



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2018

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

3:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Commissioner Campedelli (arrived at 3:12 p.m.), Commissioner Yakovlev and Commissioner Kahn were present. Commissioner Yakovlev introduced Commissioner Helen Kahn

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Commissioner Yakovlev at 3:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING made by Commissioner Yakovlev

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

W&L Retail, LLC d/b/a Jackson & Connor

Date/Time: April 12, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Jackson & Connor, 150 Main St.

Event: Best Buddies Fashion Show/Annual Fundraiser

Type: Wine & Malt

Fee: \$61.00

William Brideau was present for this application. He stated they will be hosting the Best Buddies Fashion Show again this year. **Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the short term liquor license for Jackson and Connor. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0**

4. **APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Frank Newhall Look Memorial Park

Date/Time: August 18, 2018, 12 – 6 p.m.

Place: Look Park, Ball Field

Event: Food Truck Festival

Type: Wine & Malt

Fee: \$61.00

Sebastian Ross, Operations Coordinator for Look Park, was present for this application. He stated Look Park will be fencing off a quarter of the ballfield. He stated that IDs will be checked upon entering and wristbands will be given to everyone over 21 years of age. **Commissioner Kahn made a motion to approve the short term liquor license. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

5. **APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Compass Group, LLC d/b/a Bon Appetit Management Co.

Date/Time: May 3, 2018, 7 – 9 p.m.

Place: Michaelson Gallery, 132 Main St.
Event: Summer Program Reception
Type: Wine & Malt
Fee: \$61.00

Shannon Cruise, Director of Catering, was present on behalf of this application. Bon Appetit will be catering an event for the Yiddish Book Center at Michelson Gallery in Northampton. **Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the short term liquor license. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

6. APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES

The Academy of Music, Inc. d/b/a Academy of Music Theatre

Place: 274 Main Street, Northampton
Type: Wine & Malt
Fee: Request fee waiver

Date/Time: April 8, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: Cowboy Junkie Concert

Date/Time: April 11, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: Steve Earle Concert

Date/Time: April 14, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: The Moth Mainstage Event

Date/Time: April 16, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: Julien Baker Concert

Date/Time: April 25, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: Sinead O'Connor Concert

Date/Time: April 26, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.
Event: They Might Be Giants Concert

Emily Curro, Director of Development, for the Academy of Music was present for this application. Emily requested that the April 25th event be removed from the agenda because the event has been cancelled.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the short term liquor licenses for April 8th, April 11th, April 14th, April 16th and April 26th along with the fee waivers. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

7. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

From: Absolute Zero, LLC d/b/a Absolute Zero
To: Ru Meng, LLC d/b/a Absolute Zero
229 Main Street, Northampton

Richard Wang, was present for this application. Richard has been the manager since Absolute Zero has opened, which was about nine months ago and is now taking over the new LLC. **Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the transfer of the Common Victualler license. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE AND CHANGE OF LOCATION

Veracruz Foods, Inc. d/b/a La Veracruzana
31 Main Street, Northampton
License #00033-RS-0900 Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License

- Current holder: People's Bank

- Proposed new manager: Sunia Hood
- Also proposed: Outdoor Seating
- Form 43 Approval
- 16C Approval

Sunia Hood was present on behalf of this application.

Commissioner Yakovlev opened the public hearing at 3:10 p.m. There was no public comment. La Veracruzana is applying to transfer the One Bar & Grill, Inc. license, which is currently held by People's Bank. La Veracruzana currently holds a Seasonal Wine & Malt License in Northampton, and a full liquor license at their Amherst location. Once the ABCC approves the transfer, La Veracruzana will be surrendering their Seasonal Wine & Malt License to the City of Northampton. Application has been made for an Outdoor Tables & Chairs permit and has received approval from the DPW and the Police Department.

Commissioner Yakovlev closed the public hearing at 3:12 p.m.

Commissioner Campedelli arrived at 3:12 p.m.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the transfer of liquor license and change of location from One Bar & Grill, Inc. to Veracruz Foods, Inc. d/b/a La Veracruzana. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

9. UPDATE ON SEASONAL LIQUOR LICENSES

The clerk, Annie Lesko, stated that all of the seasonal liquor licenses have been paid for and renewed and the clerk is in receipt of all appropriate documents. Each establishment has received their renewed license for the season.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 7, 2018

Commissioner Campedelli made a motion to approve the March 7th minutes as written. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0 with Commissioner Kahn abstaining.

11. CLERK'S UPDATE

Wage bond for Hao Chen, Inc. d/b/a Sakura Buffet

The Fair Wage bonds for Hao Chen, Inc. d/b/a Sakura Buffet and Fortune Creative, LLC d/b/a Oriental Taste have both been received. Both establishments are in receipt of their Annual Liquor License as well as their Annual Common Victualler license and are in compliance.

12. NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Kahn received her parking pass.

13. ADJOURN - Commissioner Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The next meeting of the Northampton License Commission is May 2, 2018.