restaurant 226 Harrison St	B-4 Restaurant Lounge	06-July-2013	Not Current
Loft Enterprises, Inc. DBA: Edwardo’s Natural Pizza Restaurant 6831 North Ave	B-1 Restaurant	16-July-2013	Current

The roll call was a follows:
AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Miller, Spivy and Takiguchi; Chair Scaman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The motion was approved

Board Member Comments

Chair Scaman discussed the Chairperson's meeting. She stated that it was an opportunity to meet each other and share ideas. Proper meeting protocol was discussed as well as commissions working together more often and visiting each other's meetings.

Village Clerk Powell noted that Seven Ocean was closed; their business model didn't work out as they had hoped. She added that there was interest in the property.

Chair Scaman welcomed new commissioner Sara Spivy and encouraged her to ask as many questions as necessary.

Village Clerk Powell addressed Mr. Oktunc's inquiry regarding future BASSET training classes.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman
Recording Secretary