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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

2:30 PM

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Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

2:33pm

Councilmember Disch called the meeting of the Council Liquor License Review Committee to order at 2:33 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Rachel Rickinger, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Zachary Whalen, and Assistant City Attorney John Reiser were also in attendance.

Present: 3 - Lisa Disch, Chris Watson and Dharma Akmon

Absent: 1 - Travis Radina

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Watson moved and Councilmember Akmon seconded to add an agenda item to New Business: Discussion of the Michigan Theater Art Fair Outdoor Service Area Application

Upon a voice vote, the motion carried. Deputy Clerk Rickinger added the item after the Resolution to Approve a Request from Anna's House Ann Arbor, LLC to Transfer the Classification of a Liquor License from a Tavern License to a Class C License Located at E Eisenhower Pkwy Unit 1.

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Attorney Seth Tompkins spoke on behalf of Anna's House Ann Arbor, LLC. He explained that the resolution before the committee would expand the menu offerings to include spirit-based drinks and would not affect the quote license process.

-Attorney Ali Fardoun, an attorney from Miller Johnson, spoke on behalf of A2Wineman, LLC. He reviewed the status of A2Wineman's class C license with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). Fardoun

shared that all building permits were completed and the certificate of occupancy has been issued and the premise is ready to be open mid to late August 2026. Fardoun shared A2Wineman, LLC's request that the committee recommend that City Council restore its recommendation of issuance of a Class C license to A2Wineman, LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-1123 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Minutes of April 13, 2026 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/20/2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

26-1119 Resolution to Approve a Request from Anna's House Ann Arbor, LLC to Transfer the Classification of a Liquor License from a Tavern License to a Class C License Located at 445 E Eisenhower Pkwy Unit 1 - Anna's House Ann Arbor

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council and should be returned by 7/6/2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Discussion of the Michigan Theater Art Fair Outdoor Service Area Application

Deputy Clerk Rickinger presented the need for a City Council resolution to approve temporary outdoor sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the 2026 Ann Arbor Art Fair for Michigan Theater Foundation, Inc (d/b/a Marquee Arts) at 603 E. Liberty St. due to its proposed service area being in the public right-of-way. This business operated in this manner in previous years and its application for temporary outdoor sales, service and consumption was approved by the Ann Arbor Police Department for Art Fair 2026. Rickinger stated that three other business have received approval of their applications by the MLCC: Takashi Concepts MI, LLC d/b/a Slurping Turtle; Molfetta, Inc, LLC d/b/a New York Pizza Depot; SRA2, LLC d/b/a Sava's.

Councilmember Watson moved, seconded by Councilmember Akmon that a resolution to approve temporary outdoor sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the 2026 Ann Arbor Art Fair be sent to City Council for consideration at the July 6, 2026 meeting.

Proposed Social District Application Process for New Social District or Changes to an Existing Social District

Deputy Clerk Rickinger presented a proposed Social District application for establishing new social districts and the expansion of existing social districts. The committee reviewed the draft application and supported its continued development. The committee requested staff to add language regarding the review and approval process of applications (MCL 436.1551). The committee supports a \$150 liquor license application fee for this application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from City Attorney Regarding A2WINEMAN

Assistant City Attorney Reiser presented a status update regarding the A2Wineman Class C liquor license. Assistant City Attorney Reiser informed the Liquor License Review Committee members that A2Wineman had appealed the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's (MLCC) decision to rescind its approval order of the A2Wineman Class C quota license. The MLCC has since rescinded their rescinding of the approval order. Assistant City Attorney Reiser stated that it was his impression that the MLCC is in support of reissuing their approval order for the Class C license but cannot move forward without local governmental approval. Since Ann Arbor City Council rescinded its recommendation to the MLCC for A2Wineman's Class C license, A2Wineman has completed and closed out all building permits and obtained a certificate of occupancy for their proposed licensed address.

The committee discussed the fast progress the applicant made to complete all pending work on their premises and obtain their certificate of occupancy. The committee recognized the complex nature of the overall project and expressed pleasure that the applicant is ready to open. The legal counsel for the applicant affirmed that they should be ready to open mid to late August 2026.

Councilmember Akmon moved, seconded by Councilmember Watson,

that a resolution to rescind any previous recommendations regarding A2wineman, LLC and approve issuance of a new full-year Class C quota liquor license in the City of Ann ARbor to A2Wineman, LLC to 504-512 S. Main St. be presented to City Council on the July 20, 2026 agenda. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Committee, Chair Disch called the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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