

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 26, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Daniel Occena at 3:00 p.m. on June 26, 2024. Commissioner Liliana Monroy, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present. Commissioner Robert Selevitch, absent.

Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere License Commission and those in attendance.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 4/17/24 and 5/15/24.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the minutes.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The Neighborhood Developers

Sandler Square
Jasmin Bach, Event Manager

Application for 1-day Entertainment License: Application of The Neighborhood Developers, Jasmin Bach, Event Manager, for a 1-day Entertainment license to be exercised at Sandler Square on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Event is the annual Shirley Ave Cultural Festival. Expected attendance is 100 – 200.

Jasmin Bach appeared for the application. This is an annual festival celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the Shirley Ave neighborhood. She noted that in the event of rain, the festival will take place inside the Garfield School.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

American Legion Post #61

Charles G. McMackin Veterans Memorial Park
249 Broadway
William J. Chisholm, Event Manager

Application for (6) 1-day Malt/Wine and Common Victualler Licenses: Application of American Legion Post #61, William J. Chisholm, Event Manager, for six (6) 1-day licenses for Malt/Wine and Common Victualler, to be exercised at Veterans Memorial Park from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the following Sundays in 2024: July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, and August 11. Rain dates are August 18, and August 25. Events are to be providing a beer & wine garden with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, and chips to accompany city sponsored Sunday night concerts.

William Chisholm appeared for the application. This will be the third year that the American Legion has provided food and a beer & wine garden for the Sunday night concerts. Councillor Monroy asked about the number of attendees, and was told that they generally have about 30 people over the course of a 1½ hour concert.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Revere Beach Partnership

Revere Beach
Adam Benoit, Event Manager

Application for a Special 1-day License for All Alcohol: Application of Revere Beach Partnership for a 1-day license for All Alcohol, said license to be exercised on Revere Beach on Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Event will be a VIP Party held as part of the International Sand Sculpting Festival activities. Expected number of attendees will be 350. Rain date is Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Adam Benoit appeared for the application. This license is for the annual VIP Party held during the Sand Sculpting festival.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Revere Beach Partnership

Revere Beach
Adam Benoit, Event Manager

Application for (3) Special 1-day Licenses for Malt/Wine: Application of Revere Beach Partnership for three 1-day licenses for Malt/Wine, said licenses to be exercised on Revere Beach Boulevard on: Friday, July 19, 2024, from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m., and Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. for a Beer Garden to be open as part of the International Sand Sculpting Festival activities. Capacity of the beer garden area will be 500.

Adam Benoit appeared for the application. This is the second year of a beer garden at the Sand Sculpting festival. They plan to have 3 State Police detail officers and 4 private security personnel at all times. While the capacity of the beer tent is 500, they never had that many people at last year’s event. Commissioner Occena asked what plans were in place to avoid overservice of drinks, particularly considering the hot weather. Mr. Benoit replied that they plan to have non-alcoholic drinks and food at the tent, which will be in the shade. Commissioner Monroy asked about trash disposal and was told that DCR personnel manage that. The event will serve beer in cans only, no bottles or cups. Commissioner Occena suggested that the event managers consider opportunities for recycling of all those cans.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Las Parceritas

Charles G. McMackin Veterans Memorial Park
Diana Cardona, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment License: Application of Las Parceritas, Diana Cardona, Event Manager, for a 1-day license for Common Victualler & Entertainment to be exercised Charles G. McMakin Veterans Memorial Park on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. for a cultural event celebrating Colombian Independence Day. Expected attendance is 120.

Diana Cardona appeared for the application. This will be an extension of the Colombian flag raising that will take place at City Hall. They plan to provide folkloric groups and singers, along with Colombian foods.

There were no opponents when called. Both Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Claudia Correa, Chief of Staff for the Mayor’s office spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Chocolaffee, LLC

9 Dehon Street
Diana Cardona, Event Manager

Application for 1-day Entertainment License: Application of Chocolaffe, LLC, Diana Cardona, Event Manager, for a 1-day Entertainment license to be exercised at Sandler Square on Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Event is the grand opening of Chocolaffee. Expected attendance is 100.

Diana Cardona appeared for the application. As part of the grand opening of their new store, they want to have some community entertainment for visitors and the neighboring businesses. Commissioner Occena asked if the neighboring residents found this acceptable, and Ms. Cardona said that she has spoken with neighbors and has met with no objections.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Claudia Correa, Chief of Staff for the Mayor’s office, and Andres Gomez Gallejo from Capri, a neighboring business, spoke in favor of the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Capri, LLC

