

LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, March 18, 2008
6:00 P.M. – City Council Chambers
Rockford City Hall, 425 East State Street

Present:

LAB Members: Alice Howard
Fred Money
Julio Salgado
Craig Sockwell
William Orr

Absent: Dan Roszkowski
Tom Przytulski

Staff: Todd Cagnoni – Manager of Current Planning
Sandra Hawthorne – Administrative Assistant
Jon Hollander - City Engineer, Public Works
Kerry Partridge – City Attorney
Jennifer Cacciapaglia – City Attorney, Liquor Commission
Mark Marinaro - Fire Prevention Division
Reid Montgomery – Director, Community and Economic Development

Others: Kathy Berg, Stenographer
Applicants and Interested Parties

The meeting started at 6:00 P.M. A **MOTION** was made by Fred Money to **APPROVE** the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting as submitted. The Motion was **SECONDED** by William Orr and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0 with Dan Roszkowski and Tom Przytulski absent.

08-LAB-007 **1414 South Main Street**
Applicant Randy Yono / Familia Fresh Foods
Ward 5 Sale of alcohol by the package in conjunction with a grocery
store in a C-4, Commercial Old Town Zoning District

The subject property is located north of Chestnut Street, west of South Wyman Street and east of South Main Street and is the former Gray's IGA grocery store. The previous owner, Gray's IGA, did not sell alcohol. Ramona Jimenez, representing the Applicant, Randy Yono, reviewed the request for alcohol sales by the package. She clarified the Membership Card described in the application only applies for groceries, not alcohol. She stated store hours are 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Mr. Cagnoni stated the hours listed on the business plan were Monday thru Sunday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. He clarified with Ms. Jimenez that it was the intention to run the grocery store with sale of alcohol. She responded that alcohol will be sold in a separate room with two clerks to verify customer I.D. Mr. Cagnoni explained that the business plan submitted was what Staff needed to go by. To verify the request and identify modification, Mr. Cagnoni read the letter from the applicant that was included in the Planning and Zoning report. He asked Ms. Jimenez to confirm the Membership Card did not include liquor sales, that it is in conjunction with grocery store, and the hours are revised to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Ms. Jimenez did so.

Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 2 conditions. No Objectors were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Fred Money to **APPROVE** the sale of alcohol by the package in conjunction with a grocery store in a C-4, Commercial Old Town Zoning District at 1414 South Main Street with hours of operation modified as stated.. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Julio Salgado and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable Building and Fire codes
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor codes
3. Hours of operation modified to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM

08-LAB-008 **1132 Auburn Street**
Applicant Joshua M. Jones / Der Rathskeller Restaurant
Ward 3 Sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit-down
 restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community District

The subject property is located on the south side of Auburn Street approximately 60 feet east of Toner Avenue and is Der Rathskeller restaurant. This restaurant has and continues to sell alcohol by the drink, but due to new ownership a new liquor license is required. Marsha Jones, mother of the Applicant, Joshua Jones, was present and reviewed the request for alcohol sales. She explained Mr. Jones' wife was having a baby and he was unable to attend the meeting. This restaurant has been in operation for over 30 years and was recently purchased by the Applicant. There was some confusion on hours of operation and Attorney Cacciapaglia asked that the Applicant verify the exact hours of operation so they could be added as a condition of Approval. Although the restaurant has been closed on Wednesday in the past and the Applicant indicated this practice would continue, Staff included hours on Wednesday so as not to impede the Applicant should they so chose to open on Wednesdays in the future.

Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 2 conditions. No objectors were present.

A **MOTION** was made by William Orr to **APPROVE** the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 1132 Auburn Street with added condition 3 specifying hours of operation as agreed. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Julio Salgado and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant.
2. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
3. Hours of operation for the sale of alcohol are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M; and Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra A. Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant
Liquor Advisory Board