

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, December 22, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Victoria Scaman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Victoria Scaman, Members Phil Keeku and Jane Miller

Absent: Members Ron Orzel and Lyn Conniff

Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides, Business Services Manager Loretta Daly, Branislav Palikuca and Jordan Parker, Owners of Citrine Café

3. **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Keeku to approve the Agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Keeku to approve the minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board (“LCRB”) meeting of December 22, 2015 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

6. **New Business**

A. **February 2016 Renewals**

It was moved by Member Keeku and seconded by Member Miller to approve the annual renewals for February 2016.

The roll call was as follows

AYES: Keeku, Miller and Scaman

NAYS: None

B. Application of “Citrine Café, LLC” for a B-4 Liquor License at 100 South Oak Park Avenue

Co-Owner Branislav Palikuca introduced himself and gave some background on his history in Oak Park. He stated that the opportunity to open Citrine Café, LLC at 100 S. Oak Park Avenue (former Thyme and Honey) came from working with David King. He believes that Citrine Café will bring something unique to Oak Park. They plan to open by the end of February.

Co-Owner Jordan Parker introduced himself and gave some background on his experience working with Branislav Palikuca at other locations. He will be the chef and partner at Citrine Café. They are planning to do a Mediterranean concept with larger entrée plates to be shared by the whole table. They will have eight kinds of unique beers and crafted cocktails that match with the food. They will make homemade sausages that will bring something special to the table experience.

Business Manager Daly stated that the space at 100 South Oak Park Avenue has an incredible potential internally, it is the entryway to Oak Park and it will have an outdoor area that will be renovated. She stated that their application is complete and everything stands up to what we need from an ordinance perspective. She also pointed out that this is their fifth restaurant currently in business.

Co-Owner Branislav Palikuca stated that the floor plan will have a bar in the middle with seating on both sides for 15-20 people. The restaurant will seat a total of 117 and will have a rustic wood and steel look with high ceilings and fans. They will email a version of the floor plan to Business Manager Daly who will then forward it to the LCRB for review.

Business Manager Daly stated that the next step will be a recommendation put before the Village Board on January 19, 2016. Once the Ordinance is adopted by the Village Board the liquor license can be issued.

It was moved by Member Keeku and seconded by Member Miller to recommend to the Village Board that Citrine Café, LLC be granted a B-4 liquor license classification for the premises at 100 South Oak Park Avenue.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Keeku and Miller; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

7. Old Business:

A. Tavern/bar liquor license classification discussion

Chair Scaman stated that Liquor Control Commissioner Adam Salzman is on board with the information we have compiled on the possibility of a tavern/bar liquor license classification. The LCRB is grateful that it had the opportunity to get input on this matter from different individuals like John Williams, Executive Director of the Oak Park Youth Township Services, and Chief Tanksley. The LCRB has had several discussions on being cognizant of where in the community we might consider a license primarily in the business districts and how many the LCRB would have in those locations. She stated that right now a majority of our citizens prefer food with their alcohol. She stated that the LCRB has the opportunity to review unique business plans and that if any tavern/bar liquor license application does come before them in the future it will be considered at that time. It was agreed upon that if such unique applications present themselves in the future that the LCRB is given an opportunity to review them a month in advance.

Village Attorney stated that the plan is to present the Informal Community Study for consideration to adopt a Tavern liquor license classification to the Village Board for review and approval January 19, 2016.

It was moved by Member Keeku and seconded by Member Miller to recommend to the Village Board the LCRB's Informal Community Study for consideration to adopt a Tavern liquor license classification be reviewed and approved with two minor corrections.

The roll call was a follows:

AYES: Commissioners Keeku and Miller; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

8. Administrative Report

Business Manager Daly reported that she has been having a series of conversations with The Beer Shop and that the owner finds that his customers want food served with the beer. The owner is looking at his business plan a number of different ways and has been speaking with Carnivore about supplying professionally packaged items for sale. Once decided The Beer Shop will be back before the LCRB to make the appropriate amendments.

Chair Scaman stated that it is a good thing that The Beer Shop has constraints to just serving beer.

Business Manager Daly stated that Hamburger Mary is hoping to open the end of February but it is not definitive. It is apparently having internal issues with the

architect and contractor not getting along. She also stated that Q-BBQ has decided to change its floor plan and will be back in for permitting and will probably open the end of February.

9. Board Member Comments

Village Attorney Stephanides stated that Robinson's Ribs will be attending the next LCRB meeting on January 26, 2016.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Keeku and seconded by Member Miller to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary