

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

405 West Main St.

MINUTES

Call to order.

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll call.

Introductions, audience and visitors. Visitors are asked to introduce themselves at this time and present any issues they wish to discuss. Visitors wishing to address specific agenda items will be granted two to five minutes at the discretion of the President, not to exceed a total of twenty minutes. The Library Board may cut short any comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive. (Id. at 1425-26).

Present.

Philip Brown, President

Barbara Levine, Vice President (2)

Susan Tulis, Secretary (1)

Don Prosser, Treasurer

Joyce Hayes (2)

Julian Pei (8 excused)

Roland Person (1)

Sharifa Stewart (3)

Harriet Simon (1)

Absent.

None.

The number following the Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

Staff present.

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Gwen Hall, Finance Manager

Visitors present.

None.

President's report.

None.

Secretary's report.

1. Approval of the February 11, 2015 minutes. Roland Person made a motion to approve minutes. Susan Tulis seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Correspondence and communications.

None.

Financial report.

1. Approval of bills payable up to and including bills due March 16, 2015 to April 15, 2015. Harriet Simon

made a motion to pay bills. Sharifa Stewart seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Acceptance of the financial report for February 2015. Finance Director and Library Director discussed flood expenses and insurance coverage. The Finance Director explained that a lot of book purchases are made in the spring. Trustees asked questions about specific line items. Roland Person made a motion to approve financial report. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Librarian's report.

1. Personnel. The Director has hired the Teen and Youth Program Coordinator, Jennifer Johansson.

2. Flood. The library flooded due to mechanical failure of plumbing in the men's room. The library suffered no permanent damage and no damage to library materials, books, computers or furniture. Staff acted quickly and professionally to turn off the water and remediate the situation. The plumbing repair (just over \$500 is not covered by insurance). All other related expenses for clean-up are covered by insurance, costing the library only its \$1,000 deductible.

3. Donated painting by artist Cheonae Kim. The artist has stated that the value is \$4,000. Don Prosser made a motion to accept Cheonae Kim's generous gift. Julian Pei seconded the motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Discussed the upcoming 11 Days for Compassion. The library co-coordinates this community-wide effort along with others in Nonviolent Carbondale. There are several high quality events on the schedule focused on issues such as poverty and homelessness, which call for community problem solving and compassionate action. The library will be hosting several of the events, including a Human Library.

Committee reports.

None.

Unfinished business.

None.

New business.

None.

Other.

Discussed Walgreens systematically requesting reductions in property value in order to lower their property taxes. Homeowners across the United States are subsidizing Walgreens and CVS. The developers and investors are making a premium. It's absolutely criminal. They compare to shopping centers and stores that are abandoned to come up with their proposed values. Kentucky and another state passed a law to stop this.

Adjournment.

Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Next Board Meetings for 2015 (all in Public Library meeting room, 4:30 p.m.): April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, *November 18, December 9. (*note: proposed date for November is the third Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day closing; all other dates are the second Wednesday.)

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Tulis, Secretary

Prepared by: Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director



Liquor Advisory Board April 2, 2015

The City of Carbondale's Liquor Advisory Board held a meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015, in Room 112 of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following-named members of the Board present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: John Mills, Steve Payne, Tasis Karayiannis, David Cisco, Ryan Gougis, Mark Robinson

Absent: Joyce Webb (excused) (One Vacancy)

A quorum was available to take action on the agenda items. City Staff present for the meeting included City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, City Manager Kevin Baity, Acting Mayor Donald Monty, and Fire Inspector Tom Manis.

2. Approval of Minutes

R. Gougis moved, T. Karayiannis seconded, to approve the minutes from March 5, 2015. All voted aye. Motion declared carried.

3. Application for a Class A2 liquor license for Los Chama, Inc., d/b/a El Paisano Taqueria at 100 North Glenview Drive, Suite 103

Monica Medina responded to the Board's questions. J. Mills asked if the restaurant had previously held a liquor license, which they had not. M. Robinson questioned Ms. Medina about the years the business had been in operation and Ms. Medina indicated that the grocery store has been open about five years while the restaurant has been open about one year. M. Robinson asked the applicant how she felt the liquor license would help the business. She noted that customers like to unwind with a drink at dinner and a few customers had left the store when they discovered they could not have alcohol with their meal. M. Robinson asked if they planned on having big parties and Ms. Medina stated that they did not plan to do so; that it is a family restaurant and will not be similar to a bar. J. Mills commented that the application indicated their intent to introduce liquor gradually. The applicant responded that they will start with beer, and once they choose the distributor, they will gradually expand. J. Mills noted his appreciation for the intent to gradually increase sales as they gain experience. D. Cisco noted that the restaurant and grocery store have exterior entrances and that there is an interior passage between the two. He verified that the application was not for liquor sales in the grocery store, but only for the restaurant. J. Mills asked about training for the servers and Ms. Medina indicated that the employees who have contact with customers have already received TIPS training, that future servers will also receive training, and remarked on her desire to avoid over-serving patrons. J. Mills asked Ms. Medina how they would handle intoxicated patrons and she responded that either a taxi or a friend would be called, and if the situation was too bad, they would contact the police. She noted that they intended to keep it from getting that bad in the first place. M. Robinson asked if she had gaming machines on-site and Ms. Medina replied that they do not.

