

Minutes of the Licensing Board Meeting Held Wednesday, February 27, 2019
at 7:30 pm, City Hall, 1st floor, Council Committee Room.

Attending: Walter Bonin, Chairman; Gregory Mitrakas, Member; David Bouvier, Member;
Tina Nolin, Clerk

Meeting called to order by Walter Bonin, Chairman at 7:30 PM

New Business

1. ONE DAY PERMITS

• **Masonic/Jacobs Hall – 8 Newton St. (4)**

Member Mitrakas motioned to table no representative present, seconded Member Bouvier Board vote: 3-0 approved

• **St Matthias Parish – 409 Hemenway St. (1)**

Member Bouvier motioned for approval, seconded Member Mitrakas Board vote: 3-0 approved

2. Application Change of Manager – Courtyard by Marriott, 75 Felton St.

Andrew Lipton, Atty and Blake Alleyn Applicant present

Member Bouvier motioned for approval of Blake Alleyn as manager, seconded Member Mitrakas, Board vote: 3-0 approved

**3. Application new All Alcohol License –
Double T's Weed Street Tavern, 11B Florence St**

Tom Peretzian (mgr.) and Tom Peretzian Jr, present

Public Meeting Open 7:32 pm

Councilor Ossing spoke in favor of the applicants and for approval of the application

There were no comments against and no public questions

Public Meeting Closed: 7:37 pm

Member Mitrakas noted that a copy of the signed lease needed to be turned in before the application could be sent to the ABCC. Applicant said they would drop it off at the Board's office tomorrow.

Member Mitrakas motioned for approval of the new all alcohol license for Double T's Weed Street Tavern with the provision of the lease being submitted, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote was 3-0 to approve.

**4. Application New Wine and Malt Beverages License –
Half Axe, 21 Apex Drive, Suite 4A**

Ryan McLane Atty., Derrick Johnson, President and Co-founder

Public Meeting Open 7:40 pm

Atty Ryan presented the application and included that the establishment would use wrist straps or handstamps to designate those of age to drink as well of number of drinks ordered. Councilor Ossing spoke in favor of the applicants and for approval of the application

Public comments: Councilor Dumais was present and wanted to remind the Board to keep in mind the big picture and to consider the neighborhood which borders the Apex complex and the number of liquor licenses that have already been approved, making the complex a concentrated area for drinking and all that can accompany such activity.

There were no public questions

Public Meeting Closed: 7:46 pm

Upon review of the floor plan the applicant was requested, prior to the application going to the ABCC, to note on the plan more clearly the service area for the alcohol and the storage area and how it would remain secure

Member Bouvier motioned for approval of the new Wine and Malt Beverages license for Half Axe with the addition of the revised floor plan, Member Mitrakas seconded; Board vote was 3-0 to approve.

7. Reports from Chairman –

- **Class 2 licensing process/zoning change**

Chairman Bonin reported that he would be meeting, with City Council President Ed Clancy and Building Commissioner Jeff Cooke to go over the licensing procedure for car dealerships and see if a final process could be agreed upon.

- **Liquor License and Allora Ristorante**

As Allora renewed their license for 2019 but did not inform the Board that they were closing and of their intentions for their liquor license the Board has instructed the clerk to contact the license holder and ask them to come in to the next meeting on March 27, 2019 to explain next steps.

Member Bouvier motioned for clerk to contact and invite Allora Ristorante owners to March 27th meeting, Chairman Bonin seconded, Member Mitrakas abstained from proceedings and vote. Vote 2-0

- **Embassy Suites' Request**

Chairman Bonin received a call from Richard Tomaneck, manager at Embassy Suites at 123 Boston Post Road W, requesting if the hotel could sell out of the gift shop, to registered guests of the hotel, beer and wine to consume on the premises. This is a

practice that is popular in Boston hotels. Having reviewed the Embassy Suites' license, and the law, the Chairman concluded that it could be done. A mandatory sign must be placed in a conspicuous location in the shop stating that alcohol may only be bought by registered hotel guests, charged to the room, consumed on the licensed premises only and only in the amount allowed under the Happy Hour Amounts Law.

The Board agreed that allowing such sales of alcohol in this manner to registered guests is proper within the guidelines of the hotel's liquor license.

8. Misc. Correspondence and Open Issues

- There were no correspondence and open issues

9. Review minutes –

February 27, 2019 regular meeting - Member Mitrakas motioned to approve meeting minutes and place on file, Member Bouvier seconded the motion; Board vote: 3 – 0.

Member Bouvier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Member Mitrakas seconded; Board vote: 3-0.

The next meeting of the Licensing Board is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter Bonin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Walter Bonin, Chairman