



Village of Addison

MINUTES ADVISORY LIQUOR COMMISSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Addison Village Hall
Room 1301
One Friendship Plaza
Addison, IL 60101

Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra

Commission Members present:

**Rick Delawder
Tony Amato
Carol Cesario
Mike Hartnett
Sandi Milazzo**

1. Call to order, roll call

The September 7, 2021 Advisory Liquor Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Delawder. Also in attendance were: Commission Members Tony Amato, Carol Cesario, Mike Hartnett and Sandi Milazzo; Village Manager Joe Maranowicz, Police Director Bill Hayden, Deputy Chief Roy Selvik; Attorney David Freeman; Mary Heneghan and Alyssa Cornelius.

Representing Sunmist Restaurant were George Tychalski and Debra Deluca. Representing Lucia Rose was Nick Nitti. Representing Moxy Pub & Plate were Stacy Damato, John Doherty, and Ed Romero.

2. Approval of the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting

Commission Member Amato made a motion to recommend acceptance, seconded by Commission Member Milazzo. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Sunmist LLC d/b/a Sunmist Restaurant located at 501 E. Lake Street, Class "D"

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicants. Mr. Tychalski stated that he owns the restaurant, and Ms. Deluca is the general manager. Ms. Deluca stated that they are looking to expand the business and they want to be open for dinner as well. Their hope is to expand their hours and employ more people. They hope to have a larger, fancier dinner menu. Ms. Deluca is the only manager, and they will adjust their hours as needed based on the customers. She has been in the restaurant business since she was 14 years old and has worked in many restaurants.

Chairman Delawder asked if there was an area for a bar, and Mr. Tychalski responded that they don't foresee having a bar area, unless demand calls for it.

Director Hayden inquired how much Mr. Tychalski invested in this business, and he responded that in total he has invested \$1.8 million. Previously he was in the day care business. He does not foresee adding video gaming machines.

Deputy Chief Selvik inquired if they had a video surveillance system, and Mr. Tychalski responded yes, they included this as part of their renovation. Deputy Chief Selvik stated that there were no issues with the background checks. He informed the applicants of the Police Department's compliance checks that are conducted every year, and he informed them that they want to have good working relationships with the liquor establishments in town.

Commission Member Cesario made a motion to recommend approval of this liquor license application, seconded by Commission Member Amato. The motion was approved unanimously. The next steps of the process were reviewed with the applicants.

4. Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Nitti Addison LLC d/b/a Lucia Rose located at 1570 W. Lake Street, Class "D"

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicant. Mr. Nitti stated that his establishment will be an Italian pizzeria / restaurant with a bar, specializing in Italian pizza, pasta, and wines. He currently has three restaurants in Chicago (Forno Rosso), but plans to be the full time manager at this location for at least a couple of years. He explained the renovations that he is doing, and stated that the bar is in the middle of the restaurant as the focal point, with an open kitchen. There will not be a banquet room, or televisions. He hopes to open as soon as possible, hopefully by the first couple of weeks in October.

Chief Selvik stated that there were no issues with the background check. He reviewed the Police Department's process on compliance checks that are conducted every year, and he informed Mr. Nitti that the Police Department wants to have a good working relationship with Addison's businesses. Village Manager Maranowicz stated that Mr. Nitti has come in to meet the Mayor and he is looking to get very involved with the Village.

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to recommend approval of this liquor license application, seconded by Commission Member Milazzo. The motion was approved unanimously. The next steps of the process were reviewed with the applicant.

5. Liquor License Application Public Hearing for RNA Inc. d/b/a Moxy Pub & Plate located at 441 W. Lake Street, Class "D"

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicants. Ms. Damato stated that she used to own the restaurant, she originally opened about 4-5 months before Covid hit, and she then sold the business to Mr. Romero. Mr. Dougherty stated that when Mr. Romero went to the Village to be added to the liquor license, their establishment got red-tagged due to the renovations they were doing. Mr. Dougherty stated that someone called the police to come out and check on them, but they were only doing minor work inside; the layout is remaining the same, they just wanted to add Mr. Romero to the liquor license. Ms. Damato owns the property.

Village Manager stated that he was the one that directed the Police to check on what was going on at this business, since the website lists them as permanently closed, and Ms. Damato came in to the Finance Department for a final water bill stating that she sold the business. This is why they were instructed to come in and apply for new liquor license. He went on to say there was some confusion about their corporate ownership, as the application lists this as RNA Inc., but other paperwork and statements list it as 5 Guys Ristorante. Village Manager Maranowicz went on to say that this establishment does not want to lose their gaming machines and have to re-

apply with the State; however, if there is an ownership change the Village has a process in place that requires a new application to be submitted and that applicants should not attempt to circumvent this process.

Ms. Damato then stated that she did not sell the business, she still has 20% ownership. Mr. Dougherty stated that there was never intent to circumvent the system, they are simply remodeling. He stated that the business will be run the same, just under a different name.

Commission Member Amato inquired what role Mr. Dougherty plays in this business since he is not listed on the application, and he replied that he is an investor. He purchased the oven and other equipment which he is renting back to the owners. He stated that 5 Guys Ristorante, of which Mr. Romero is the President, will own 80% of this business. RNA Inc. and 5 Guys Ristorante both own shares of Moxy. Mr. Dougherty stated that he also handles all of Mr. Romero's affairs.

Director Hayden asked how much rent is being charged. Ms. Damato stated approximately \$3,100 a month, and it is a 3 year lease. Deputy Chief Selvik stated that all the Police Department has in their background, per the application submitted, is for RNA Inc.; there was nothing on the application about 5 Guys Ristorante. Mr. Dougherty stated that 80% of the business is 5 Guys Ristorante and RNA Inc. is only 20% so that they can keep the gaming machines.

Village Manager Maranowicz stated that the Village has not had any problems with Stacy's Place, and he understands the intent is to keep the machines, but it sounds like the right way to do this would be for them to decide what their corporation is going to be. He explained to them that they also need to apply for a new business license. It appears the actual business is 5 Guys Ristorante d/b/a Moxy Pub & Plate. Ms. Damato then asked if the Village allowed BYOB, to which she was told no.

Chairman Delawder stated that this item will be tabled until next month's Advisory Liquor Commission meeting in order for the applicants to decide how this business is actually structured. The paperwork summarizing the corporate make-up will need to be turned in the Village prior to this meeting.

6. **Police Reports**

None

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

10. **Executive Session if needed**

Not needed

11. **Audience Participation**

None

12. **Adjournment**

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55pm, seconded by Commission Member Cesario.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Heneghan

