



City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Minutes

September 16, 2015

- I. Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Memphis Alcohol Commission was called to order by Sergeant-At-Arms Officer Gerald Lake at approximately 9:21 a.m.
- II. Roll Call** - The following Commissioners were present: Barry Chase, Billy Post, Africa Gonzalez-McCloy and alternate Commissioners Beth Flanagan, Lee Jackson and Gloria Fouche. Commissioners Eugene Bryant, Erma Hayslett, Jared Johnson, Johnsie Wallace, Sherman Greer and Wayne West were absent.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting** - The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. *Commissioner Chase motioned approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. Special Beer Applicant(s):**
1. Jack Simon – Overton Square Tower Courtyard – **“Brister Street Music Festival”**
Date(s): **October 10, 2015** – Time: **11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Brister Street Production**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 3 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*
 2. Susan Green – Formal Garden (Overton Park) – **“A Magical Night at Overton Park”**
Date(s): **October 17, 2015** – Time: **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Overton Park Conservancy**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*
 3. Jacqueline Jimenez – 1555 Madison - **“The Beer and Bacon Festival”**
Date(s): **September 27, 2015** – Time: **10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **B98.1 The Max & V3 Fights**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable & Profit; 3 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*

4. Claudia Stenberg- Audubon Park – “**Pink Palace Crafts Fair**”
Date(s): **October 9-11, 2015** – Time: (Oct. 9-10) **10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & (Oct. 11) 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Friends of the Pink Palace**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 200 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.
5. Andy Ashby – 795 Cooper – “**Cooper-Young Beerfest**”
Date(s): **October 17, 2015** – Time: **1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Cooper Young Community Association**
Purpose of funds: **Profit; 35 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.
6. Paul Stephens – 198 Dr. ML King – “**Station Three**”
Date(s): **September 29 - October 17, 2015** – Time: (Mon. – Sat.) **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. & (Sun.) 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Firehouse Revival, LLC**
Purpose of funds: **Profit; 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.
7. Chris Brooks – 8250 Varnavas – “**SFA’s 1st Annual Best Bites of Memphis**”
Date(s): **October 10, 2015** – Time: **7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **N/A**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.
8. William Walker – Lot between 2110 Madison & 2094 Madison – “**Schweinehaus Oktoberfest**”
Date(s): **September 26, 2015** – Time: **11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **ALSAC – St. Jude**
Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.

9. Roy Barnes Jr. – 996 Early Maxwell – **“Roundhouse Revival 2”**
 Date(s): **October 4, 2015** – Time: **1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
 Sponsoring Organization: **Coliseum Coalition**
 Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 2 booth(s)**
 Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.

10. Maria Fuhrmann – Promenade behind Cossitt & U of M Law School – **“Promenade!”**
 Date(s): **October Weekends** – Time: **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
 Sponsoring Organization: **City of Memphis, U of M Law, DMC, RDC**
 Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 1 booth(s)**
 Walter Battle represented the location without providing a background check. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval pending the receipt of a background check for the applicant. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*

11. Daniel Taylor – 4th & Beale – **“Mid-South Pride Festival & Parade”**
 Date(s): **September 26, 2015** – Time: **10:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
 Rain Date(s): **September 27, 2015** – Time: **12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
 Sponsoring Organization: **Mid-South Pride**
 Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 4 booth(s)**
 Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.

12. Jared Bullock – 335 S. Hollywood – **“Best of Memphis Party”**
 Date(s): **September 30, 2015** – Time: **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
 Sponsoring Organization: **Leadership Memphis**
 Purpose of funds: **Charitable; 8 booth(s)**
 Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.

V. Violation(s):

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5, D-4 WITH priors:

13. Wahib A. Al-Qahshi – 2466 Jackson - dba – **“Saver Stop #3”** – Citation #780490, #C328759
 Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 18, 2015 C5 D4**
Wednesday, September 2, 2015 C5
 Date Permit Approved: 09-21-2011
Prior Violation(s): 04-06-2013 D4
 Officer(s): Gwinn #0135, Hightower #13148, Smith #8636, Richardson #1326, Martini #12088, Holmes #12128
 Attorney James Curry and the owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved a \$1,750.00 fine plus a 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of the permit. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

