CITY OF ANN ARBOR COUNCIL LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE JUNE 9, 2008 MINUTES

The City of Ann Arbor Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Rapundalo, at 3:40 p.m. on June 9, 2008, in the City Council Workroom, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

The members present were Councilmembers Stephen Rapundalo, Mike Anglin and Leigh Greden. Ronald Suarez was absent. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales were also present. Renee Greff and Sandi Smith of the DDA were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Greden moved, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2008. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent and with agreement to reorder the New Business items.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee Policies and Procedures

Mary Fales provided the committee with three proposed new policies relating to Ethics, Evaluation Criteria for Liquor Licenses, and Annual Review of Liquor Licenses.

The committee discussed at length a policy regarding the issuance of the redevelopment (DDA) licenses.

There was discussion regarding the establishment of criteria for evaluating future liquor license applications. Committee members and staff considered whether the criteria would be different depending on whether the process involved a new Class C license citywide with many applications competing against each other versus the issuances of the DDA licenses. Committee members discussed the possibility of setting specific dates throughout the year when applications would be reviewed and considered for approval.

Jacqueline Beaudry inquired whether the committee wanted full staff reviews of DDA license applications before or after the committee's review and evaluation.

There was general consensus among members that the committee should provide a draft policy for Council to formally adopt.

b. Ordinance Amendment

Mary Fales updated the committee on the status of proposed ordinance changes. It was suggested that the proposed ordinance should be drafted in standard form for committee review.

c. Committee Meeting Schedule

Chairman Rapundalo stated the committee should review and consider the three pending applications at their next meeting.

A permanent meeting schedule was not decided; the committee unanimously agreed to meet again on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the committee, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry Ann Arbor City Clerk