

NORTH ADAMS LICENSE COMMISSION

Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

7/7/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: All via Zoom Meeting

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Sid Smithers, Scott Engalls, Jack Guerino & Amy Smith

CALLED TO ORDER: Commissioner Dickinson Acted as Chair hosted the Zoom Meeting by reading the statement pertaining to virtual meetings.

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Breen. All in favor.

A call to open the Public Hearing for application of beer/wine for the Steeple City Cinemas was made. The application was amended by Attorney Smithers to a General on Premise. Peter Breen who reviewed the application had a few questions regarding the set up asked for a description of North Adams set up. Attorney Smithers represents the applicant stated it was a conversion of a former store into 8 mini movie theatres serviced by a long corridor providing access to each theatre. There will be a concession and ticket sale area where the beer and wine dispensers which will be served in cups and the patrons will take the cups into the theatre. Scott Ingalls is the Manager and the dispensers will be TIPS trained. Pete also asked if it was possible to limit the drinks to one. He also suggested wrist bands. Peter asked about Scott's plan when he is not available to be there. Amy Smith is a Manager when he is not there she will be there. Their current staff is over eighteen at this time. Scott is not opposed to one drink per person as well as the wrist bands.

Ms Dickinson big concern is how you plan to police your drinking. Scott said we do theatre checks every 30 minutes and with the bracelets we can see. Also she asked what is the price point which he responded similar to restaurants. Ms Dickinson asked about storing alcohol as well as who has access. Scott said it will be behind concession in locked refrigerators. Ms Dickinson asked about his hours that he was interested in. He said noon to 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday. He asked about midnight show service. Ms Dickinson told him he would have to know in advance and come into the meeting and get permission for each event which Scott said they haven't done it in a long time and he would know in advance. Ms Dickinson did say she did not know how comfortable she was with those late hours. At this point he was not sure if they needed. Attorney Smithers asked if they had to notify abutters to this Ms Dickinson said no. Mr. Breen said this board is flexible for meetings. Scott added that ticket and alcohol will go hand in hand so that you are not just there to get a drink you have to be attending a movie.

Ms Dickinson said that “alcohol is a privilege not a right” so that if you feel that someone has had enough they can be denied if over intoxicated or under age. All persons should be carded no matter how old they look and all employees should be trained to do so. It is very important.

A motion to approve this application as presented was made by Mr. Breen with Ms Dickinson seconding the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed and regular meeting opened with an application from Grazie for outdoor dining in Center Street. The area was blocked off by jersey barriers by the City according to Ms Dickinson leaving access to the underpass. A motion to approve the outdoor dining application was made by Mr. Breen. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Regular meeting will be scheduled for August 11, 2020 at 1 p.m

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemari Dickinson