14. Bezuneh Tessema – 221 McLemore - dba – “BT’s Shell” – Citation #525629
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 23, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 05-02-2007
Prior Violation(s): 09-30-2014 C4 C5 D4; (8/15/2013 C5 D4; 12-23-2013 C5 D4) heard together – License Revoke 1-7-2015, file Court Document –WRIT
Officer(s): Cartright #0181, Smith #13147, Stepney #1348, Johnson #10600
Per Attorney request to be continue to October 7, 2015 meeting.
15. Isshaq N. Saleh – 1252 E. McLemore - dba – “McLemore Express” – Citation #525633
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 23, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 1-22-2014
Prior Violation(s): 08-13-2014 C4 C5 D4
Officer(s): Cartwright #0181, Smith #13147, Stepney #1348, Johnson #10600
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved a \$950.00 fine plus a 60 day probation or 30 day suspension of the permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
16. Ramakrishhm Chede – 4150 Millbranch - dba – “Rain Food & Fuel” – Citation #780328
Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 11, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 02-04-2015
Prior Violation(s): 01-26-2015 C1
Officer(s): Springfield #13143, Ward #0502, O’Brien #10126, Johnson #2884
Per Owner request to be continue to October 7, 2015 meeting.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4, C-5 WITH priors:

17. Juan Castelan – 5848 Winchester - dba – “Taqueria Guadalupana #2” – Citation #127280 #C335290, #C335289
Date of Violation: **Friday, July 10, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 12-19-2007
Prior Violation(s): 08-23-2014 C4, C5
Officer(s): Stepney #1348, Smith #13147, Cartwright #13159, Galison #3156
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved for a 30 day suspension of their permit or fine the location \$950.00 along with 60 day probation. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5, D-4 NO priors:

18. Abidin Shato – 1701 Jackson - dba – “King’s Grocery & Deli” – Citation #780491
Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 18, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-04-2009
Officer(s): Gwinn #0135, Hightower #13148, Smith #8636, Richardson #1326
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4, C-5 NO priors:

19. Yon Jin Park – 1306 N. Hollywood - dba – **“Hollywood Community Grocery” – Citation #780406; C335246**
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 16, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 05-02-2007
Officer(s): Segrest #13142, Ward #0502, Galison #3156
Ms. Park did not stipulate to the charges and stated she was no longer the owner of the business. Ms. Park stated the business was sold in March 2015 and that she still has the permit which she is willing to surrender. Officer Galison, IBM #3156, was duly sworn and stated that he had entered the location and that there was no permit posted. ***Commissioner Chase moved to dismiss the violations assessed to Ms. Park. Ms. Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*** Staff was instructed to notify the current owner of the violations and to schedule them for a hearing and to notify them that they are not allowed to sale beer using the old owners permit.
20. Elmer Wilburn – 1321 Mississippi - dba – **“Mississippi Corner Grocery” – Citation #780478; OS335510**
Date of Violation: **Friday, July 24, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 04-17-1985
Officer(s): Smith #13147, Stepney #1348, Smith #8636
Maria Milton, the owner daughter represented and stipulated to the charges. ***Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*** The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
21. Gabelinda De Paz – 4069 Summer - dba – **“Palmer Mexican Restaurant” – Citation #780378, #C335177**
Date of Violation: **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-03-2012
Officer(s): Boykin #10107, Smith #1943, Richardson #1326
Commissioner Chase moved to lift Indefinite Suspension. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed. Attorney Junis Ganguli and owner stipulated to the charges. ***Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*** The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-15, D-2 NO priors:

22. Marco Puerto – 6195 Macon Ste. 9, 10, 11 - dba – **“Dos Amigos Restaurant” – Citation #525630; OS370926**
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 23, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 12-18-2013
Officer(s): Cartwright #0181, Smith #13147, Payne #13141, Caldwell #13144
The owner did not stipulated to the charges. Mr. Puerto stated he sold the business in April 2015, and the new owner(s) are at the location, working under his beer license and he surrender beer license. ***Commissioner Chase moved to Indefinite Suspend the location citation will be heard under new ownership of the business. Commissioner Gonzalez- McCloy seconded. The motion passed.***

