



**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall – Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair Sarah Corbin

Present: Chair Sarah Corbin; Members Todd Kuna and Melody Kratz
Absent: Member Emily Masalski.
Also Present: Assistant Village Attorney Rasheda Jackson and Economic Vitality Administrator Cameron Davis
3. **Agenda Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Kratz and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.
4. **Minutes Approval:**

A motion was made by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Kratz to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB"). The motion was approved by voice vote and the minutes were approved.
5. **Public Comment:**

None.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Application of American House Illinois Liquor, LLC, for Certain Amendments to the Oak Park Village Code to Create A New Class B-7 Residential Care Facility Liquor License Classification.**
 - B. **Application of American House Illinois Liquor, LLC, for a B-7 Residential Care Facility Liquor License at 703 Madison Street.**

Chair Sarah Corbin recommended discussing agenda items A and B simultaneously as they are closely related.

Two representatives from American House presented to the LCRB – Marcy Ann Papane and James, the chef. Dale Watchowski is the CEO and owner of Oak Park facility. American House has been in business for 42 years and owns multiple communities across the United States that provide independent living, assisted living, and memory

care facilities for individuals 55 and over.

American House would like to provide an opportunity for residents and their guests to consume alcoholic beverages with meals and at events.

The Oak Park location has a restaurant, The Wright Place, which features a full bar.

American House does full background checks on all employees. They will need more employees to go through BASSET training.

Economic Vitality Administrator Cameron Davis informed the LCRB that work on this classification has been ongoing. The new proposed category is geared toward all residential care facilities. The category allows beer, wine, and other spirits to be served in areas where food is served to residents and guests. No advertisements for alcohol are allowed outside of the building. American House is not allowed to host "outside" events.

A motion was made by Member Kratz to recommend approval of the application of American House Illinois Liquor, LLC, for a B-7 Residential Care Facility Liquor License at 703 Madison Street. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Kratz

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

The next meeting of the Village Board is July 9. These two items might be presented at that meeting, but it is possible the meeting agenda does not have space at this point.

A motion was made by Member Kuna to recommend approval of certain amendments to the Oak Park Village Code to create a new Class B-7 Residential Care Facility Liquor License Classification. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Kratz

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

C. Application of Penny's Noodle Shop, DBA Penny's Oak Park, for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License at 1130 Chicago Avenue.

Jonathan Donnelly presented the application on behalf of Penny's. Penny's currently holds a B-2 license, which allows the sale of beer and wine. Donnelly took charge of Penny's eleven months ago. There has been a long-term plan to expand liquor service at the restaurant. At this point, a full bar is not planned, but they want to offer limited prepackaged cocktails for table service in addition to beer and wine.

A motion was made by Member Kratz to recommend approval of the application of Penny's Noodle Shop, DBA Penny's Oak Park, for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License at 1130 Chicago Avenue. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Kratz

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

It is possible the consideration of the license could be on the agenda for the next Village Board meeting if time allows.

D. June and July 2024 Renewals

There is one business on the list for July renewals that is past due on liquor tax collection payments. (Taco Mucho)

A motion was made by Member Kuna to approve the July 2024 annual renewals pending the full payment of all taxes due by Taco Mucho. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Member Kratz to approve the June 2024 annual renewals. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows for consideration of both motions:

AYES: Corbin, Kuna, Kratz

NAYS: None

The motions were adopted.

7. Old Business:

Economic Vitality Administrator Cameron Davis previously informed the LCRB of the Village's intention to examine the provisions of the Village Code concerning liquor licenses for potential updates. This project is an attempt to simplify and streamline the Code and to make it more accessible.

Davis provided LCRB members with some documentation regarding this project for their review.

The report proposes the elimination of nine categories of liquor licenses. None of these categories have any active licenses, and most have not been utilized in more than ten years. One example category identified for deletion is Bowling Alleys and another is Auctioneer.

If any of these categories are revived, new provisions can be added to the Village Code that are in keeping with current practices.

These proposed changes will be presented and considered at future LCRB meetings.

8. Administrative Report:

Economic Vitality Administrator Cameron Davis notified the LCRB that several license applications are in the process of being completed. One is for a commercial space that is associated with the Porter development. Another is for a restaurant on North Avenue.

Village Staff are discussing a possible new category geared toward Makers. This might be presented at the next LCRB meeting.

Next month's meeting will also include an update for the LCRB on liquor taxes.

9. Board Member Comments:

None.

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Member Kratz to adjourn the meeting. Member Kuna seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rasheda Jackson, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary