



WHEATON LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

January 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Pearse called the January 12, 2023 meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Wheaton City Hall, 303 West Wesley Street and via Zoom.

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chair Pearse, Commissioner Sender, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Whitmer. Absent: Commissioner Brown. City Staff Present: James P. Kozik, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2022

Hearing no questions or comments, the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Local Liquor Control Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Application for an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License - Downtown Wheaton Association - Winter Wine Walk

Mr. Andrew Dameron, Marketing and Events manager for the Downtown Wheaton Association, was in attendance to present an application for an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License in connection with the DWA's Winter Wine Walk, to be held on February 4, 2023 from 2-5:30pm.

Mr. Dameron stated that the wine walk is planned as a ticketed wine tasting event. The tasting locations will be inside participating restaurants and selected retailers. The DWA will be purchasing the wine and distributing it to the tasting locations. Each location will have one to two wines offered for tastings.

Mr. Dameron stated that the DWA will sell tasting tickets in advance to the public on-line. All ticket holders will check in at the Main Street Mall where they will be carded and receive a wristband (must be 21 years or older); receive their tasting tickets, souvenir glass, and a walking map of the tasting locations.

Mr. Dameron stated that each location will have a Basset trained person (21 years or older) as the server of the measured tastings. The server will also be responsible for collecting and/or stamping the participant's tasting ticket and that all tastings will be consumed inside the business premises. Signs will be posted inside the doorways noting that all tastings must be finished inside - no alcohol is allowed outside.

The DWA will be providing “Call a lift” information and mentioning Uber, Lyft any other rideshare programs in their advertising to encourage people to be responsible.

Commissioner Whitmer then moved and Commissioner Sender seconded a motion to recommend approval of an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License to the Downtown wheaton Association in connection with their Winter Wine Walk. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Kozik, AICP
Director of Planning and Economic Development