

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance License Review Board convened in a regular session at 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Michael Smith, City Manager's Office
Board Member Aram Chaparyan, City Manager's Office
Board Member Jasun Botiller, Business Manager-Cultural Arts Center

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Patrick Sullivan,
Senior Account Clerk Jill Weldin
Police Detective Jack Latham

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Member Chaparyan, seconded by Member Botiller, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; hearing no objection, Chairman Smith so ordered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Items 4A through 4E were considered together)

4A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2010

4B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 16, 2010

4C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2010

4D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 16, 2010

4E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 30, 2010

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of the January 19, February 16, March 2, March 16 and March 30, 2010 License Review Board minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

5A. 186TH STREET MARKET

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a grocery store with the sale of alcohol.

Sonear Phev, owner of 186th Street Market, 18545 Western Avenue, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a grocery store with the sale of alcohol and verified that she had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcohol.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of 186th Street Market's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5B. EL SALTO RESTAURANT

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a restaurant with the sale of alcohol.

Considered out of order, see pages 5-6.

5C. RESTAURANT KOSHIJI

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a restaurant with the sale of alcohol.

Nagayuki Ebata, owner of Restaurant Koshiji, 22807 Hawthorne Boulevard, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a restaurant with the sale of alcohol and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcohol.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of Restaurant Koshiji's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5D. 2020 COMMUNICATIONS

The following applicants have applied for Solicitor's Permits to work for 2020 Communications:

1. SIEGFRIED JURGEN PETERS (No representative present)
2. BRIAN MATTHEW TOLLEFSON (No representative present)

Item was deferred to June 1, 2010.

5E. U.S. SECURITY ASSOCIATES, INC

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a Security Guard Business.

Christopher Lether, operations manager for U.S. Security Associates, Inc., 1520 Cameron Avenue, Unit 225, West Covina, confirmed the application for a Business License to allow the operation of a security guard business in Torrance and verified that a representative had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing this type of business.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of U.S. Security Associates' application for a Business License to operate a Security Guard Business. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5F. NEW WAVE TRADING CORPORATION

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a Secondhand Dealer.

Namie Parks, owner of New Wave Trading Corporation, confirmed the application to operate as a Secondhand Dealer selling used industrial scrap materials from her home on Ladeene Avenue. She verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the applicable laws.

In response to Member Botiller's inquiry, Ms. Parks confirmed that the materials would not be stored at her home.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of New Wave Trading Corporation's application for a Secondhand Dealer License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5G. PURE LIFE ACUPUNCTURE & WELLNESS CENTER

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of an acupuncture establishment.

Erika Barrantes, owner of Pure Life Acupuncture & Wellness Center, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate an acupuncture establishment at 23821 Hawthorne Boulevard, and verified that she had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing this type of business.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of Pure Life Acupuncture & Wellness Center's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5H. ANGELS SPA MASSAGE

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment (Change of Ownership).

Rudy Meoli, new owner of Angels Spa Massage, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a massage establishment at 20101 Anza Avenue and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing this type of business.

Responding to questions from the Board, Mr. Meoli reported that the facility has been deep cleaned since he purchased it and he plans to add another massage room; confirmed that anyone he hires will be certified by the State of California; and indicated that he intends to be on-site approximately 30% of the time.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of Angel Spa Massage's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5I. ELITE ACUPUNCTURE & MASSAGE

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment.

With a friend of the applicant, George Chaing, acting as interpreter, Chunsheng Zhang, owner of Elite Acupuncture & Massage, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a massage establishment at 24211 Hawthorne Boulevard and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing this type of business.

Responding to questions from the Board with the aid of the interpreter, Mr. Zhang explained that he had originally planned to offer acupuncture treatments when he opened the business, but now plans to offer massages only. He reported that the business is open seven days a week and he plans to be on-site for at least four of them.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of Elite Acupuncture & Massage's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5J. JASMINE MASSAGE

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment (Change of Ownership).

Juan Xin, new owner of Jasmine Massage, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a massage establishment at 2112 Artesia Boulevard and verified that she had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing this type of business.

Responding to questions from the Board, Ms. Xin reported that the business has been painted and the carpeting has been cleaned since she purchased it; that her state massage therapist license is pending and she as one employee at this time; and that she plans to be at the business approximately 30% of the time. She noted that she currently owns a massage business in Redondo Beach, which she intends to sell so she can focus on the Torrance business.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of Jasmine Massage's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5K. VAIK SAAKYAN

Application for approval off a Taxi Driver Permit.

(The applicant indicated that he might need someone to interpret for him for purposes of clarity because English is not his native language. He confirmed that he

speaks Armenian and Board member Chaparyan agreed to provide assistance as needed.)

Chairman Smith noted that staff has recommended denial of the Taxi Driver Permit based on TMC §33.16.110(f) because Mr. Saakyan failed to disclose a conviction on his application.

Police Detective Jack Latham advised that a background check of Vaik Saakyan's fingerprints revealed a conviction in June of 2009 for one count of 30.717(8)(A) of the Pomona Municipal Code (No vending vehicle parking within 300 feet of a school/park) and Mr. Saakyan had indicated that he had no convictions on his application, therefore, staff was recommending denial of the permit.

Vaik Saakyan explained that he did not list the parking violation on the application because it states, "any convictions for violations of any law, other than traffic laws."

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan provided clarification regarding the court record, which indicates that the offense was an infraction and the total fine was \$87.00.

Mr. Saakyan submitted a printout from Choice Point Incorporated concerning his driving record, which shows that his driving record is clear with no violations and no points.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not track municipal code violations.

Mr. Saakyan reported that he recently had a criminal background check in the City of Santa Monica and his record is clear.

Chairman Smith stated that he was inclined to grant the Taxi Driver's Permit because he could understand how Mr. Saakyan could have interpreted this conviction to be a parking violation that did not need to be disclosed.

Member Chaparyan indicated that he favored approving the Taxi Driver's Permit on a six-month basis.

Member Botiller noted his concurrence with his colleagues' comments.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved to approve Vaik Saakyan's application for a Taxi Driver's Permit for a period of six months, to be extended to full term if there are no additional criminal violations. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Member Chaparyan explained the terms of the approval to Mr. Saakyan.

Agenda item 5B was considered out of order at this time.

5B. EL SALTO RESTAURANT

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a restaurant with the sale of alcohol.

Israel Sanchez, owner of El Salto Restaurant, 2130 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Unit D, confirmed the application for a Business License to operate a restaurant with the sale of alcohol and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcohol.

MOTION: Member Chaparyan moved for the approval of El Salto Restaurant's application for a Business License. The motion was seconded by Member Botiller, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 a.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved as Submitted July 20, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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