

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, March 12, 2012 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was convened at 6:45 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger, Commissioner Mark Kuchler and Commissioner Mark Langan

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Mark Burkland
Applicant Gregory Gron

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting on August 8, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of August 8, 2011, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request / Liquor License Applicant

GSG Eatery's Corp. d/b/a Fireside Wood Fired Pizza & Café

Commissioner Asperger indicated that Greg Gron, President of GSG Eatery's Corp. doing business as Fireside Wood Fired Pizza and Café is applying for a Class A-1 Restaurant Liquor License for his restaurant located at 18 W. Harris Avenue.

Commissioner Asperger informed the applicant that liquor control is taken very seriously and it is a privilege to sell or serve liquor in the Village. Adding that there is no set number of liquor licenses but rather that licenses are considered on an individual basis, Commissioner Asperger explained that the Village is a family oriented community and random compliance checks are conducted to maintain responsible sales and service of liquor.

Commissioner Kuchler asked the applicant why he decided to locate in La Grange. Mr. Gron indicated he had researched several communities and selected the La Grange location because of the proximity to several municipal parking lots and the overall vitality of the

community and downtown. He also researched statistical information about the Village on the Village's website and at the library.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired if Mr. Gron held membership in the La Grange Business Association. Mr. Gron noted that he is a member.

Commissioner Kuchler commented on the attractive appearance of the restaurant and Mr. Gron noted his experience as a former carpenter. Mr. Gron indicated that the family oriented business was modeled after Bricks Wood Fired Pizza located in Lombard.

Commissioner Kuchler asked Mr. Gron what his plan was regarding selling and serving beer and wine at the establishment. Mr. Gron indicated that he planned to sell wine by the glass and beer by the bottle (not draft). He may also allow "bring your own," which is an option under the Class A-1 category. Beer and wine orders will be taken at the counter at the same time as food is ordered. For additional orders, patrons will have to go back up to the counter.

Commissioner Asperger commented on the thorough and informative documentation provided by the applicant and the businesses involvement in community events.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission make a recommendation: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class A-1 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to GSG Eatery's Corp. d/b/a Fireside Wood Fired Pizza and Café located at 18 W. Harris Avenue.

Commissioner Asperger stated that the recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2012.

4. Other Business

Commissioners agreed to convene in April in order to discuss various liquor issues as identified by staff.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: 04/09/12