J. Mills moved, R. Gougis seconded, to approve the Class A2 liquor license for Los Chama, Inc., d/b/a El Paisano Taqueria, at 100 North Glenview Drive, Suite 103, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items. VOTE: All voted aye. Motion declared carried.

4. Application for an Alcohol-Free Night from Hangar 9 at 511 South Illinois Avenue

The City Clerk noted an error in placing this item on the agenda and that the application for an Alcohol-

Free Night does not require approval from the Board or Commission, but rather it is approved by passage of a Resolution by the City Council.

5. Discussion of proposed changes to the Liquor Code regarding approval of changes in ownership or the nature of the business and requiring identification of all natural persons beneficially owning a liquor-licensed business

Acting Mayor Monty provided an explanation to the Board as to the topics before them.

M. Robinson noted that this is not a new issue, but that the ownership changes appear to be more insidious and more frequent. The approval requirement may help to bring it into control. Trying to control business hours and menus may run into some issues.

D. Monty indicated that when it is a substantial change, the Board and Commission may want to weigh in on that.

J. Mills agreed with what was presented and intended, but expressed concern that requiring approval might slow down a business deal. D. Monty responded that if this requirement is known up front, it can be built into the applicant's timetable. D. Cisco suggested that the applicant could include a contingency clause in their business arrangement which would not have to hold up the process. D. Monty indicated that it would make more sense to have the approval or denial on the front end as opposed to denying a renewal application later down the road. The Clerk noted that the current notification requirement is only addressed to the Commission and that in the event the approval process would similarly only come before the Commission, it could decrease the length of time by two or three weeks for approval. J. Mills agreed with speeding up the process, but also indicated that the Board should be made aware of those changes. D. Monty suggested that these changes to the operation require some planning and running it past those who issue the license can ensure that the changes made are consistent with the license. J. Mills and M. Robinson remarked on the Board's history with unprepared applicants. D. Monty commented on applications received where the questions were incomplete or insufficient. J. Mills noted that the Board often wonders if they should be doing/questioning more or less. D. Monty indicated that he had requested that the City Manager have Staff review the applications for completeness or accuracy and return them to the applicant if incomplete or inaccurate. The Clerk noted that previously the applications were turned in and approved or denied on their own merits, whereas now many applications are returned to the applicant. D. Monty and D. Cisco commented on inaccurate responses provided on the applications. D. Cisco indicated that he would advocate being more intrusive with regard to ownership changes and that with regard to changes to the operation, perhaps deleting items from those things that they intended to provide would not require approval, but the addition of services might. D. Monty noted the differences between fundamental changes to the nature of the establishment versus those that might skirt the edge. He indicated that he did not have the language for such distinction, but suggested attorneys might. M. Robinson and S. Payne commented that some applications are approved as restaurants and become dance halls overnight. S. Payne remarked on the insurance companies' ratings for liquor liability coverage and items which increase the cost and coverage commensurate with those factors. He suggested for those locations which have certain factors (dance floor, pool tables, etc.) which increase the likelihood of issues arising should pay additional fees for those factors. The City Manager commented on reviewing municipal liquor codes and the possibility of considering an "a la carte" licensing process wherein there would be a base fee and additional fees for additional options. Those who added items or changed the nature of the business could be fined or told to come in to apply for those changes and await approval. J. Mills asked the Mayor what he expected from the Board based on the information provided for this meeting. D. Monty indicated that he would not ask the Board to approve any changes without having the exact language before them, but that if they felt changes were appropriate, such language could be brought back at the next meeting. Further discussion about the merits of having a tiered license fee (or a la carte fees) followed. The consensus of the Board was to explore this matter further, ask the attorney and staff to review the verbiage, and bring this matter back.

6. Liquor Advisory Board Comments

The Clerk asked the Board Members their preferred date for the liquor license renewal meeting in May. May 21st was chosen as the next meeting date. The Clerk asked if any licensees should be asked to attend the meeting and the Board indicated that they wished to see Curbside and The Pony Cabaret and Steakhouse at the renewal meeting.

7. Citizens' Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date Approved

**CITY OF CARBONDALE
POLICE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015
PRESENTED MAY 26, 2015**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Goddard at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Goddard, Paul Echols, Don Ursini, Tony Williams

Guests: Alicia Burtley, Becky Applegate, Scott Hendricks

Absent: Don Priddy

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion made to accept the Minutes of March 24, 2015. (Echols)(2nd Ursini) Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 28, 2015 (A. Williams)(2nd Echols) Motion carried.

Unfinished Old Business:

Woods deposition scheduled for July 8, 2015.

New Business:

Motion made to authorize Mark Goddard to sign the binder with the insurance company to set forth our fiduciary liability coverage for next year and authorize the payment. Vote: Mark Goddard, Aye; Paul Echols, Aye; Don Ursini, Aye; Tony Williams, Aye. Motion declared carried.

Open Floor Comments:

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. (P. Echols)(2nd T. Williams) Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Williams
Carbondale Police Pension Board Secretary

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