

**City of Northville**  
**Liquor License Review Committee**  
**May 18, 2015**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Liquor License Review Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmember Ryan McKindles, and Member John Buckland were present.

Also present were City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa, Police Chief Michael Carlson, and representatives from Richards Restaurant Group, L.L.C.

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion McKindles, seconded by Buckland** to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Buckland seconded by McKindles** to approve the March 30, 2015 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Request to Transfer Class C and SDM Liquor License - 144 Mary Alexander Court**

Richards Restaurant Group, L.L.C. (RRG), owned by Gregory Richards, William Richards, and Deborah Richards, is requesting transfer of ownership of an escrowed Class C and SDM Liquor License, owned by HFTFA, Inc. in Harper Woods. The current license has both an AM and PM Sunday Sales permit, Specific Purpose Food permit, as well as a Dance and Entertainment permit. RRG is requesting to drop the AM Sunday Sales and Entertainment permits and add an Outdoor Service permit to the license. The business is to be located at 144 Mary Alexander Court, which is currently being renovated to accommodate this business.

The applicants have completed the Liquor License Review Committee Application indicating they intend to operate a full service Asian restaurant and bar doing business as Wok Asian Bistro ("Wok"). Their plan indicates they will have an interior seating capacity for 70 patrons, six of which will be at the bar and an additional 40 in an outdoor service area. Their plan of operation indicates that the business will be open 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and Noon to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. They

anticipate sales of 80% food and 20% alcohol. Patrons of the restaurant will park in public parking or the parking lot at the rear of the building, which is shared with other businesses within the multi-unit building.

Gregory Richards will run the day-to-day operations of this business. He has managed several restaurants and was the director of operations for a large stir-fry restaurant chain in Arizona. William and Deborah Richards have not been involved in the restaurant business. The Police Department has conducted a background check and has not found any negative business or Liquor License issues involving any of the applicants. All fees and costs have been paid by the applicants. Staff can find no reason to object to the approval of this request subject to final inspections and code compliance.

Public hearing opened at 7:03 p.m. No comments. Public hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

The applicant stated the restaurant would be a combination of a PF Chang's and "create your own" stir fry. The restaurant will have do-it-yourself woks, a full menu, and a "build-your-own" option. Menu items will be fresh. They will also offer "text messaging" seating so that people can explore the downtown while waiting for a table to become available. They are excited to be in Northville and hope their restaurant will be unique and bring in new people from outside the City.

**Motion McKindles, seconded by Buckland** to recommend that City Council take no action to object to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the request by Richards Restaurant Group, L.L.C. to transfer a Class C and SDM license with PM Sunday Sales, Specific Purpose (food) Permit, and Outdoor Service Permit. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa  
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 10/5/2015