

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

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

**Special Meeting
Wednesday
September 30, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Andrew Upton called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Vito Vaccaro, Inspector Warren Chaille and Administrative Assistant Jenneen M. Pagliaro.

The following hearings were conducted:

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

**Laz Café, Inc.
d/b/a Mr. B's
142 Cross St.**

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo & Mehmet Bakirci

Attorney DiGirolamo representing the applicant came before the Commission seeking approval of a Common Victualer License for Laz Café, Inc. d/b/a Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.

Mr. Bakirci has restaurant experience.

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

The Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of this application.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Common Victualer License as presented.

WINE AND MALT RESTAURANT

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

**Amelia's Kitchen
1137 Broadway**

Present: Delio Susio

Mr. Susio came before the Commission seeking approval of an Entertainment license consisting of a 1-3 piece band on the premises situated at 1137 Broadway.

Mr. Susio stated that this license would consist of someone playing a guitar about once a week without amplified music.

Ald. Sullivan spoke in favor of this application.

Bill Tauro is also in favor of this application.

Along with the application a floor plan was submitted for the Commissioner's review and consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Entertainment License as presented.

WINE AND MALT PACKAGE STORE

TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND LOCATION

New Bombay Market
359 Somerville Ave.

Present: Attorney William Goldberg, Ram Selhi & Ruby Selhi

Atty. Goldberg came before the Commission representing New Bombay Market requesting approval to transfer the Wine and Malt Package Goods Store License to Fauji Corporation d/b/a Farmer's Bounty, 234 Elm St.

Atty. Goldberg stated that alcohol would be a compliment to the food items sold at the Farmer's Bounty.

Atty. Goldberg presented a petition in support for the record.

Nancy Ward and Ann Mancini spoke in support of this application.

Ald. Gerwitz is not in support of another liquor license in Davis Square.

Steven Kwang, neighbor had some concerns and is not in favor of another license in the square.

Matthew Sperber & Everett Laboria also spoke in opposition of this application.

Commissioner Vaccaro motions to postpone this transfer until the next Licensing Hearing, so Mr. Mohammad Nurpasha, the owner of New Bombay Market can be present to answer questions about the license.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To hold this matter over until the October 19, 2009 meeting.

ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
7 DAY RESTAURANTS

ALTERATION OF PREMISES

Mirabella, Inc.
d/b/a Pescatore Restaurant
158 Boston Ave.

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, Marianna Buonopane & Luigi Buonopane

Attorney DiGirolamo representing the applicant came before the Commission requesting approval for an expansion of the premises from 24 seats to 48 seats.

Alderman O'Donovan is in favor of this application

The Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of this application.

Along with the application a floor plan was submitted for the Commissioner's review and consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the alteration of premises as presented.

New Licenses

Alpine Restaurant Group, Inc.
d/b/a Pizzeria Posto
187 Elm St.

Present: Attorney Adam Dash & Joe Castinelli

Attorney Dash representing the applicant came before the Commission requesting approval of a new All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License and for an Entertainment License consisting of audio, movie projector and screen and 3 televisions.

Mr. Castinelli has restaurant experience.

Atty. Dash stated that the Aldermen and the Davis Sq. Task Force have been notified of this application.

Atty. Dash stated that the opening of this restaurant is contingent upon getting the liquor license.

Many letters of support were submitted for the record and two letters in opposition were also submitted for the record.

The hours of operation would be 11AM-11PM.

The establishment will have a small bar and a private meeting room.

Commissioner Vaccaro commented that we have too many pizza places in the City and feels that this establishment does not warrant a full liquor license. These licenses are to enhance the dining experience.

Atty. Dash stated this isn't a pizza place it has a full menu with silverware and dishes and will offer a unique concept in fine dining and noted that name is a bit misleading.

OSPCD recommends approval of this application.

Alderman Connolly & Ald. Sullivan are in support of this application.

Alderman Gerwitz is in support of this application however is not in favor of any Outdoor Seating License.

The Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of this application.

Monica Lamboy of OSPCD stated that the applicant is waiting on a zoning permit.

Mr. Sullivan submitted a letter in opposition, he has concerns with traffic & noise.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the All Forms 7 Day Restaurant, Common Victualer & Entertainment License with conditions that the Hours of operation be 11AM-11PM.

Ty Sun Corporation
d/b/a Yoshi's
132 College Ave.

Present: Attorney David Sokol & James Na

Atty. Sokol representing the applicant came before the Commission requesting approval Of a New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License.

Atty. Sokol stated that Yoshi's came before the Commission 18 months ago for a beer and Wine license along with a few other establishments. Yoshi's was not chosen for one of the two licenses given out.

Atty. Sokol stated that Yoshi's is suffering due to the lack of an alcoholic beverage license. New licenses have been granted to two other establishments similar establishment in the area, who are Yoshi's main competition.

Ald. Gerwitz is in support of this application.

Ald. Sullivan is in support of this application, but would prefer them to have a beer and wine license.

OSPCD is not in favor of this application.

Ray Zonghetti of the Chamber of Commerce stated that the City has no beer and wine licenses available at this time and Mr. Zonghetti suggests the Board postpone this application so the Chamber of Commerce can work with them on figuring out some way to secure a license.

Atty. Sokol suggest granting them a license on the contingency that when a beer and wine license comes available they can trade it in.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To hold his matter over until the October 16, 2009 meeting so the applicant can work with the Community and the Chamber of Commerce.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant