

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
LIQUOR COMMISSION
April 6, 2009**

A meeting of the City of Peoria Liquor Commission was held in Room 404, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, on April 6, 2009, Chairman Frank McCabe presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Frank McCabe; Commissioners Ted Arndt; Dan Irving - 3
Absent: Drew Cassidy; Don Jackson – 2.

Others present: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Eric Turner; Corporation Counsel Randy Ray; Liquor Investigator Scott Jordan; Jim Brownfield, Inspections; Kristin Cannaday-Stash, Secretary; and concerned citizens and media.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Irving moved to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2009 Liquor Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Arndt, Irving, McCabe – 3;

Nays: 0

III. LIQUOR SITE APPLICATIONS

**09-8 Hy-Vee, Inc.
 d/b/a Hy-Vee Grocery Store
 4125 N. Sheridan, Suite 20
 Requesting: Class C (package liquor)**

Attorney Bob Hall and David Bailey, representing Hy-Vee, Inc., presented a site application for a Class C (package liquor) Liquor License for 4125 N. Sheridan, Suite 20, which is a part of Sheridan Village.

In discussion with Chairman McCabe, Mr. Bailey stated that the liquor area is off to the side of the main door and has a separate entrance that comes into it from the front. He indicated that a check-out stand is right by the front door and they have a very good program in place that keeps watch for theft.

Mr. Bailey stated that this facility is very similar to other Hy-Vee grocery stores and they have not had problems with theft in those stores. He added they also have a system that rings an alarm if anything leaves the store that has not been scanned.

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In discussion with Commissioner Arndt, Mr. Bailey stated that the separate door is for convenience to the patrons so they do not have to walk through the whole grocery store.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chairman McCabe called for the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to APPROVE the site application for a Class C (package liquor) Liquor License at 4125 North Sheridan in Sheridan Village; seconded by Commissioner Irving.

Yeas: Arndt, Irving, McCabe - 3;
Nays: 0.

09-9 Peoria Kaiserhof, LLC
Kaiserhof
5201 W. War Memorial, Suite 502
Has: Class B (restaurant, full-service bar)
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)
Requesting: Subclass 3A (sidewalk café)

Attorney Christopher Oswald and Gary McCartney, representing Kaiserhof, presented an application to add a Subclass 3A (sidewalk café) to their existing Class B (restaurant, full-service bar) Liquor License with a Subclass 2 (live entertainment) license.

In discussion with Chairman McCabe, Mr. McCartney indicated they planned to have eight tables outside. He stated they were planning to police the area with their waitstaff at all times and the perimeter would be enclosed by a fence.

After discussing the gated area, Mr. McCartney stated that the only entrance into the sidewalk café area would be through the restaurant. He said that the gate on the sidewalk would be locked.

Liquor Investigator Jordan stated that the only concern from the Police Department was to make sure there was a fence. He indicated there was plenty of area for the public to pass by on the sidewalk outside of the gated area.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chairman McCabe called for the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to APPROVE the application for the addition of a Subclass 3A (sidewalk café) license to the Class B (restaurant, full-service bar) Liquor License at 5201 W. War Memorial Drive, Suite 502; seconded by Commissioner Irving.

Yeas: Arndt, Irving, McCabe - 3;
Nays: 0.

09-10	<u>Dave Koehler, Building Owner</u> Leo Carney d/b/a Chef Leo's Café 1400 NE Monroe Requesting: Class G (restaurant, beer & wine only)
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Dave Koehler, building owner, and Leo Carney, representing Chef Leo's Café, presented a site application for a Class G (restaurant, beer & wine only) Liquor License at 1400 NE Monroe.

Mr. Koehler stated that he and his wife had purchased the building, completely rehabbed it, and had started a bakery about three years ago. He indicated they now planned to have the bakery share space with Mr. Carney's café. He stated that Mr. Carney had a small separate kitchen in the back and the bakery and the café shared a large room in the front. He stated they had received a double Health Department License for this area.

Mr. Carney stated that the menu was primarily organic with produce purchased from local farmers in this area, with grass-fed beef and free-range chicken. He indicated his menu was geared towards vegetarians and organic and health products.

Mr. Koehler indicated you could also get a good steak.

Mr. Carney stated they were open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and for dinner from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. He stated they planned to be open five to six days a week and closed on Sundays and maybe Tuesdays.

Mr. Koehler stated that he lived across the alley from the bakery and café and was very sensitive to the neighborhood concerns, thus the 9:00 p.m. closing time.

Mr. Koehler said that because of the dual Health Department License, the bakery has to completely vacate the space before the Mr. Carney can come in with the café. They cannot come in the space. He indicated the bakers come in at 11:00 p.m. and bake all night, clean up and leave and then Mr. Carney takes over during the day and he has to be cleaned up and out of there before the bakers come back in.

Mr. Koehler stated that most of the bakery goods are sold wholesale to Naturally Yours and other health food stores in Bloomington along with a few restaurants. He said the bakery is only open Friday from Noon until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. He explained they have a good clientele and their bread is all organic.

Mr. Koehler stated he was looking, as the building owner, for site approval for beer and wine only which is what a restaurant needs. He indicated they could seat 36 patrons comfortably.

Mr. Tim Herold, President of Northside Housing Service and Vice President of the neighborhood association, stated they fully support this application since there is no package liquor.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chairman McCabe called for the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to APPROVE the site application for a Class G (restaurant, beer and wine only) Liquor License at 1400 NE Monroe; seconded by Commissioner Irving.

Yeas: Arndt, Irving, McCabe - 3;

Nays: 0.

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09-11 Laurie Keegan
d/b/a The Hillside
1745 N. Sheridan Road
Has: Class A (tavern)
Requesting: Subclass 2 (live entertainment/karaoke)

Bill Keegan, partner to Laurie Keegan and representing The Hillside, presented an application to add a Subclass 2 (live entertainment/karaoke) license to their Class A (tavern) Liquor License at 1745 N. Sheridan Road.

Mr. Keegan stated they planned to have karaoke every other Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight. He indicated they had karaoke once before and they wanted to have it again.

Ms. Barb Heiser, representing Heisers Garage and Autobody located across the street, expressed concern about the parking. She indicated their lot always picked up the parking overflow and they wanted the Police to be able to see inside their establishment when driving by because they had experienced some problems.

Mr. Keegan stated he would put up signs and talk to his customers. He also indicated they had some extra parking spots at the Church parking lot next door.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chairman McCabe called for the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to APPROVE the application to have a Subclass 2 (live entertainment) License be added to the current Class A (tavern) Liquor License at 1745 N. Sheridan Road; seconded by Commissioner Irving.

Yeas: Arndt, Irving, McCabe - 3;
Nays: 0.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Liquor Commission is Monday, May 4, 2009.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Arndt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Irving.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Liquor Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Kristin Cannaday-Stash, Secretary