



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
SPECIAL LIQUOR COMMISSION  
September 27, 2016

**1. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on September 27, 2016.

**2. Roll Call**

Tari Renner, Jim Jordan and Sue Feldkamp Commissioners, George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Greg Scott, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

**3. Public Comment**

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. The following individual provided comment.

Bruce Meeks

**4. Consideration of approving the Amended Commission minutes of August 9, 2016.**

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, highlighted the amendments. He noted that there were some scrivener's errors and points which required clarification within the section of the minutes pertaining to the public hearing on the liquor application of Extravaganza Ballroom, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to Amend and Replace the Regular Meeting minutes of August 9, 2016.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

**5. Consideration of the request from Nick Hurley of Drifter's Pub and Josh Maubach to suspend portions of Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 22 Open Containers – Not**

**to Be Removed from Premises, on October 22, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the special event A Noble Run, prohibiting open alcohol.**

Commissioner Renner noted that today's meeting continued the discussion from the September 13, 2016 Liquor Commission meeting. The organizers had been instructed to reach out to the neighbors within the race area and alcohol area.

Josh Maubach, event organizer, addressed the Commission. He noted that after discussions with the Special Events Committee on September 21, 2016, the race area had been reduced to: west on Mulberry St., south on Center St., east on Market St., and north on Main St. The event proceeds would assist the organization Stop Soldier Suicides. The event day, October 22, 2016, was significant as there were an average of twenty-two (22) veteran suicides a day.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the area on Main St. where there would be open beer and wine. Asst. Chief Scott noted that the organizers had agreed to have snow fencing on the west side of the sidewalk.

Commissioner Jordan questioned security. Mr. Maubach stated that Hurley Consolidated Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Drifters, located at 612 N. Main St. would assist with security; also, there would be volunteers and wrist bands would be utilized to identify individuals who were able to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Commissioner Jordan questioned neighborhood notification. Mr. Maubach stated that he was working with Trisha Stiller, Executive Director, Downtown Business Association. Nick Hurley, Drifters Pub owner and event organizer, addressed the Commission. He noted that positive and negative feedback was received.

Commissioner Feldkamp questioned barriers surrounding the alcohol area. Mr. Maubach responded that there would be fences. Commissioner Feldkamp questioned alcohol location. Mr. Maubach stated there would be a keg truck located fifteen to twenty (15 – 20) feet from East St.

Mr. Boyle questioned alcohol providers. Mr. Hurley stated that he was obtaining the keg truck from Lake Shore Beverage. He would submit an application for a secondary liquor license. Mr. Boyle noted that there were conditions to suspend the Ordinance, those being beer and wine only, paper and plastic cups and use of wrist bands for persons over 21. Mr. Hurley stated he was aware of those conditions and agreed with them.

Commissioner Feldkamp questioned refuse pick up. Mr. Maubach stated that they had ordered another dumpster from Area Disposal which would be located behind Drifters.

Commissioner Renner opened the hearing for public comment.

Bruce Meeks, 1402 Wright St., spoke in favor of the event. He noted that the race area would only have barricades for the 5K run.

Jerry Martin, owner/operator of Hobby Land, 616 N. Main St., spoke in opposition. He stated that he was speaking on behalf of Brian Miller Salon, Paul's Upholstery and Live Centered. Saturday was the largest customer day. There was concern with open containers on the public right of way. Races held on Sundays were preferred.

Commissioner Renner questioned Hobby Land's closing time. Mr. Martin stated 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Renner questioned compromise. He suggested that the alcohol area could be closed at 2:00 p.m. versus the 1:00 p.m. Asst. Chief Scott believed that did not provide adequate time to remove vehicles from the area. Mr. Hurley suggested blocking off a smaller area. Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk, addressed the Commission. She reminded the Commission that the second drive north on East St. was an exit only and had a Do Not Enter sign posted.

Commissioner Jordan suggested that security direct patrons to the other businesses located in the area. Signs could be posted making patrons aware that those businesses remained open. Commissioner Renner suggested patrons use the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts parking lot, located on Douglas St.

Mr. Meeks noted that CVS, located at 210 N. Center St., was within the area that is closed during Farmers Market season.

Patricia Stiller addressed the Commission. She noted that events within the Downtown require sensitivity to business owners. She noted the short timeframe for this event's approval. The organizers had met with the Special Events committee.

Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the City Council on October 10, 2016 to suspend portions of Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 22 Open Containers – Not to Be Removed from Premises.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Feldkamp, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

- 6. Consideration of a change of Officer positions from Bloomington Columbian Home Association, d/b/a Knights of Columbus, located at 1706 R T Dunn Dr, currently holding a CA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are: Steven Scudder, President, was replaced by Michael Anthony (Tony) Kiley, President. Dennis M Fries, Vice President, was replaced by Dan Carmany, Vice President. Charles Morton, Secretary, was replaced by Michael O'Driscoll, Secretary. Dennis M Fries is now the Comptroller.**

Commissioner Renner acknowledged the Officer Position changes from Bloomington Columbian Home Association, d/b/a Knights of Columbus. He instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

- 7. Consideration of a change of Officer positions from Sodexo America LLC, d/b/a Illinois Wesleyan University, located at 104 University Ave, currently holding a W liquor license which allows catering services to private parties. Changes are: Scott Robins, Secretary, was replaced by Joan McGlockton, Secretary.**

Commissioner Renner acknowledged the Officer Position changes from Sodexo America LLC, d/b/a Illinois Wesleyan University. He instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to adjourn. Time: 4:42 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham  
Chief Deputy Clerk