

**LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 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  
Julio Salgado  
Craig Sockwell

**Absent:** Scott Sanders

**Staff:** Brenda Alegria, Planner  
Sandra Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant  
Jon Hollander, Public Works  
Mark Marinaro, Fire Prevention

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

The meeting started at 6:00 P.M. A **MOTION** was made by Craig Sockwell to **APPROVE** the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting as submitted. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Julio Salgado and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0 with Scott Sanders 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, September 28th 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-009**

**6445 East State Street**

Applicant  
Ward 14

James Vitale d/b/a Stone Eagle Tavern Inc  
Sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and outdoor seating area/beer garden in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District

The subject property is located on the southwest corner of East State Street and South Trainer Road and is the former Cheddar's Restaurant. James Vitale, Applicant, reviewed his application. He anticipates capacity to be 290 guests. He explained this will be an upscale restaurant with a coffee bar and oyster bar. There will be considerable renovations to the building, including the addition of two limestone eagles purchased from a school. Architectural features will be added to the fascia. Mr. Vitale stated the menu will be appealing and affordable. It is his intent to open the first week in November. He would also like to be open on Sunday as well.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Craig Sockwell to **APPROVE** the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and outdoor seating area/beer garden in the name of James Vitale d/b/a Stone Eagle Tavern Inc. in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 6445 East State Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Julio Salgado and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance.
2. Hours of operation are limited as provided on the submitted Business Plan Exhibit F.

**09-LAB-010**

**514 East State Street**

Applicant  
Ward 3

Vinay, Amanda, and Lao Phommachann  
d/b/a Bamboo Asian Noodles & Tapas Bar  
Sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and bar and for an outdoor seating area with the sale of liquor by the drink in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District

The subject property is located north of East State Street and west of North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Vinay Phommachann, one of the Applicants, reviewed his request. The previous use of this building was also a restaurant. Mr. Phommachann Intends to bring authentic Southeast Asian, Laotian and Thai cuisine at affordable prices. Asian alcohol will be served as well.

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

Alicia DiBenedetto noted there were two plans submitted and asked for verification. Mr. Phommachann stated the plan submitted with the piano would be correct, with the intention to remove the piano that is existing to allow for table space.

A **MOTION** was made by Alicia DiBenedetto to **APPROVE** the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and bar and for an outdoor seating area in the name of Vinay, Amanda and Lao Phommachann d/b/a Bamboo Asian Noodles & Tapas Bar in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District at 514 East State Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Craig Sockwell and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable liquor codes.
2. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM

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