

**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
October 7, 2019 – 7:15 PM**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Canty, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Baldino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Brown, Debra Wightman, AJ Chaudhari, Anish Parikh, Alice Son and Kevin Spitz

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to CoCo & Blue LLC dba CoCo & Blu, located at 12 S. Dunton.

President Hayes introduced Michael Brown and Debra Wightman and administered the oath. Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a new concept coming to Arlington Heights, a European Coffee bar with breakfast and lunch being served and light meals in the evenings. Ms. Mikula completed a walk through of the property a week earlier and stated that they are seeking a Class A license for the property which had been occupied by Vintages, which had held a liquor license. Both Mr. Brown and Ms. Wightman are 50% owners. A background check was done on both and there were no issues noted. Ms. Mikula said the hours are within those permitted and that both owners are Bassett certified. Ms. Mikula stated upon a satisfactory liquor interview, it would be appropriate to issue a Class A liquor license to CoCo & Blu located at 12 S Dunton.

Mayor Hayes asked about the concept of Coco & Blu. Mr. Brown said it is a coffee bar that offers liquor and coffees as well as soups, salads, sandwiches, pasteries and cookies. It will be open from 6:00am until 4:00pm. They are hoping in 2 or 3 months to open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings. High end cocktails like martinis will be available as well as craft cocktails. They are working on staffing.

Ms. Wightman stated they will be on site managers. Ms. Wightman has limited liquor or restaurant experience. She was a server in college with no violations. She is Bassett trained. Mr. Brown has worked at many restaurants in many capacities. He has never been sited for any violations and is Bassett trained. Mr. Brown stated all employees will be Bassett trained and the Mayor recommended in person Bassett Training. Discussion ensued about the establishment. There will be seating for about 65 people with both bar and table service available. No package sales will take place. There are common washrooms that will be shared with another business in the building.

Mayor Hayes called on Trustee Tinaglia. Trustee Tinaglia stated that Mr. Brown and Ms. Wightman are clients of his so he is recusing himself.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to CoCo & Blu LLCC dba CoCo & Blu.

The following voice vote was recorded: (Tinaglia recused)

7 Ayes

0 Nays

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B Liquor License and Class T Liquor License to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine and Spirits located at 2948 W. Euclid upon surrender of current liquor license issued to this address.

President Hayes administered the Oath to AJ Chandhari. Partner and manager AJ Chandhari and Anish Parikh, attorney and co owner, introduced themselves. Diana Mikula gave the staff report. A walk through was done on September 26. This is a change of ownership and they will be getting the same license that is currently used at the location. Ms. Mikula stated that no violations have been reported at the location. The owners are a group of 5, all went through a background check and no issues were noted. Ms. Mikula stated that upon a satisfactory interview, it would be appropriate to issue a Class B and Class T liquor license to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine and Spirits located at 2948 W. Euclid upon surrender of current liquor license issued to this address.

Mayor Hayes inquired about liquor experience. Mr. Chandhari stated he has over 21 years of experience owning liquor stores. All of the staff are Bassett Certified. Mr. Chandhari also has a special scanning system that he developed that will minimize the risk of selling to underaged individuals.

Trustee Scaletta asked about the partners. Mr. Chandhari stated they are sleeping partners. Trustee Scaletta also asked if there will ever be just one worker at the store. Mr. Chandhari said there will not be a time when there will be a single person alone. Currently there are 3 employees on staff.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T License to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine and Spirit located at 2948 W Euclid upon surrender of current liquor license issued to this address.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Interview of Alice Son for Appointment to the Youth Commission (Adult Member) – Term Ending April 30, 2022.

The Mayor introduced Alice Son and highlighted her background with the library and her work with teens. Trustee Scaletta also asked if there was anything special she would like to see accomplished. Ms. Son stated she would like to see the collaboration grow between the Youth Commission and other village entities. She would also like to see teen health addressed more and would like to empower the teens even more. Trustee Tinaglia asked how Ms. Son found the Youth Commission. Ms. Son stated that her former boss Tom Spicer pointed her in the right direction. The Trustees thanked Ms. Son for her willingness to serve.

Trustee Tinaglia moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Alice Son to the Youth Commission (Adult Member) – Term Ending 4/30/2022. Trustee Padovani seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

D. Interview of Kevin Spitz for Appointment to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Spitz. Mr. Spitz has experience as an engineer at airports and experience with aviation. Trustee Scaletta asked if his current position would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Spitz stated that he checked with his project manager and Mayor Hayes also reached out to the Executive Director of the O'Hare Noise Commission and neither thought it would be a conflict. Discussion ensued about the run way configurations. Trustees thanked Mr. Spitz for his willingness to serve.

The Mayor asked for questions from the audience. Melissa Carr asked if this position would address noise from the Executive Airport. Mayor Hayes pointed out that this Commission is specifically for O'Hare Airport.

Trustee Rosenberg moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Kevin Spitz to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

E. OTHER BUSINESS – There was no further business.

F. ADJOURNMENT -

Trustee moved, and Trustee seconded the motion to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.