

**LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2008**  
**6:00 P.M. – City Council Chambers**  
**Rockford City Hall, 425 East State Street**

**Present:**

**LAB Members:** Alicia DiBenedetto Neubauer  
Aaron Magdziarz  
Dan Roszkowski  
Scott Sanders  
Craig Sockwell

**Absent:** Julio Salgado

**Staff:** Todd Cagnoni, Deputy Director, Construction & Development Services  
Sandra Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant  
Jon Hollander, Public Works  
Mark Marinaro

**Others:** Reid Montgomery, Director Community & Economic  
Development  
Alderman Lenny Jacobson  
Kathy Berg, Stenographer  
Applicants and Interested Parties

The meeting started at 6:00 P.M. A **MOTION** was made by Aaron Magdziarz to **APPROVE** the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0 with Julio Salgado absent.

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Sandra Hawthorne explained the format of the meeting will follow the Boards Rules of Procedure generally outlined as:

The Chairman will call the address of the application.

- The Applicant or representative are to come forward and be sworn in.
- The Applicant or representative will present their request before the Board
- The Board will ask any questions they may have regarding this application.
- The Chairman will then ask if there are any Objectors or Interested Parties. Objectors or Interested Parties are to come forward at that time, be sworn in by the Chairman, and give their name and address to the Liquor Advisory Board secretary and the stenographer
- The Objector or Interested Party will present all their concerns, objections and questions to the Applicant regarding the application.
- The Board will ask any questions they may have of the Objector or Interested Party.
- The Applicant will have an opportunity to rebut the concerns/questions of the Objector or Interested Party
- No further discussion from the Objector or Interested Party will occur after the rebuttal of the Applicant.

The Board will then discuss the application and a vote will be taken.

It was further explained to the public in attendance, applicants, objectors and interested parties that this meeting is not a final vote on any item. The date of the next meeting was given as Monday, August 3rd at 4:30 PM in Conference Room A of this building. The public in attendance, applicants, objectors and interested parties were instructed that they could contact Sandra Hawthorne in the Zoning Office for any further information by calling the phone number listed on the top of the agenda which was made available to all those in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

**09-LAB-008**

Applicant  
Ward 6

**2914 11<sup>th</sup> Street**

John Frisella / John's Restaurant and Pizzeria  
**Sale of alcohol by the drink** in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant for an outdoor seating area in a C-3, General Commercial District

The subject property is located south of the Reed Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and is John's Restaurant. Joseph Frisella and Alderman Lenny Jacobson were present. Alderman Jacobson presented Mr. Frisella's request for an outdoor seating area with the sale of alcohol by the drink. Mr. Frisella stated they wished to expand an area outside of the bar area on the south side of the building. He stated there would be a maximum of 4-5 tables and no live music.

Ms. Neubauer asked if this area took any parking spaces to which Mr. Frisella responded it did take up approximately 3 parking spaces. He explained a distance of approximately 53 feet to the alley will remain. Alderman Jacobson explained there is a parking lot on the other side of the alley also owned by the Applicant. Mr. Frisella stated the area will be fenced in with a gate opening to the parking area.

Legal was not present but Mr. Cagnoni expressed he had discussed this item with Attorney Cacciapaglia and she indicated she was agreeable to this application.

Staff Recommendation is for Approval with 5 conditions. One letter of support was received from Fred Beach, an adjacent property owner at 2907 Kinsey Street. Mr. Beach stated he has lived at this location for seven years and "never had a complaint about any business in the area".

A **MOTION** was made by Alicia Neubauer to **APPROVE** the sale of alcohol by the drink in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant for an outdoor seating area in the name of John Frisella d/b/a John's Restaurant and Pizzeria in a C-3, General Commercial District at 2914 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders 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. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. Submittal of a detailed site plan that shows the number of seats for the outdoor area for Staff's review and approval.
5. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior of the restaurant and outdoor seating area that was submitted.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant  
Liquor Advisory Board