

## GREEKTOWN SSA#16 JUNE 21, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

### Commissioners Attending

Frank J. Caputo, ("FC")  
Tom Bonanno, ("TB")  
Eve Moran, ("EM")  
Alex Theoharis, ("AT")  
Anastasia Makridakis, ("AM") via Skype

### Commissioners Absent

Lorraine Rieff Liakouras  
Ceasar Melidis  
Tom Paspalas  
Marc Washor

### Others Attending

Rod Burch ("RB"), Exec. Director WCA  
Dean T. Maragos, ("DTM"), Advisor  
Susan Downs, ("SD")  
Madeleine Kukanza, Zapwater Comm.  
Stephanie Reay, Zapwater Comm.  
Mark Carroll  
Shareef McDonald  
Felicia Lawrence  
Rikaleigh Johnson  
Daniel Ware  
Brittany Spears  
Maurice Jackson  
Francis Ostian

**I. Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. There was a quorum present.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes** – The May 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There was a motion by TB and seconded by FC to accept the May 24, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The June 12, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made by TB and seconded by EM to accept the June 12, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Food & Drink Chicago, LLC. – Liquor License – 820 W. Jackson** – Francis Ostian (FO) attorney for the applicant Food & Drink Chicago, LLC ("Food") said that the client was applying for a restaurant liquor license which means liquor will be sold as an auxiliary sale to the sale of food. He stated the Plan of Operation was drafted by Sgt. Gurtowski of the 12<sup>th</sup> District and edited by Shannon Trotter, the City of Chicago Mayor's License Commissioner. FO reviewed Sgt. Gurtowski's and Shannon Trotter's denial and stated that the Chicago Police Department had approved the application as filed for a 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. closing. FO stated that the Plan prepared by Sgt. Gurtowski approved the application and granting of the license but did not include the hours of operation.

Maurice Jackson is a chef from Elmhurst Illinois, he explained that he was going to be working at Food and that he has been trained at the Cordon Bleu School and had been there for five years. He also attended the Kelley Grad School of Management. He is currently a chef at Mariano's and has managed a \$60 million operation with 200 employees.

Brittany Spears will be the manager at Food and she is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a degree in Health Studies. She has worked at the Tango

Restaurant in downtown Naperville and the Crio Restaurant in 2015 which she ran full time. She said she will be a full time manager with Food.

The Plan of Operation which was shown by the chef and the PPA manager was discussed by FO and the Commission. **The Plan did not state Hours of Operation and this material defect was brought to the attention of FO.** FO stated that they would be seeking a Public Place of Amusement. **DTM said he spoke with the landlord's owner that day and he stated there would be no PPA, and then FO stated there would be no PPA per the lease statement.** It was discussed that the Commission would ask that due to the law enforcement problems that recently occurred that Food would consider closing at midnight for one year or six months.

Shareef McDonald, an investor in Drink Haus, stated that they changed the name from Food & Drink to Drink Haus Bar & Grill". They had proposed closing Monday through Friday at 1:00 a.m. for three months and Saturday closing at 2:00 a.m. for three months. There was a discussion on the approval from the Police. FO assured the Commission that the Food liquor application was approved by the Police Commander.

After much discussion there was a motion by TB and seconded by EM that Food be allowed from Monday through Friday and Sunday to close at 1:00 a.m. and Saturday at 2:00 a.m. for a three month period beginning the first day after they receive their liquor license. There would be a three month (90 day) probationary period. After the initial 90 day period, the Commission would review what the status was on the Food operations and community and either extend the hours to close the establishment, decrease the hours back to midnight and 1:00 a.m., or continue another 90 day probationary period. After the second 90 day probation period the SSA #16 would again review the status of Food and the community.

**The Hours of Operation delineated by the SSA#16 and Commander Chung would be stated clearly and made part of the Hours of Operation in the final Plan of Operation agreed to by Food and the City of Chicago.** The motion was voted upon and TB, EM and FC voted yes and AM & AT voted no.

Shareef McDonald stated they would have outside security with either a shirt or jacket delineating that they were from the Drink Haus from 11:00 p.m. to closing. There was much discussion on the safety provisions for Drink Haus and its Plan of Operations.

After the discussion had ended, DTM specifically asked FO, TB, EM, FC, AM, and AT that if the 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander had not approved of this liquor license to be issued would they still vote for the motion just passed. All the Commissioners (TB, EM, FC, AM & AT) stated that if the Police did NOT approve of this liquor license to be issued (as of the date of this meeting June 21, 2018) that the Commission would continue NOT approve of the granting of the liquor license to Food. FO also stated that he understood that if the 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander did not approve that he and his client would then sit with the SSA Commission at its next meeting on July 12, 2018 to discuss the hours of operation and the Plan of Operation or withdraw their liquor license application.

- B. 2019 Budget & Sole Service Provider** – RB discussed the revisions for the Budget. There was \$75,000 and security cameras were \$10,000. The \$75,000 was for Security. The security would be 24 hours per week, Thursday through Saturday. The wages would be between \$40 and \$50 per hour. The months would be May 3, 2019 through November 4, 2019.

July 7, 2018 through November 5, 2018. This would be 14 weeks x 24 hours per week x \$40 = \$13,440. The 2018 Budget contained \$25,000 for Security.

- C. Security RFP** – There was a motion by TB to issue the RFP and seconded by EM for the security company. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. 2018 Budget Amendment** – RB stated that the 2018 Budget amendments would be voted upon at the July 12, 2018 meeting and would be submitted to the City on July 13, 2018.
- B. Columbus Day Parade - Float** – FC stated that there would be a float for the advertisement of the SSA. There was a motion by TB and seconded by EM. The motion passed unanimously. The float would be in the October 8, 2018 Columbus Day Parade.

#### **V. Reports**

- A. Greentown Art Committee (Lighthouse & Sculpture Installation)** – EM reported on the status of the lighthouses and other matters.
- B. Zapwater PR/Social Media** - Representatives from Zapwater attended the meeting but did not report.
- C. Chairman Update** - FC reported:
- 1 There will be power washing of the columns.
  - 2 CDOT is going to be removing the bus shelter.
  - 3 The homeless issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. SSP Update (Strategic Plan Survey)** – RB stated the survey was 75% completed and Lakota would be reporting to us at the next meeting.

**VI. Adjournment** - At 5:00 p.m. there was a motion made for adjournment by TB, and seconded by EM. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting is July 12, 2018.