

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**Senior Center
Tufts Administration Building
167 Holland Street**

**Regular Meeting
Monday
February 28, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Upton called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner John J. McKenna, Inspector Warren Chaille and Administrative Assistant Jenneen M. Pagliaro.

STATUS UPDATE (Continued from January 24, 2011 Meeting)

Present: Cesar Salgado & Debra McLaughlin

Mr. Salgado of The Dali Restaurant came before the Commission to give a status update regarding the transfer of the Wine and Malt license to The Center for Arts at the Armory, approved by the Licensing Commission in 2010. This application is pending at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. (Licensing Commission is requesting financial information from the Dali Restaurant).

Mr. Salgado submitted the paperwork requested at the last Licensing Commission Hearing.

Ms. McLaughlin announced that the ABCC has approved the transfer of the license on February 21, 2011.

This item is placed on File.

Non- Renewal of Common Victualer license

Buddy's, 113 Washington St.
No Show

On a motion made and seconded,

Voted: To direct this issue to the Health Department to do a visit and fine as appropriate.

SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Present: Alderman Sean O'Donovan

Ald. O'Donovan came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for a Political Fundraiser to be held at The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on March 11, 2011 from 7PM-11PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

Police and Fire Details have been requested.

Alderman Sullivan and Alderman Roche spoke in support of this event.

The Chamber of Commerce is in support.

John L. Sullivan is opposed to this beer and wine license.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

Groundwork Somerville

Present: Jennifer Lawrence

Ms. Lawrence came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for the 4th Annual Greening the City Gala to be held at The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on March 25, 2011 from 7PM-10:30PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

Police and Fire Details have been requested.

John L. Sullivan is opposed to this beer and wine license.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

Keshet, Inc.

Present: Stephanie Lowitt

Ms. Lowitt came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for a Cabaret Fundraiser to be held at The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on March 12, 2011 from 7PM-10:30PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

Police and Fire Details have been requested.

John L. Sullivan is opposed to this beer and wine license.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

Hellenic Association of Somerville
d/b/a Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Church
29 Central St.

Present: Mike Veveris

Mr. Veveris came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for A Wedding Reception to be held on June 4, 2011 from 3PM-9PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

Police and Fire Details have been requested but are not required.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Casa B
253 Washington St.

Present: Alberto Jockovich

Mr. Jockovich came before the Commission seeking approval of a Common Victualer license for Casa B at 253 Washington St.

Mr. Jockovich has restaurant experience.

This will be a family run restaurant serving Latin American Tappas.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioner's consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Broken Yolk
136 College Ave.

Present: Anthony D'Alelio

Mr. D'Alelio came before the Commission seeking approval of a Common Victualer license for Broken Yolk at 136 College Ave.

This is a new owner keeping the same floor plan and menu.

Mr. D'Alelio has restaurant experience.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioner's consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

INNHOLDER LICENSE

Bowers Management, LLC
d/b/a Bowers House

Present: Christina Li

Ms. Li came before the Commission requesting approval to operate an Inn Holder license consisting of 3 bedrooms on 9 Bowers Ave.

Ms. Li stated she has Special Permits approved by the City.

This location has parking.

Alderman Gerwartz sent a letter in support of this application.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Innholder License as submitted.

ALL FORMS ALCOHOL PACKAGE STORE LICENSE

Transfer of License

O'Brien's Liquors
158 Highland Ave.

Present: Attorney Neil Berman

Atty. Berman, representing VEID Corp. came before the Commission requesting approval of the transfer of O'Brien's Liquors All Forms Package Store License at 158 Highland Ave.

Atty. Berman stated that that this would be a new owner keeping the same name.

The business will be run the way it has in the past.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the transfer of the All Forms Package Store License

ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
7 DAY RESTAURANT LICENSE

Cibobella, Inc.
d/b/a Sagra

Present: Attorney Ann Vigorito & Dylan Welsh

Atty. Vigorito, representing SDH Associates Corp., d/b/a Five Horses Tavern came before the Commission requesting approval for the transfer of Cibobella, Inc. d/b/a Sagra's All Forms Alcoholic beverages 7 day restaurant license and for approval of a Common Victualer License and an Entertainment License consisting of Television and audio at 400 Highland Ave.

Atty. Vigorito stated that this business will be serving comfort food and 36 beers on tap.

The new owners will be doing some minor renovations.

Mr. Welsh has extensive restaurant experience.

The entertainment will consist of 5 televisions. They have no plans for bands or D.J.'s.

The Chamber of Commerce spoke in support.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the transfer of the All Forms Alcoholic beverages 7 day restaurant license and for approval of a Common Victualer License and an Entertainment License.

WINE AND MALT LICENSES

ONE AVAILABLE

Buk Kyung Restaurant

9A Union Square

Present: Jennifer Lee

Ms. Lee came before the Commission requesting approval of a Wine and Malt Restaurant License for Buk Kyung Restaurant at 9A Union Sq.

Ms. Lee stated this is a family owned business operating for 10 years.

This is a Korean Cuisine.

Ms. Lee feels that there is a public need for a beer and wine license, being the only Korean Restaurant in Union Sq.

Rob May of OSPCD made no recommendation on this application.

Chairman Upton read a conflict of Interest statement into the record.

Ms. Lee made a motion to withdraw this application.

Motion to withdraw was approved.

Las Brisas
561 McGrath Highway

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo

Atty. DiGirolamo, representing Las Brisas came before the Commission requesting approval of a Wine and Malt Restaurant License at 561 McGrath Highway.

Atty. DiGirolamo stated that Las Brisas has been before the Commission on a few occasions looking to obtain an alcohol license.

The business has been opened since 2010 and has a long term lease with the landlord.

Atty. DiGirolamo feels this area needs some economic revitalization.

Las Brisas is committed to the neighborhood and has provided many job opportunities to the residents of East Somerville.

Ald. Roche spoke in favor of this application.

Ald. Sullivan spoke in favor of this application.

Rob May, OSPCD is recommending approval of this application.

Chamber of Commerce is in support.

Atty. DiGirolamo submitted for the record, 100 signatures in support.

A letter of support from Ald. Connolly was submitted for the record.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the Wine and Malt License to Las Brisas

Rodizio Brazilian Steak House
129 Broadway

Present: Attorney Joseph Hanley

Atty. Hanley, representing Rodizio Brazilian Steak House came before the Commission requesting approval of a Wine and Malt Restaurant License at 129 Broadway.

Atty. Hanley submitted for the record a letter of support from East Somerville Main Sts.

This is the only Brazilian restaurant in the area and there are not many Wine and Malt licenses in this neighborhood.

The owner has two other restaurants and has had no incidents.

A few neighbors spoke in support.

Rob May, OSPCD has made no recommendation for this application.

Atty. Hanley made a motion to withdraw this application.

Motion to withdraw was approved.

CLUB LICENSE
HEARING CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 24, 2011 MEETING

George Dilboy Post 529 Inc., VFW, 371 Summer St. requesting a change of location of the All Forms Alcohol Club License to 343-349 Summer St.

Attorney Richard DiGirolamo's Office requested a continuation of this hearing.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To continue this matter until the April 25, 2011 meeting.

Minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant