

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON JUNE 24, 2010.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverview, St. Louis County, Missouri, met at City Hall, 9699 Lilac Drive at 5:30 p.m. on June 24, 2010.

At the time and place, upon roll being called, there were found to be present the following named officers and members of the Board.

Trustee Howard Pierce	Present
Trustee Craig W. Boehmer	Present
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Present
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Present
Chairman Steve Paro	Present

Village Clerk Megan Asikainen, Building Commissioner Dan Fraley, and Village Attorney Christopher B. Graville were also present.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Paro to discuss liquor license applications for North County Grocery and Liquor, 9948 Diamond Drive, applicant Debra Stanley, and RAQQA Food Mart, 352 Chambers Road, applicant Abraham Abdalla.

Attorney Graville invited Debra Stanley, applicant, North County Grocery and Liquor, 9948 Diamond Drive to come forward to address the Board regarding her liquor license application. Ms. Stanley stated that she was purchasing the business from the current owner and was leasing the building space. Attorney Graville asked Ms. Stanley to present a copy of the lease agreement with the landlord. Ms. Stanley provided said copy. Ms. Stanley also provided the Board with a copy of a letter from Pastor Linden Bowie and the Board of the Zion Traveler's Missionary Baptist Church, located at 351 Chambers Road stating that they had no problem with the liquor license application. Attorney Graville asked that this letter become part of the record of this meeting.

Chairman Paro called for any citizen comments related to the liquor license at 9948 Diamond Drive. Property owner Gary Mitchell stated that he owns property near this address and complained about trash that comes on to his property from the stores at Diamond and Chambers. He also complained about people loitering at the intersection.

A motion was made by Trustee Bruce Stocker and seconded by Trustee Craig Boehmer to approve the liquor license application for applicant Debra Stanley, North County Grocery and Liquor, 9948 Diamond Drive. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

Attorney Graville invited Abraham Abdalla, applicant, RAQQA Food Mart, 352 Chambers Road to come forward to address the Board regarding his liquor license application. Mr. Abdalla stated that he was purchasing the property with the intent to open a grocery and liquor store. He said he had previous experience running food marts in Illinois. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Abdalla if the sales contract was contingent on being granted the Village liquor license. Mr. Abdalla responded that it was not. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Abdalla to provide the Board with a copy of the purchase agreement. Mr. Abdalla provided said copy. Mr. Abdalla also provided the Board with a copy of a letter from Deacon Hershel Wilson and the Board of the Zion Traveler's Missionary Baptist Church located at 351 Chambers Road stating that they had no problem with the liquor license application. Attorney Graville asked that this letter become part of the record of this meeting.

Attorney Graville asked the Board if they required any further information from Mr. Abdalla regarding the liquor license application. He stated that the Ordinance allowed them to set restrictions on the hours of operation of the business but that they should do this during this stage of the liquor license application. A discussion ensued regarding the nature of the business, the building renovations to be undertaken, and the proposed hours of business.

Chairman Paro called for any citizen comments related to the liquor license at 352 Chambers Road. Property owner Gary Mitchell stated his objections regarding the trash and loitering. He also expressed concern about public safety on that corner. Attorney Graville responded that the Village requires a dumpster enclosure on the business and added that the Board could also require a fence to be placed between the food mart and the adjoining residential property. Resident Lynda Foster, 10063 Northgate stated that she objects to the liquor license because there are existing businesses in close proximity. She also objected to the sign on the property. Building Commissioner Fraley responded that the sign had been reviewed and met the Code requirements. Ola Dodolewa, current owner of North County Grocery and Liquor, 9948 Diamond Drive, stated that he had spoken with Mr. Abdalla about purchasing his business. He said that he objected to the liquor license because he believes that it is Mr. Abdalla's intention to drive the other stores in the Village out of business. Hershel Wilson, Deacon, Zion Traveler's Missionary Baptist Church, 351 Chambers, stated that the church Board took both liquor license applications very seriously and determined that they would be in favor of any business that may benefit the Village, and granted the approval for both liquor licenses.

A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Phyllis Paro to approve the liquor license application for applicant Abraham Abdalla, RAQQA Food Mart, 352 Chambers Road with the restriction that a sight proof fence be constructed between the commercial property at 352 Chambers and the adjoining residential property at 348 Chambers and that liquor not be sold past 11:00 p.m. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steve Paro, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Megan Asikainen, Village Clerk