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**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall – Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair Sarah Corbin

Present: Chair Sarah Corbin, Members Emily Masalski and Todd Kuna
Absent: Member Melody Kratz
Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Assistant Development Customer Services Director Cameron Davis
3. **Agenda Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Masalski to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.
4. **Minutes Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Chair Corbin to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 meeting of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB"). The motion was approved by voice vote and the minutes were approved.
5. **Public Comment:**

None.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Application of Lux BBQ OP LLC, DBA Gyomun Japanese BBQ, for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 105 North Marion Street**

The application was presented by the applicant's owner, Hui Zhu. Gyomun Japanese BBQ will be a full-service restaurant. It will serve beer, sake, and cocktails. Staff will be trained appropriately to comply with the Village's alcoholic liquors service requirements. The current plan is to open in early April 2024.

The application is for a B-2 liquor license, which is for beer and wine only. However, a B-4 license would be more appropriate since they want to serve other types of alcohol as well.

The seating capacity of the restaurant is 90. This means the fee would be \$2,500 for a B-4 license.

A motion was made by Member Kuna to recommend approval of a B-4 liquor license to Lux BBW OP LLC contingent on completion of a revised license application and payment of the associated \$2,500 fee. Member Masalski seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Masalski

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

B. Application of 1759 W. Grand, LLC, DBA Publican Quality Bread, for the Issuance of a Bakeshop Class D-17 Liquor License at 211 West Harrison Street

The application was presented by Terry Alexander, founding partner of One Off Hospitality. This location is Publican's first location outside Chicago. Publican has twelve locations within Chicago. Publican will serve beer and wine only, which requires a Class D-17 license.

The business plans to open in January 2024. There will be seating for eight and additional outside seating during some portions of the year.

A motion was made by Member Masalski to recommend approval of a Bakeshop Class D-17 Liquor License for 1759 W. Grand, LLC, DBA Publican Quality Bread. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Masalski

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

C. Application of Premier Catering and Events, LLC for the Issuance of a Catering Class A-4 Liquor License

A motion was made by Member Masalski to postpone consideration of the application of Premier Catering and Events, LLC until the next meeting to allow the applicant to attend. Member Kuna seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

D. October and November 2023 Renewals

A motion was made by Member Masalski to approve the October and November 2023 renewals except for Taco El Tio #4, Inc. and Scratch Properties (Scratch Kitchen & Lounge). The approvals for those two businesses are contingent upon payment of outstanding liquor taxes. Member Kuna seconded the motion. The renewal for Ascension will be considered separately per Member Masalski's recusal on that item.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Masalski

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Chair Corbin to renew the Class E-1 Special Events license for Ascension Church. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Masalski

E. Liquor Control Review Board 2024 Work Plan

Chair Corbin expressed that her suggestion to the Village Board would be for the LCRB to oversee marijuana dispensaries.

A motion was made by Member Kuna to adopt the 2024 Work Plan as drafted. Member Masalski seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

F. Racial Equity Needs Assessment

The Liquor Control Review Board viewed a video describing the assessment and requesting their input. The LCRB discussed the questions and filled out the questionnaire collectively

7. Old Business:

None.

8. Administrative Report:

Cameron Davis gave a report that included discussion of the licenses for Unity Temple and the Arts District. There was also discussion regarding a possible Sip and Walk Event in the Arts District.

9. Board Member Comments:

The Board discussed a number of potential conflicts with scheduling upcoming meetings.

Chair Corbin discussed training by Positive Youth Development by the Oak Park Township. The Board discussed the benefits of this training and the possibility of Oak Park Township making a presentation. The Board might also request that the Communications Department help publicize such a presentation.

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Member Masalski to adjourn the meeting. Member Kuna

seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary