

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
7:30 PM**

Mayor Thomas W. Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Bill Dixon; Assistant to the Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Liquor Applicants: Ms. Jaimini Patel, Mr. Kunal Parikh for Esplanade Wine & Liquor; Tara Riley for Arts Commission; Peter Szabo for Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission; Melissa Silverberg of the Daily Herald

1. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSION THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" & CLASS "T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO PATEL PARIKH CORP., DBA ESPLANADE WINE & LIQUOR, LOCATED AT 2948 W. EUCLID. (ESPLANADE CTR)**

Ms. Patel and Mr. Parikh, liquor applicants for Esplanade Wine & Liquor were sworn in by Mayor Hayes – both have 50% interest in the business entity.

Ms. Diana Mikula addressed the Board. She explained that this is a request for a new liquor store located in the Esplanade Center – a shopping plaza located west of Arlington Park.

On October 7, 2013 a background check was conducted on Ms. Patel and Mr. Parikh. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments or liens were outstanding.

The landlord has provided the Village with a letter of intent to offer the applicant a lease. A copy of the executed lease will be delivered to the

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Village following the approval of the liquor license to Patel Parikh Corp. Upon receiving the executed lease, the Village will issue the liquor license if the Board approves this request.

Mayor Hayes asked for clarification on the definition of tastings. Ms. Mikula explained that all liquors – beer, wine, and spirits are allowed to be tasted in limited amounts. Mayor Hayes asked both applicants if they understood the tasting rules and regulations and both indicated they did.

Mayor Hayes inquired about their previous experience in the liquor business. Ms. Patel told the Board about her previous history with stores located in Naperville and Lisle. She also talked about her experience in managing 7-Eleven stores for four years. Ms. Patel is classroom Basset trained. Mr. Parikh has retail experience only but did receive online Basset training. Neither applicant has had a liquor violation or a license revoked or suspended.

Ms. Patel explained that all employees eventually brought on-board will be Basset trained on-premise. They are planning to hire three people. There will usually be two people working together in the store for safety reasons.

Trustee Glasgow expressed his pleasure in having some of the empty space in the Esplanade Shopping Plaza being occupied.

Trustee Farwell cautioned the applicants that because they are a new liquor store they may be tested by underage individuals to determine if they would be easy sellers. Ms. Patel reported that the business will have several precautions in place such as the cash register will ask the clerk to verify that the buyer is 21 years of age and signage will be in sight of the customers warning them that if anyone looks under 35 years of age, they will be carded.

Trustee Glasgow asked Ms. Mikula if she could clarify the serving sizes of liquor being made available at tastings. She reported that wine & beer samples were confined to 2 oz. servings and other liquor to 1 oz. servings.

Trustee Rosenberg asked the applicants if they would be selling food products. Ms. Patel responded with a list of acceptable items.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FARWELL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" & CLASS "T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO PATEL

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PARIKH CORP., DBA ESPLANADE WINE & LIQUOR, LOCATED AT 2948 W. EUCLID. THE LIQUOR LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED UPON RECEIPT OF A SIGNED AND EXECUTED LEASE. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. INTERVIEW OF TARA RILEY FOR THE ARTS COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 04/30/16.

Mayor Hayes is recommending Tara Riley for the Arts Commission. Mayor Hayes feels her resume demonstrates her qualification for this position. The Board reviewed Ms. Riley's resume and discussed her interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, TRUSTEE ROSENBERG SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF TARA RILEY FOR THE ARTS COMMISSION. TERMING ENDING 04/30/16.

3. INTERVIEW OF PETER SZABO FOR THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 04/30/16.

Mayor Hayes is recommending Peter Szabo for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Mayor Hayes feels Mr. Szabo has some very good ideas for this commission that would benefit the Village of Arlington Heights. The Board reviewed Mr. Szabo's resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD MOVED, TRUSTEE SIDOR SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER SZABO FOR THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION. TERMING ENDING 04/30/16.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II

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