

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
LIQUOR COMMISSION
December 7, 2009

A meeting of the City of Peoria Liquor Commission was held in Room 404, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, on December 7, 2009, Chairman Frank McCabe presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Frank McCabe; Commissioners Ted Arndt; Drew Cassidy; Don Jackson; Virginia White - 5

Absent: 0.

Others present: Assistant Corporation Counsel Sonni Williams; Liquor Investigator Scott Jordan; Chief Kent Tomblin and Bradley Pierson, Fire Department; Building Inspector Jim Stevens; 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 Jackson moved to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2009 Liquor Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson, McCabe; White – 5;

Nays: 0

III. LIQUOR SITE APPLICATIONS

09-27 UrbanSpace
d/b/a Jillian's
5201 W. War Memorial, Ste. 500
Requesting: Class B (restaurant, full-service bar)
Subclass 2 (live entertainment)

Attorney Mark Walton and Tyler Warfield, representing Jillian's, presented an application for a Class B (restaurant) and Subclass 2 (live entertainment) Liquor License for Suite 500, 5201 W. War Memorial Drive, which was the former Linens 'n Things store in the Shoppes at Grand Prairie.

In response to Chairman McCabe regarding the size of the building, Mr. Warfield stated that this site is actually about half of some of their other sites. He stated they would have eight lanes of bowling, as well as a large game room and a large restaurant and bar area.

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Mr. Warfield indicated that the restaurant would take up about 4,000 s.f. and would seat about 200 patrons. He stated that the restaurant would serve American fare including hamburgers, some steaks, pizza, pastas, a little something for everybody.

In further discussion, Mr. Warfield stated they were targeting to open the middle of March.

Building Inspector Stevens stated that the space is currently empty and no renovation has been done at this point. He indicated they would be doing a complete fit-out on the inside, including a kitchen, which would require permits.

In discussion with Chairman McCabe, Mr. Warfield stated that they planned to be open from about 11:30 a.m. until midnight during the week and until 1:00 a.m. on the weekends. He said they are planning to be open seven days a week.

Attorney Williams cautioned the applicant that they would not be able to obtain the actual liquor license until the working kitchen was completed.

In discussion with Commissioner Cassidy regarding the live entertainment license, Mr. Warfield stated that in some of their venues they have bands or live acoustic acts, which would most likely be placed in the restaurant area.

Inspector Stevens stated that if there was going to be an actual stage for the live entertainment, it would need to be included in the site drawings.

Mr. Warfield explained that Jillian's is very family driven during the afternoons, especially with the size of the game room and tying in with the community and local sports teams.

In discussion with Investigator Jordan, Mr. Warfield stated that around 9:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m., the venue becomes 21 years of age or over or the kids have to be accompanied by an adult.

Hearing no more questions or discussion, Chairman McCabe called for the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to recommend the approval of the Class B (restaurant, full-service bar) Liquor License with a Subclass 2 (live entertainment) License for Suite 500, 5201 W. War Memorial Drive; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson; McCabe; White – 5;
Nays: 0.

Chairman McCabe stated that this application would be heard at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 and a representative of Jillian's should be present at that meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

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VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Liquor Commission is Monday, January 4, 2010.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner White moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Liquor Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Kristin Cannaday-Stash, Secretary