d/b/a **Capri**
1559 North Shore Road
Claudia Gallego, Manager

Application for Outdoor Seating: Application of Capri, LLC d/b/a Capri, Claudia Gallego, Manager, for outdoor seating for an All Alcohol Restaurant license on the sidewalk outside the restaurant. Requested outdoor seating is 19, requested hours for outdoor seating are the same as the restaurant hours, Sunday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Claudia Gallego appeared for the application, accompanied by her son, Andres Gomez Gallejo, who aided in translation. Commissioner Occena expressed concerns about the late hour for closing the outdoor seating. Mr. Gomez Gallejo suggested that 10 p.m. might be a more acceptable hour to close, and told them that at this time they do not want to have outdoor entertainment, although they might wish to request it later.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Claudia Correa, Chief of Staff for the Mayor’s office, and Diana Cardona spoke in favor of the application. Both Councillor Novoselsky and Ms. Correa expressed a preference for closing outdoor seating earlier than 1 a.m. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Occena, and seconded by Commissioner Monroy, it was VOTED to approve the application, with

the understanding that the hours of outdoor seating shall be Monday – Friday 12 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Revere Restaurant Group, Inc.
d/b/a **Tio Juan’s Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant**
85 American Legion Highway
Steven Peters, Manager

Application for a Change of Manager: Application of Revere Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant, Steven Peters, Manager, for a change of manager from Sean M. Casey.

Steven Peters appeared for the application. Restaurant operations will remain the same, and Mr. Peters detailed his experience managing restaurants.

There were neither proponents nor opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Occena, and seconded by Commissioner Monroy, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Saint Abraam Pizza, Inc.
d/b/a **Bridge Pizzeria**
800 Washington Avenue
Hany Habil, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Saint Abraam Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Bridge Pizzeria, 800 Washington Avenue, Hany Habil, President & Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license from Calixto, Inc. Requested seating to remain at 24, requested hours are Sunday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Current seating is 24, current hours are Sunday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Hany Habil appeared for the application. The operations and name of the restaurant shall remain the same. Mr. Habil and his partners have several years of experience in the industry.

There were neither proponents nor opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Occena, and seconded by Commissioner Monroy, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Perros Paisas Revere Corp.
d/b/a **Perros Paisas Revere**
657 Beach Street
Andres Jaramillo, Manager

Application for a Common Victualler License: Application of Perros Paisas Revere Corp. d/b/a Perros Paisas Revere, Andres Jaramillo, President and Manager, for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 657 Beach Street. Requested seating is 25.

Andres Jaramillo appeared for the application, accompanied by Diana Cardona, who provided help with translation. This will be a fast-food restaurant of Colombian food, and will be his second location of this business. He is requesting hours of service to be Sunday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 3 a.m. Commissioner Occena asked why Mr. Jaramillo wanted a 3 a.m. closing, and Mr. Jaramillo explained that in operating his restaurant in East

Boston, he found that there was a lot of demand for late night food from customers using delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash to pick up food for them.

There were no opponents when called. Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Claudia Correa spoke on behalf of the application, but strongly urged against a 3 a.m. closing, as there is limited parking at the location and the area is residential. Andres Gomez also spoke in favor of the application.

After some discussion, Commissioner Occena made a motion to approve the license with the following hours: Sunday – Thursday 5 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 2 a.m. He allowed for the possibility of a future amendment to 3 a.m. if no future problems arise, but strongly emphasized the concerns inherent in such a late closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroy, and it was VOTED to approve the application with the amendment of hours.

Seas The Day Restaurant, Inc.
d/b/a **Seas the Day Restaurant**
320 Revere Beach Boulevard
Kevin Pham, Manager

Application to Amend an Entertainment License: Application of Seas the Day Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Seas the Day Restaurant, Kevin Pham, Manager, to amend an Entertainment license to add Amplifiers, Karaoke, Vocal/Instrumental Music, and Dancing by Patrons. Current entertainment is Widescreen Cable TV and Radio.

Dinh Pham appeared for the application. He reports that customers have been requesting additional entertainment, particularly for large groups or functions.

Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya asked about the proposed hours for entertainment, citing concerns for the residents of the building. Mr. Pham requested 12 a.m., but stated that the restaurant is usually closed by 10 or 11 p.m.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Monroy, and seconded by Commissioner Occena, it was VOTED to approve the application.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Occena brought up concerns that have been recently raised to the License Commission concerning troubles at two restaurants, Lupita Restaurant, and La Hacienda 2.

Councillor Novoselsky spoke concerning Lupita Restaurant. He has been receiving calls from aggrieved residents for several months now about late night noise, intoxication, and disruption in the neighborhood. The Commission voted to summon the license holders in for a hearing at the next meeting of the License Commission in July.

Councillor Guarino-Sawaya spoke concerning La Hacienda 2. She has been having problems with them since they opened, and has made several attempts to mediate with the business on behalf of her constituents, without success. She described late-night music, patrons continuing their partying from their cars while blaring music, parking issues, and streets littered with bottles and cans. The Commission voted to summon the license holders in for a hearing at the next meeting of the License Commission in July.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of receipt of License Commission approval of outdoor seating for H & R Partners, Inc. d/b/a **Valsos Table & Bar**.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on July 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2024