23. Ray Kien – 990 N. Germantown Pkwy Ste. 104 - dba – “Green Bamboo” – Citation #716843; #C335508
Date of Violation: **Friday, July 17, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 07-07-2010
Officer(s): Caldwell #13144, Cartwright #13159, Smith #8636, Stepney #1348
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5 NO priors:

24. Gong F. Louie – 2948 Chelsea - dba – “Louie & Sue Super Market” – Citation #780497
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 16, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-27-1985
Officer(s): Stepney #1348, Payne #13141, Smith #8636, Taylor #1828
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
25. Husein Almoraisi – 348 Vance - dba – “Vance Grocery” – Citation #71087
Date of Violation: **Friday, July 24, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-01-2006
Officer(s): Thomas #13149, Ward #0502, Galison #3156, Richardson #1326
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
26. Nawazali A. Virji – 800 E H Crump - dba – “Crump Gas Food Mart Inc.” – Citation #71088
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 23, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-04-2015
Officer(s): Williams #13150, Ward 0502, Galison #3156
Aman Devji represented the location without Power of Attorney documentation. Mr. Devji stated he is part of the corporation. *Commissioner Chase moved to continue location to October 7, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*
27. Nabil Haimed – 1245 N. Hollywood - dba – “B-52 Market” – Citation #780405
Date of Violation: **Thursday, July 16, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 02-19-2014
Officer(s): Hightower #13148, Ward #0502, Galison #3156
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

28. John Burdick – 661 N. Mendenhall - dba – “Bar Light” – Citation #780333
Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 18, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 02-19-2014
Officer(s): Carey #13156, Stepney #1348, Ward #0502, Bonner #0043
Attorney Jaber and owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
29. Rebecca Lin – 1250 N. Germantown Pkwy Ste. 101 - dba – “Sake Sushi Bar & Lounge LLC” – Citation #780414
Date of Violation: **Friday, July 17, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 01-21-2015
Officer(s): Caldwell #13144, Cartwright #13159, Hotz #13140, Stepney #1348, Smith #8636
The owner stipulated to the charges and stated she sold the business was no longer owner at the location. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to take the 30 Day Suspension.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-15 NO priors:

30. Zaid Ozrail – 682 N. Waring - dba – “Z Market” – Citation #780334
Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 18, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 08-04-2004
Officer(s): Hightower #13148, Ward #0502, Bonner #0043
Attorney Jack Sherman stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4 NO priors:

31. Murad Sarfani – 4679 Elvis Presley - dba – “Carryon Elvis” – Citation #C335244
Date of Violation: **Saturday, July 11, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 08-01-2012
Officer(s): Ward #0502, O’Brien #10126
Commissioner Chase moved to life Indefinite Suspension. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed. Attorney Brian Yokum stipulated to the charges.
Commissioner Chase moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension of their permit. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed. The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

VI. The following person(s) has applied to sell beer for “ON” premises consumption:

32. Richard Corley, Jeremy Denno, Richard K. Moody – 3445 Poplar Ste. 1– Pizza Company, LLC – dba – **“Rock N Dough Pizza & Brew Company”**

Neg. Sign

Need Certificate of Occupancy & Certificate of Registration – continued from August 5, 19, & September 2, 2015 meetings.

Commissioner Chase moved to continued location to October 7, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.

33. Loures A. Ochoa – 5040 Raleigh Lagrange Ste. 8 – La Potra Sports Bar, LLC - dba – **“La Potra Sports Bar, LLC”**

Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*

VII. The following person(s) has applied to sell beer for “OFF” premises consumption:

34. Saleh Al Jaradi – 2915 Austin Peay – Citgo Mart, LLC - dba – **“Citgo”**

Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*

35. Ramzy Murshed – 2444 Lamar – Belquis, Inc. - dba – **“Tiger Mart & Deli”**

Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*

36. Mohammed Ahmad – 4480 Millbranch – dba – **“Shop-N-Go”**

Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The motion passed.*

37. Skandar Rehematullah – 1708 Winchester – A & N 1708 Winchester Rd. Inc. - dba – **“Shop-N-Go”**

Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved approval. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The motion passed.*

VIII. Liquor Store(s):

None

IX. New Business:

X. Old Business:

XI. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Chase moved for adjournment at approximately 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Gonzalez-McCloy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Billy Post, Chairman

Date

Aubrey J. Howard, Executive Secretary

Date