

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 AT 7:30 PM**

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Newly Elected Trustee Richard Baldino; Michael Brito Amador for Mago Grill & Cantina; Jason Gagnor and Tiffany Bensen for Fox & Hound

1. MAGO GRILL & CANTINA – 107 & 115 WEST CAMPBELL STREET – SERVICE OF ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR OUTDOOR DINING.

Michael Brito Amador, who is representing Mago Grill & Cantina, was present to answer questions from Mayor Hayes and the Trustees. He reported they currently occupy space at 115 W. Campbell and are expanding into the space directly east. The two spaces, 107 and 115 W. Campbell, would resemble each other. Mago is asking for approval of their outdoor dining area. They would be maintaining the 5' clearance that is required by the Village.

Charles Perkins, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported to the Board that there were no concerns by staff with this request. All requirements had been met.

Trustee Tinaglia asked Mr. Perkins if planters and decorative features were still used with the outdoor dining concept. He knows that the fencing requirement has been done away with but last year he noticed that some places just had tables and chairs outside and nothing else identifying the dining space. Mr. Perkins responded that reminders had been sent to licensees about using the planters.

Trustee Scaletta stated that according to the submitted plans from Mago, it appears that the outdoor dining area is limited to seating a party of four at each table. He asked if larger parties can be accommodated. Mr. Amador responded that tables could be pushed closer together to accommodate a larger party. Trustee Scaletta stated that he wanted to make sure people would not be able to place two or more chairs at a four-seat table that would creep into the walkway meant for pedestrian traffic.

Trustee Sidor asked Mr. Perkins if the 5' measurement was taken from the end of the planter to the tree grates, the tree itself or the cement surrounding the tree. He asked what the code required. Mr. Perkins responded that the code requires 3' minimum but

we require 5'. The measurement is taken 5' from the light fixture to the inside of the tree grate.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THE REQUEST FROM MAGO GRILL & CANTINA TO USE A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK FOR OUTDOOR EATING, INCLUDING THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SEATING PLAN.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "AA" LIQUOR LICENSE TO FUN EATS AND DRINKS, LLC., DBA FOX & HOUND #65060, LOCATED AT 910-918 WEST DUNDEE ROAD, SUITES A01-A03.**

Mayor Hayes swore in Jason Gagnon, District Manager and Tiffany Bensen, On-Site Manager.

Mr. Gagnon stated his position is District Manager for Michigan and Illinois for Fox & Hound and Champps. Mayor Hayes asked how often Mr. Gagnon visited the Arlington Heights location. Mr. Gagnon stated he visits three times per month.

Village Manager Randy Recklaus reported to the Board that this is just a change in ownership. There's not a change in employees so it will be a seamless change that customers will not notice.

On January 10, 2017 the Arlington Heights Police Department (AHPD) completed a background check on Michael Kelly, the owner of Fun Eats & Drinks. No derogatory issues were found. On April 5, 2017 the AHPD did a background check on Ms. Benson and no issues were found. A walk-thru was conducted in April and no issues were noted with the layout and submitted floor plan.

Mayor Hayes asked Ms. Bensen about her experience with Fox & Hound. She reported that she has been with the company for nine years. She started as a bartender and then transferred to the Schaumburg location. She was then promoted to regional trainer within the company and then came back to the Arlington Heights location to take over as General Manager.

Mayor Hayes reported that there was a liquor violation at this location last August for an underage sale and asked if Ms. Bensen had been involved with it. Ms. Benson reported that she was still a regional trainer at that time and not managing the Arlington Heights restaurant.

Mayor Hayes asked Ms. Bensen if she had managed any other location and she stated that she had managed the Bloomingdale location which did not have any liquor violations while she was managing.

Mayor Hayes said that there will be 64 employees working at the Arlington Heights location. How many of those will be serving or handling alcohol? Ms. Bensen stated that 34 employees will be serving or handling alcohol and all of them are Basset trained.

Mayor Hayes asked if there was a Basset training location that employees attended. Mr. Gagnon reported that employees take an on-line training course where Ms. Bensen assigns the training. Employees are also required to take a bar class which right now Ms. Bensen is teaching. Ms. Bensen reported that she is also a certified TIPS trainer.

Trustee Tinaglia asked Mr. Gagnon about the number of stores he is in charge of. Mr. Gagnon reported that he currently has seven stores.

Trustee LaBedz asked what Michael Kelly's role was with Fox & Hound. Mr. Gagnon replied that Mr. Kelly is the owner who purchased Fox & Hound from Last Call Operating Co I., Inc.

TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SIDOR TO RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "AA" LIQUOR LICENSE TO FUN EATS AND DRINKS, LLC, DBA FOX & HOUND #65060, LOCATED AT 910-918 W. DUNDEE ROAD, SUITES A01-A03.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LABEDZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Reported By: Diane Staggs, Administrative Asst. II