

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement read by Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Robert Phillips
Vice-Chairman Michael Blumenfeld

Also Present: Alysia Proko, Attorney for the Board
Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary
Director of Public Safety, Jon Tooke
Daisy Amado (taking minutes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2013 meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Chairman Phillips. Both members approved during roll call vote.

PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

1. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-099-006, Brownstone Corp., 1034 Willow Avenue TO Hudson Project Corp. II t/a Brownstone Ale House, 1034 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey

Mr. Joseph Berg appeared before the Board and was sworn in by the Board Attorney. Mr. Berg was once a bartender at this establishment and his current relationship to the license is 100% owner. Mr. Berg stated he wants to "clean-up" and do a complete "over haul" to this bar. Further stated there are televisions in there from the 80's and he cleaned out the basement today. Wants to update the bar and get old reputation back. Once the bar makes money he would like to put a kitchen in it. Mr. Berg added that the opportunity arose for him to buy the bar and 'make it nice' again. Chairman of the Board advised as to the character of the bar changing and issues with noise arising and caution with the neighbors, etc. Mr. Berg stated he plans on keeping it a local neighborhood bar establishment. He then asked if there had ever been any noise complaints to which the Board Secretary went through the file and advised there had been one noise issue back in 2003. Board Secretary further advised the

Board that this Resolution is dated January 17, 2014. Mr. Berg advised that date was for insurance purposes.

Motion to approve the license transfer effective January 17, 2014 was made by Chairman Phillips and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members during roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

1. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-005-007
1 REPUBLIK RESTAURANT CORPORATION
d/b/a 1 REPUBLIK
200 WASHINGTON STREET
CASE NO. 13-11

Board Attorney advised the City requests to dismiss this administratively as we were unable to serve the subpoena. The nature of the charge was underage service. The underage female has charges of DUI. We have no firsthand knowledge that she was actually at 1 Republik just a slurred statement from the female.

Motion to accept the dismissal of this case was made by Chairman Phillips and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members during roll call vote.

2. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-32-032-007
HOBOKEN YACHT CLUB
d/b/a PIER 13
CASE NO. 13-13 and 13-14

Board Attorney advised that Pier 13 did submit a letter pleading non-vault to all charges. They have also agreed to accept the penalty of: Zero days served, twelve days held in abeyance for one year. (letter dated January 9, 2014 from Matthew McDowell, attorney for Hoboken Yacht Club).

Motion to approve plea/settlement was made by Chairman Phillips and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members during roll call vote.

3. Plea Agreement – Discussion on dates of closure

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-167-007
TEAK ON THE HUDSON, LLC
d/b/a TEAK ON THE HUDSON
16-18 HUDSON PLACE
CASE NO. 13-07

Robert Brescia, attorney representing liquor license holder, appeared before the Board. Mr. Brescia advised that this is a matter of setting dates and is coming before the Board to get dates. Mr. Brescia advised that the License Holder is requesting August 4 and 5, a Sunday and a Monday. Board asked why dates are so far away, Mr. Brescia advised because business is slower in August. Board discussion ensued. Board suggested dates in April or May. Board Attorney advised the Board it is their discretion as to which dates. The violation took place in March. Board gave dates of March 16 and March 17, which are same dates violation took place (one year later).

Motion to suspend license on March 16 and March 17, 2014 was made by Chairman Phillips and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members during roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

NOISE REPORT- originally on Agenda but taken off. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-32-028-005, Lounge 11 Bar & Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a The West Five Supper Club. 503-505 Madison Street, Hoboken, New Jersey

-Board Secretary advised this has been rescheduled for February 15th.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chairman Phillips and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.