

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, October 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston, and Commissioner Mark Kuchler.

Absent: Commissioner Langan

Also present: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, and Village Attorney Mark Burkland

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Livingston to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class A-2 / Thipi LLC d/b/a Taco Cantina

Commissioner Livingston asked Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the applicant, and to provide an overview of the liquor license application.

The Village has received an application for a Class A-2 liquor license for Taco Cantina at 50 A South La Grange Road. Tarnthip Kunupakarn is the owner and Antonio Soto is the manager. The owner most recently held a Class A-1 liquor license for Omai at this location. Omai has closed and is planned to be rebranded as Taco Cantina, with a full bar. The owner has held a liquor license since 2001 and also operates Thipi Thai restaurant at 25 W. Calendar.

Ms. Kunupakarn indicated that the space formerly occupied by Omai will be repainted and decorated in a rustic theme. The relatively small menu will feature authentic Mexican cuisine which will be available for dine-in, carry out and delivery.

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Commissioner Kuchler asked Ms. Kunupakarn if she had any comments from her perspective as a long-term business owner. Ms. Kunupakarn noted that she expects the restaurant to have a significant amount of carry out and that continued enforcement of the 15 minutes spaces is helpful during peak times. She plans to use the same drivers to provide delivery for both Thipi Thai and Taco Cantina.

Commissioner Livingston thanked the applicant for her ongoing reinvestment in La Grange.

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Livingston that the Liquor Commission recommends: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new Class A-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Thipi LLC d/b/a Taco Cantina, located at 50 A South La Grange Road. Motion carried.

Commissioner Livingston stated that the recommendation for approval would be made to the Village Board at its regularly scheduled meeting which may be on November 9, 2015. Ms. Kunupakarn indicated that she may be ready to open as early as October 23. Commissioner Livingston asked Ms. Kunupakarn to work with staff and the Village Attorney to review options related to provisional licensing if necessary.

4. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Livingston that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: November 9, 2015

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