

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, June 10, 2013 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was convened at 6:52 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Thomas E. Livingston. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Liquor Commissioner Thomas E. Livingston, Commissioner Mark Kuchler and Commissioner Mark Langan

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Burns
Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Betsy Gates
Applicants Pritpal Singh, Agnes Kalusiewicz, and Paul Mena

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting on December 10, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request / Liquor License Applicant

Commissioner Livingston noted that owners of Kama Indian Bistro are continuing to invest in the community by relocating to a larger facility at 9 S. La Grange Road and seeking to upgrade their current liquor license. Commissioner Livingston informed the applicants that liquor control is taken very seriously and it is a privilege to sell and serve liquor in the Village.

Commissioner Kuchler noted that the new facility was much larger than their current facility and inquired how the applicants would utilize the additional space. The applicants responded that the new facility would accommodate large events and also provide room for a bar and lounge area. These additional amenities have been requested by customers.

Commissioner Langan inquired as to the banquet capacity. The applicants responded that the banquet area would accommodate approximately 105 people and that they would be hiring a catering manager with experience to handle the events.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired as to how long the applicants had been looking for a new space and if they were looking only in La Grange. The applicants responded that they have been looking for a new space for some time that would meet their requirements for both size and the amount of investment needed to build out the space. When the space at 9 S. La Grange became available, it was a perfect match for their needs. The applicants further indicated that they wanted to stay in La Grange.

Commissioner Kuchler asked the applicants what they specifically like about La Grange. The applicants stated that they like the fact that although there is not a large Indian population in the immediate area, residents like to explore different cuisines. The applicants believe that La Grange is a good location as it is in close proximity to Chicago and Oak Brook. The applicants also indicated that by having a restaurant in La Grange, as opposed to locating in a more traditional area in Chicago, has changed the way that they think about Indian food in a very positive way.

With the new location, Commissioner Kuchler asked about new staff and how they would be trained in alcohol awareness. The applicants responded that while most of the existing staff will be retained, a new liquor manager will be hired. Paul Mena is already trained and has experience working up to the “Kama Standard” which will include inventory control, a camera system and training of all staff.

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-2 liquor license and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to Kama Restaurants LLC to be located at 9 S. La Grange Road.

Commissioner Livingston stated that the recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their July 8, 2013 meeting. The applicants indicated they may be ready to open prior to that date and if so requested a temporary liquor license contingent upon Board approval. Commissioner Langan amended the motion to provide a temporary liquor license should the applicant open prior to the July 8, 2013 Village Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kuchler.

4. Other Business

Additional meetings will be scheduled for the discussion of possible amendments to the liquor code.

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 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: August 26, 2013