The City of Carbondale’s Liquor Advisory Board held a meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in Room 103 of Carbondale City Hall, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Chair Donald Monty called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following-named members of the Board present/absent:

1. Roll Call

   Present: John Mills, Mark Robinson, Steve Payne (5:36 p.m), Tasis Karayiannis, Donald Monty, Colton Newlin, and David Cisco

   Absent: None

A quorum was available to take action on the agenda items. City Staff present for the meeting included City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, Police Lieutenant Dave Kemp, and Building & Neighborhood Services Supervisor John Lenzini.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2019, as amended

   C. Newlin moved, M. Robinson seconded, to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

3. Review and Acceptance of Third Quarter Reports from Police and Development Services

   MOTION: J. Mills moved, T. Karayiannis seconded, to accept and forward the Third Quarter Reports from the Police Department and Development Services. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.


   Renewal notices were mailed out to liquor establishments at the end of February with a submission deadline of May 1. A spreadsheet summary was provided to the Board to assist them in their review of renewal items. The summary included those establishments whose renewal process is complete, those establishments who have outstanding items and what items are outstanding, and other important notes related to their renewal.

   There are currently four liquor establishments who have not submitted a liquor license renewal application. Tres Hombres, Newell House, House of Leisure, and Sergio’s. Tres Hombres and Newell House are current liquor license holders while House of Leisure and Sergio’s have been approved, but are currently not licensed. The Board stated that it will be the Local Liquor Control Commission’s decision whether to consider these four establishments or to send their applications to the Liquor Advisory Board for review and recommendation. There was concern if there would be sufficient time to be approved for renewal before their current license expires on June 30.

   Upon further discussion of late liquor renewal applications it was reiterated from the last year’s liquor renewal meeting that the Liquor Commission should seriously consider instituting some sort of penalty or late fee.
MOTION: M. Robinson moved, Colton Newlin seconded, to submit the 2019-2020 liquor license renewal applications to the Local Liquor Control Commission as read, and recommend approval contingent upon receipt of outstanding items, with the exception of those who have not yet submitted their renewal applications.

A friendly amendment to the motion was suggested to exclude consideration of applications that were submitted incorrectly or incomplete. It was explained to the Board that an incomplete or incorrect application is considered an outstanding item and a license will not be issued until the application is corrected or complete.

VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

It was requested that the minutes reflect the need for the Local Liquor Control Commission’s decision to either consider those applicants who have not submitted their liquor license renewals or defer consideration of those establishments until the Liquor Advisory Board has had an opportunity to review.

5. Election of Officers for 2019-2020 License Year

MOTION: J. Mills moved to nominate D. Monty as Chair; M. Robinson seconded the nomination. There were no other individuals nominated. VOTE: All voted in favor of Don Monty remaining as Chair. (D. Monty abstained)

MOTION: J. Mills moved to nominate D. Cisco as Vice Chair; M. Robinson seconded the nomination. There were no other individuals nominated. VOTE: All voted in favor of David Cisco as Vice Chair. (D. Cisco abstained)

6. Citizens’ Comments

Next Meeting: July 11, 2019

Meeting topics to include L.A.B. bylaws change to reflect changes in the Title Two rewrite and review of upcoming City Code change proposals.

The Board was apprised of the status of the State’s LC-13 Program which is soon to be eliminated.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk                  Date Approved