## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCOHOL, GAMBLING & TOBACCO COMMISSION

November 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Alcohol, Gambling & Tobacco Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 4:45 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Lindsay Bartholomew-Kolu, Dennis Birchland, Bjorn Braaten, Jeff Rosenthal, Ryan Stauber and Vice President Pekkala

Approval of October 2, 2013 minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>DULUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION, (LIBATIONS AT THE LIBRARY), 520 W.</u>
<u>SUPERIOR STREET</u> - APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DECEMBER 3, 2013, WITH PATRA SEVASTIADES, MANAGER.

Patra Sevastiades was present on behalf of the application. Ms. Sevastiades explained that this is their second annual fundraiser at the library and they would like to serve champagne and wine at the event on December 3, 2013, along with some appetizers.

To questioning from the commission, she replied saying the event will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and they have hired private security for the event with approval from the police department. Officer Vang stated he has approved the application.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Rosenthal moved that THE APPLICATION OF DULUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION, (LIBATIONS AT THE LIBRARY), 520 WEST SUPERIOR STREET, WITH PETRA SEVASTIADES, MANAGER BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Birchland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

BIG LAKE, LLC, (TOASTY'S), 1032 EAST 9TH STREET – APPLICATION FOR AN ON-SALE 3.2 MALT LIQUOR LICENSE AND AN ON-SALE WINE LICENSE FOR THE PERIODS ENDING APRIL 30, 2014 AND AUGUST 31, 2014, RESPECTIVELY, WITH THOMAS J. HAGEN, CHIEF MANAGER AND TREASURER.

Thomas J. Hagen was present on behalf of the application. Mr. Hagan explained that he would like to open a small restaurant/bar, with a focus on serving sandwiches and providing organic menu options. They will provide take-out and boxed lunches as well. The hours of operation would be 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the facility would seat 30-35 people. Mr. Hagen hopes to

be open by December 14, 2013. Mr. Hagen's background includes years of experience as a restaurant/bar manager and chef/restaurant owner.

Officer Vang reminded him to be sure to check IDs and ensure 100% compliance. Mr. Hagen agreed.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Birchland moved that THE APPLICATION OF BIG LAKE, LLC, (TOASTY'S), 1032 EAST 9TH STREET, WITH THOMAS J. HAGEN, CHIEF MANAGER AND TREASURER BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Stauber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **LAWFUL GAMBLING:**

Duluth Playhouse, Inc.

raffle exemption - 60 day waiver

Tessa Linneman was present on behalf of the waiver request. She explained that the Duluth Playhouse would like to begin selling raffle tickets on December 4, 2013, with the actual raffle drawing being held on February 28, 2014. Tickets are \$100/each in recognition of their 100 year anniversary. The prize will be a "Pick Your Trip" to include 2 airline tickets to your choice destination and \$1000 cash.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Rosenthal moved that THE 60 DAY WAIVER REQUEST OF DULUTH PLAYHOUSE, INC. FOR A RAFFLE EXEMPTION BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Stauber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Upon the resignation of Jon Donahue, a new member, Bryn Pollard, has been selected to serve as a commission member. He will be appointed and sworn in for the January 2014 meeting.

Since the scheduled January meeting falls on a holiday, the commission rescheduled the meeting for January 2, 2014 at 4:45 p.m. They will hold their officer elections at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.