

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, June 7, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was convened at 6:35 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger, Commissioner Mark Kuchler (arrived at 7 p.m.), and Commissioner Mark Langan

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting on April 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Asperger to approve the minutes of April 19, 2010, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Requests / Liquor License Applicants

Ceramic Art Café

Commissioner Asperger indicated that Bill Martin, owner of Ceramic Art Café located at 26 S. La Grange Road, is applying for a Class H Liquor License. The Class H license authorizes the licensee to allow customers to carry their own beer and wine into a Bring-Your-Own authorized establishment to be consumed within the licensed premises, but only in conjunction with a private event or a structured instructional class under controlled circumstances. Commissioner Asperger indicated that Ceramic Arts Cafe is the first applicant for this category of the Class H liquor license.

Commissioner Langan noted that all requirements appeared to be in order and inquired if Mr. Martin received many requests for this type of event.

Mr. Martin indicated that he has been in business for 13 years and occasionally receives inquiries or requests for BYO. Mr. Martin added that it is possible that requests may increase as the word gets out and that he would like to accommodate his customers.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Asperger, that the Liquor Commission recommend (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class H Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to the Ceramic Art Café located at 26 S. La Grange Road.

Commissioner Asperger stated that a recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2010.

Commissioner Langan requested that Mr. Martin keep the Village apprised of his experience with the Class H Liquor License.

Santiago's Mexican Cocina

Commissioner Asperger indicated that Serafin and Susana Jimenez, owners of Santiago's Mexican Cocina, are applying for a Class A-2 Liquor License for their new location at 22 Calendar Court. They currently hold a Class A-2 Restaurant License at their existing location on La Grange Road but are moving to a slightly larger space within the Village which will also provide a private dining area. The owners are in the process of remodeling the space including providing a new entry door.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Asperger, that the Liquor Commission recommend (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class A-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to Santiago's Mexican Cocina to be located at 22 Calendar Court.

Commissioner Asperger stated that a recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2010.

Thipi Thai

Commissioner Asperger indicated that Tarnthip Kunupakaran, owner of Thipi Thai, is applying for a Class A-2 Liquor License for their new location at 25 W. Calendar Court. They currently hold a Class A-3 Restaurant License at their existing location on La Grange Road but are moving to a larger facility which will also include a bar and lounge area.

It was indicated that the new location has space for a private parties and they hope to offer on-line ordering and enhanced delivery / carry out service.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler, that the Liquor Commission recommend (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class A-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to Thipi Thai Restaurant to be located at 25 W. Calendar Court.

Commissioner Asperger stated that a recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2010.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Kuchler asked whether or not social security numbers on Liquor License Applications are kept private to protect applicant's identities. Attorney Burkland noted that social security numbers would be redacted in the event of a public inquiry.

Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson briefly updated the Liquor Commission on administrative matters related to the issuance of liquor licenses.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: 09/13/10