

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
August 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Canty, LaBedz, Grasse, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Bertucci and Scaletta

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula and Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Bhupendrakumar (Bob) Patel, Pravinkumar (Pravin) Patel, Yeulanda Degala, Steve Daday, Les Veatch, Colleen Ungurean, Ryan Cutlip and Melissa Cayer

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and T Liquor License to Ma Ambe 1, Inc. dba B & P Smoke & Spirits located at 2316 E. Rand Rd., upon confirmation of floor plan.

The petitioners introduced themselves and were sworn in by the Mayor.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that the petitioners were recently in front of the Board for a liquor license for another location. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a new license and there has never been a liquor license at this location. The police did background checks on all owners and the manager and there were no issues noted.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on August 9, 2021. Ms. Mikula stated that the space was not built out yet and she will conduct another walk through when completed. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and T liquor license.

The Mayor pointed out the extensive liquor experience of both owners and asked them to give an overview. Mr. Pravin Patel has been in the liquor business for 27 years and Mr. Bob Patel has been involved with liquor stores since 1998.

The Trustees thanked the applicants for choosing Arlington Heights to open another business. Discussion ensued regarding the number of employees and management of the store. The importance of Bassett training was highlighted. The Trustees stressed the compliance checks done by the Village.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and T Liquor License to Ma Ambe 1, Inc. dba B & P Smoke & Spirits located at 2316 E. Rand Road, upon confirmation of floor plan.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes
The motion passed.

0 Nays

B. Interview of Yeulanda Degala for appointment to the Performing Arts of Metropolis Board of Directors – term ending 8/16/24.

The Mayor introduced Yeulanda Degala and stated that she is very involved in the community, was a Hearts of Gold winner and is very qualified. The Mayor and Trustees thanked Ms. Degala for her willingness to serve. Members of the Metropolis Board were introduced. The members present included Steve Daday, Les Veatch, Colleen Ungurean and Ryan Cutlip.

Discussion ensued on the challenge the pandemic brought to the Metropolis and Ms. Degala discussed her role at Metropolis during that time. The Mayor asked Ms. Degala to discuss her interest to bring the Metropolis to different audiences, most importantly younger adults. The Trustees echoed the need to bring in the young adult crowd and reach a different audience.

Mayor Hayes asked PAM President Daday for an update of the Metropolis. Mr. Daday stated they are going to be back in the theater in September and already programming into next year. Mr. Daday stated that he met Ms. Degala when she worked at the Metropolis. He is very excited about Ms. Degala spearheading a Community Advisory Board for the Metropolis.

Trustee Canty moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Yeulanda Degala for appointment to the Performing Arts of Metropolis Board of Directors – term ending August 16, 2024. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes
The motion passed.

0 Nays

C. OTHER BUSINESS – Melissa Cayer stated she would like the Metropolis to look into using Novus Agenda management. Steve Daday, PAM President stated that they are a private organization 501 3(c) and not subject to the Open Meetings Act and do not need to publish their meetings.

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.