



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
LIQUOR COMMISSION  
February 14, 2017

**1. Call to order**

The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on February 14, 2017.

**2. Present**

Commissioner Tari Renner, George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Ken Bays, Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

**3. Public Comment**

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

**4. Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of January 10, 2017.**

Commissioner Renner approved the minutes as he did not have any edits to the minutes presented.

**5. Consideration of the request from Seth Padilla and Tricia Rolfingsmeier to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 30, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

Dawn Moore, aunt, addressed the Commissioner. Ms. Moore stated Lake Road Inn would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**6. Consideration of the request from Joshua Smith and Amy Gibson to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their May 27, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

Joshua Smith, prospective groom, addressed the Commissioner. Mr. Smith stated that Lake Road Inn would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**7. Consideration of the request from Brad Virtue and Sarah Arington to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their April 15, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

Brad Virtue, prospective groom, addressed the Commissioner. Mr. Virtue stated that HyVee would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**8. Consideration of the request from Derek Auth and Felicia Rice to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their March 18, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

Derek Auth, prospective groom, and Felicia Rice, prospective bride, addressed the Commissioner. Ms. Rice stated that Nelson's Catering would cater the reception. Beer and wine only would be served.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**9. Consideration of the application of PATH, Inc., located at 201 E. Grove St., Suite 200, for a Limited Alcoholic Liquor License, Class LA, which would allow the selling and serving of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises for a fund raiser to be held on April 13, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, 600 N. East St.**

Karen Zangerle, Executive Director, PATH, Inc., addressed the Commissioner. Ms. Zangerle stated there would be a full bar, no one under the age of eighteen (18) would be allowed. The event was catered by the restaurants participating in the live cookoff.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, questioned changes from previous years. Ms. Zangerle responded negatively. This was the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) year.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**10. Consideration of the application of The Grand Cafe, LLC, d/b/a Grand Cafe, located at 615 N. Main St., requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Jamie Mapugay, owner/operator, addressed the Commissioner. Commissioner Renner questioned if Mr. Mapugay had held a liquor license before. Mr. Mapugay responded negatively.

Commissioner Renner question operations. Mr. Mapugay stated there would be reliance on the Grand Café's legacy. He wanted the ability to allow customers to have alcohol with their dinner.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Mapugay responded that he had not yet taken the training. He anticipated himself and all bartenders would attend same.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Council, questioned Mr. Mapugay's relationship to the applicant. Mr. Mapugay stated that he was one of the owners. Mr. Boyle questioned if they had closed on the building and if any changes were anticipated in the business model. Mr. Mapugay stated that they were going to continue the same menu and would be retaining all current staff. He also stated there might be Filipino dishes added to the menu due to his Filipino background.

Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director, noted that there had been some confusion on the plan versus the zoning ordinance. He stated that the long range plan listed the use as apartments and/or office space. He stated that given the current zoning the restaurant was an appropriate use.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting, contingent upon the owner obtain BASSETT training prior to serving alcohol.

**11. Consideration of the application of Green Top Grocery Cooperative, d/b/a Green Top Grocery, located at 921 E. Washington St. requesting a PBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Michael Pennington, Manager, addressed the Commissioner. Commissioner Renner questioned if he or anyone in Green Top's administration had held or been responsible for a liquor license before. Mr. Pennington replied negatively.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Pennington stated that he had not taken the training but would acquire same prior to opening.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel questioned the license use. Mr. Pennington replied that the store would have a beer and wine selection that would feature locally produced beers and wines. Mr. Boyle questioned the expected opening date. Mr. Pennington stated that the opening dated was expected late Spring, around May or June. Mr. Boyle noted that the license would have to be obtained within six (6) months of the date it is approved by the City Council or an extension would have to be requested.

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting for public testimony on this application.

Mahesh Patel, owner/operator MGN Foods, Inc., d/b/a Franzetti's Pantry, located at 801 E. Washington, currently holding a PBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week, spoke in opposition to the application.

Mr. Patel stated that Green Top Grocery was only 0.2 miles from Franzetti's Pantry. Franzetti's had been at that location for eighteen (18) years. He believed there was no justification for another liquor license in that area. Commissioner Renner noted that Green Top was a different business model. Mr. Patel believed that allowing same would hurt his business. Commissioner Renner acknowledged Mr. Patel's contribution to the community.

Mr. Boyle questioned if Franzetti's sold locally-produced beers and wines. Mr. Patel responded they did not.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting, contingent upon the owner obtain BASSETT training prior to opening.

**12. Consideration of the application of Braize, LLC, d/b/a Braize, located at 1413 Leslie Dr., requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Brandon Leach, owner/operator, addressed the Commissioner. Commissioner Renner questioned if Mr. Leach had held a liquor license before. Mr. Leach responded negatively. He owned/operated another Braize restaurant within the VFW, located at 1006 E. Lincoln Street.

Commissioner Renner questioned the business model. Mr. Leach stated that they would transition from a fast casual model to sit down.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Leach replied he had taken the training. He would ensure all front employees would receive same.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, questioned percentage of food versus alcohol sales. Mr. Leach responded that he anticipated most would be from food. He estimated that fifteen to twenty percent (15% - 20%) of sales would be alcohol, based on what customers had ordered from the VFW.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would be recommended to Council at the March 13, 2017 Council meeting.

**13. Adjournment**

Time: 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham, R.M.C.  
Chief Deputy Clerk