

**LICENSE HEARING MINUTES**  
**Ally Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Holman's Table at 644 Bayfield St.**  
**Thursday, December 14-2017, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Room 330 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West**  
**Nhia Vang, Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer**

The hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Kris Schweinler, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)

Licensee: Troy Reding, Applicant/Owner  
Ally Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Holman's Table

License Application: Liquor On Sale- 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, and  
Liquor- Outdoor Service Area (Patio) Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale  
(Strong), and Entertainment (A).

Others Present: Gary Schmidt, Director of Airport Commissioner, and Gjerry Berquist, Citizen

Ms. Vang stated that this was an informal legislative hearing for a license application. This particular license required a Class N notification which means the neighborhood was notified and people had the chance to voice their concerns. The City received a letter of concern/objection which triggered the hearing. There were three possible results from this hearing: 1) recommend the City Council issue this license without any conditions; 2) recommend the City Council issue this license with agreed upon conditions; or 3) recommend the City Council not issue this license but refer it to the city attorney to take an adverse action on the application, which could involve review by an administrative law judge. The applicant will be required to sign a Conditions Affidavit demonstrating the understanding of the conditions.

DSI staff will explain their review of the application and state their recommendation. Then the applicant will be asked to discuss their business plan. Next, members from the community will be invited to testify whether they were in objection or support of the license application. At the end of the hearing, Ms. Vang will make a recommendation for the City Council to consider. Her recommendation will be on the Consent Agenda; the City Council is the final authority on whether the license is approved or denied.

Ms. Schweinler reviewed the license conditions:

1. Licensee agrees to operate the establishment in compliance with Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code as a "Restaurant".
2. Licensee agrees to close the establishment at 12:00 a.m. midnight. All patron/customers shall vacate the premises by 12:30 a.m. each day of the week as per Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Ms. Vang asked Mr. Reding to talk about his business: history, hours of operation, number of employees, etc.

He responded that the restaurant is targeting to be a destination place for the public and a place for business meetings offering companies the option of flying in and out. He has managed a successful restaurant namely the Rock Elm in Plymouth. He has been in the business for over 30 years. Total employees to help with the business is between 30-40 employees. In the future, he hopes add catering to the business. This will be the only restaurant at Bayfield. The business hours will be 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. The current site plan does include the seating for the outdoor patio. This business is smaller than any other restaurant he has previously managed. The previous business that he is taking over had operated for 3 years before closing. He is hoping to do better by making the restaurant a destination place for nearby residents and businesses, especially for parents who may want to go to his establishment while their kids may prefer to go to Applebee's.

Ms. Vang asked more about the location, parking, license type and training. Mr. Reding stated that training will be provided to meet the liquor requirements. Parking will not be an issue because of its location.

Ms. Vang then invited members of the public to testify in support or in opposition of the license application. Mr. Gjerry Berquist, 4636 Washburn Avenue South (Minneapolis), testified and stated his objections to the license application for the following reasons: concerns over TAX relief, flood wall, and use of airport policies. *(His email was also made a part of this record).*

Ms. Vang also stated for the record that Mr. Reding already received a 45-day waiver approval from the City Council on December 13, 2017, including support from the District Council per resolution (RES 17-1953) when asked about denying the license application.

Mr. Schmidt testified about the history of Holman and its past struggle with the flooding. He believes that the condition of site is stable because of the flood wall. There is a need for the restaurant for the airport. He testified his support for Mr. Reding's application because of his more than 30 years-experience in managing restaurants.

Ms. Vang stated that after reviewing the records and testimony presented, she will recommend to the City Council that they approve the license with the existing license conditions:

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The hearing adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The Conditions Affidavit was signed and submitted on October 14, 2017.