

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**City Hall
2nd floor Aldermanic Chambers
93 Highland Ave.**

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday
March 30, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Massachusetts State Lottery Commission re: Keno-To-Go. The Commission took administrative notice.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES

**Chobert LLC
Subway #49185
860 Broadway
Christopher Cho**

Present: Christopher Cho

Mr. Cho came before the Commission seeking approval of a Common Victualer license for Subway, 860 Broadway.

Mr. Cho has restaurant experience.

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

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Fugoo Group, Inc.
Subway #38774
711-723 Somerville Ave.
Fugen Li

Present: Fugen Li

Mr. Li came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for Subway, 711-723 Somerville Ave.

Mr. Li has restaurant experience.

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

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Trustees of Tufts College
Tufts Catering

Present: Eric Hamil

Mr. Hamel came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcohol beverages for Cambridge Orchestra Banquet Event to be held at the Alumnae Lounge, 40 Talbot Ave., on April 8, 2011 from 7PM-9PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages, Police and Fire Details have been requested.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol license as presented.

St. Anthony's Parish
12 Properzi Way

Present: Vigil Figueiredo

Mr. Figueiredo came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcohol beverages for a Birthday Party to be held in the School Gymnasium on April 9, 2011 from 7PM-11PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages, Police and Fire Details have been requested.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol license as presented.

**ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
7 DAY RESTAURANTS**

ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES

**DEV Corporation, d/b/a Orleans Restaurant
59-65 Holland St.**

Present: Attorney Ann Vigorito & Tom Devlin

Atty. Vigorito representing Orleans Restaurant came before the Commission requesting approval of a new floor plan.

There will be no change to seating capacity, just a new floor plan.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the new floor plan

NEW ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE (ONE AVAILABLE)

**Aguacate Verde LLC
13 Elm St.**

Present: Attorney Adam Dash & Sylvia Delasota

Atty. Dash representing Aguacate Verde, 13 Elm St. came before the Commission requesting approval of an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and for an Entertainment License consisting of Dancing, Karaoke and Guitar playing.

Atty. Dash stated that Aguacate Verde has already applied for their Common Victualer license. They will keep the same staff. This business is located in Wilson Sq. The business has 28 seats.

This business feels it would need a license to survive.

The City is going to be renovating this area and Aguacate Verde is getting a new store front area.

Alderman O'Donovan sent in a letter of support for this application

The Building owner also sent a letter of support.

OSPCD is not recommending this application.

Aguacate Verde requested to withdraw this application. (Alcohol Only)

Application Withdrawn.

In regards to the Entertainment License

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Entertainment License.

Yuksel-Berti, Inc.
d/b/a Istanbul'Lu
237 Holland St.

Present: Attorney Ann Vigorito, Arvina Akgun & Huseyin Akgun

Atty. Vigorito representing Istanbul 'Lu came before the Commission requesting approval of an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License.

Atty. Vigorito stated this is the second attempt for a license. This is the only Turkish restaurant in Somerville. This establishment has been open for one year.

There is a lot of competition in the neighborhood and this license would also enhance the dining experience. This restaurant has 20 seats and serves breakfast on the weekends.

A Petition from the last time the applicant applied was submitted for the record.

Leon Stevens spoke in support of this application.

OSPCD is not recommending this application.

Istanbul'Lu requested to withdraw this application.

Application Withdrawn.

Casa B, LLC
253 Washington St.

Present: Attorney Jared Chrislip & Alberto Cabre

Atty. Chrislip representing Casa B came before the Commission requesting approval of an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and for an Entertainment License consisting of audio.

Atty. Chrislip stated this is a new restaurant with two levels. One level for fine dining and the other for casual style dining and feel having a license would be beneficial to the development of the area.

An Open House was held with the Union Sq. Main Sts group. Mimi Grainey of The Union Sq. Main Sts spoke in support of this application.

Alderman Taylor is in support of this license.

106 signatures on an electronic petition were submitted.

Gregory Jenkins of the Arts Council spoke in support of this application,

Many neighbors spoke in support of this application.

OSPCD recommends this application for approval.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To grant the All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant License to Casa B and to also grant the Entertainment License.

CLUB LICENSE

HEARING CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 28, 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 February 28, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

