



# WHEATON LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

April 24, 2019

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Kozik called the April 24, 2019 meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Wheaton City Hall, 303 West Wesley Street.

Upon roll call, the following were present: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Pearse, Commissioner Sender. Absent: Chair Taylor, Commissioner Wolgemuth. City Staff Present: James P. Kozik, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Mr. Kozik asked for a motion to appoint a Chair pro tem. Commissioner Pearse moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Sender as Chair pro tem. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2019

Commissioner Pearse moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Local Liquor Control Commission meeting as submitted. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### Outdoor Special Event Liquor Licenses - 2019 - Wheaton Park District

Mr. Dan Novak, representing the Wheaton Park District, was in attendance to present applications for Outdoor Special Event Liquor Licenses in connection with four Outdoor Special Events; Taste of Wheaton, Cosley Zoo Uncorked, Brew Fest and Octoberfest.

Mr. Novak stated that Taste of Wheaton will be held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> with varying hours ending at 10 P.M. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (7 P.M. on Sunday) (their application also includes an 8:00 A.M. start date on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to provide a post-race party for the Run for the Animals race participants).

He stated that as in previous years, the entire area devoted to the sale of alcohol within Memorial Park will be fenced off. Wheaton Police and BASSET/Wheaton Police-trained volunteers will be on duty at the entrances to check ID's and "band" attendees wishing to purchase alcohol. All servers at the event will receive alcohol training pursuant to the Liquor Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Novak stated that Cosley Zoo Uncorked, a wine tasting event, will be held at Cosley Zoo on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -8:30P.M. The event operates in a similar manner as the Downtown Wheaton Association's Wine Walk events.

Mr. Novak stated that last year, the Liquor Commission reviewed and approved a request from the Park District to add Cosley Zoo as an approved location to hold an outdoor special event. For the past several years, he stated that Cosley Zoo utilized the Arrowhead Golf Club liquor license through a "letter of reciprocity" to provide a wine tasting event at the zoo. Because the event has grown in size over the years, he stated that staff determined that it would be appropriate to accommodate this event through the issuance of an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License.

Mr. Novak stated that there have been no unfavorable incidences related to the event and the Park District has always taken great care in following the tasting and pour guidelines set forth by the City and the State. Wheaton Police and BASSET/Wheaton Police-trained volunteers will be on duty at the entrance to check ID's and "band" attendees participating in the event. All servers at the event will receive alcohol training pursuant to the Liquor Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Novak stated that Brew Fest will be held in Memorial Park on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4:30 P.M.

As in previous years, Mr. Novak stated that the entire area devoted to the sale of alcohol within Memorial Park will be fenced off. Wheaton Police and BASSET/Wheaton Police-trained volunteers will be on duty at the entrances to check ID's and "band" attendees wishing to purchase alcohol. All servers at the event will receive alcohol training pursuant to the Liquor Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Novak stated that last year, the Park District held their inaugural Octoberfest event in memorial Park. Due to proposed construction at Memorial Park, the Park District is proposing hosting the event on the Wesley Street between Cross Street and Main Street.

He stated that his event will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 9 P.M. As with their other outdoor special events which serve alcohol, the entirety of the beer garden area will be fenced off. Wheaton Police and BASSET/Wheaton Police-trained volunteers will be on duty at the entrances to check ID's and "band" attendees wishing to purchase alcohol. In addition, all servers at the event will receive alcohol training pursuant to the Liquor Ordinance requirements.

Commissioner Pearse moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to recommend that Outdoor Special Event Liquor Licenses be issued to the Park District for Taste of Wheaton, Cosley Zoo Uncorked, Brewfest and Octoberfest. On a roll call vote; all voted aye.

Application for a Class A Liquor License – Altiro Wheaton – 132 N. Hale Street

Mr. Roberto Avila, representing Altiro Wheaton Nueva Era, LLC, DBA Altiro Wheaton, was in attendance to present an application for a Class A Liquor License to the Board.

Mr. Avila stated that Altiro Wheaton is a proposed 50 seat Latin fusion restaurant to be located in the former Cellar Bistro space at 132 N. Hale Street. He stated that he currently has four existing restaurants in Roscoe Village in Chicago, Geneva, West Chicago and La Grange. A fifth restaurant in Aurora is opening soon.

In response to a question from Commissioner Pearse, Mr. Avila stated that he has not had any liquor violations at any of his other restaurants.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Commissioner Pearse moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to recommend approval of Class A Liquor Licenses to Altiro Wheaton Nueva Era, LLC, DBA Altiro Wheaton. On a roll call vote; all voted aye.

Application for a Class A Liquor License and approval of a Courtyard – Hen House of Wheaton – 1060 College Avenue

Ms. Alexandra Liakatas, representing Salt 4, Inc., DBA The Hen House of Wheaton, was in attendance to present an application for a Class A Liquor License to the Board.

Ms. Liakatas stated that The Hen House of Wheaton is a 70 seat breakfast and lunch restaurant that opened four months ago in the former Fire It Up taco space at 1060 College Avenue. She stated that the restaurant also has an existing outdoor courtyard which is surrounded by a five foot high brick wall.

Ms. Liakatas stated that all employees involved in the service and sale of alcohol will be BASSET trained.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Commissioner Pearse moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to recommend approval of Class A Liquor Licenses to Salt 4, Inc., DBA The Hen House of Wheaton. On a roll call vote; all voted aye.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Kozik, AICP  
Director of Planning and Economic Development