A regular meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 11, 2010 in the Council Board Room of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Committee member Patrick C. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT:	W. Stan Godlewski Patrick C. Hall Andrew Kaltsounis David S. Ogg Timothy P. Payne Bohdan L. Ukrainec
ABSENT:	Max K. Ehlert, Chairman
ALSO PRESENT:	Officer James Feld Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney Laurent Harden, student representative Dane Lepola, student representative Pat Gladysz

Resolution to Excuse Committee Member Ehlert

Resolution #LC2010-01-001
Moved by Payne
Seconded by Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, That the absence of Committee member Ehlert at the Liquor Advisory Committee meeting of January 11, 2010 be **EXCUSED**.

Yes:	6
No:	0
Absent:	Ehlert

Resolution to Approve Minutes of December 14, 2009 Meeting

Resolution #LC2010-01-002
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Ehlert

Agenda Items

1. **The Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit** requests a New Club License to be located at 2360 Rochester (*former site of the Mountain Jack's Restaurant @ the northwest corner of Rochester and Stephenson Highway, next to the Red Roof Inn*), Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County {MLCC Req. #520848}. *The Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit would like approval of the New Club License pending final inspections. Once approved, they will begin reconstruction of the existing building to suit their needs. License will not be issued until the building passing the final inspections.*

Present to answer questions from the Committee was John Thomson, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit.

Mr. Thomson explained to the Committee that the Saint Andrew's Society is a 501.3c organization, is the oldest ethnic organization in the state of Michigan, and is the oldest continuously operating charitable organization in the state of Michigan. All members are of Scottish decent. Their membership totals just under 500, with approximately 70%-80% of those members being active.

The Society sold their building on Congress in Detroit approximately 20 years ago. Since that time, they have rented office space in Southfield and have held their meetings at the Commonwealth Club in Warren. The Society recently purchased the building at 2360 Rochester Road and $300,000 in renovations is underway, with March completion expected. The establishment will be available for use and rental by its members, but not to the general public. The club license will permit the Society to serve or sell beer, wine, and spirits to its members and their guests.

Resolution #LC2010-01-003
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Godlewski

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of the Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit for a new Club License to be located at 2360 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083 be **APPROVED**, pending all final inspections.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Ehlert

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2. **Ramchin, Inc.** requests to transfer ownership of Escrowed 2009 Class C & SDM Licensed Business with Official Permit (Food), located at 6123 Highland, Waterford, MI 48327, Waterford Township, Oakland County, from McQuistion's Airport Inn; Transfer location Governmental Unit issued under MCL 436.1531(1) to 2940 Rochester, Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County {MLCC Req. #533231}. *This is currently Ram's Horn Restaurant at Big Beaver and Rochester Road. Suk Nies will hire his son (Jason Nies) and son-in-law (Jon Robinson) to manage the restaurant which will be called The Hills City Grill. Jason Nies and Jon Robinson are currently partners at the Hills Grille in Rochester Hills. Mr. Suk Nies would like approval of the Class C and SDM License pending final inspections. Once approved, he will begin reconstruction of the existing building to suit the new restaurant needs. License will not be issued until the building passing final inspections.*

Present to answer questions from the Committee were attorney Kelly Allen, Suk Nies, and Jon Robinson.

Mr. Nies has been in the restaurant business since 1972 and has leased the Rochester Road location since 1980. Their location in Rochester Hills has done very well and has received no violations. They will continue many of their current menu items and will operate as a 24-hour full-service restaurant. The owner and managers are prepared to train their staff in alcohol management. The interior renovations will be confined to the dining area. The exterior renovations will be aesthetic in nature. They have a common parking area with the Hooters restaurant.

Resolution #LC2010-01-004
Moved by Godlewski
Seconded by Ukrainec

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of Ramchin, Inc. to transfer ownership of escrowed 2009 Class C and SDM licensed business with official permit (food) located at 6123 Highland, Waterford, MI 48327, Oakland County, from McQuistion's Airport Inn to 2940 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083 be **APPROVED**, pending all final inspections.

Yes:	6
No:	0
Absent:	Ehlert

3. **Mermiles Inc.** requests transfer ownership of 2009 Class C Licensed Business with outdoor service (1 Area) located at 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083 (*Mr. B's – Southeast Corner of Rochester and Wattles* – also requests new Dance – Entertainment Permit & new SDM Permit {MLCC Req. #519373}.

Present to answer questions from the Committee were Marie Tokar and John Zawadzki.

Ms. Tokar explained to the Committee that she is the new owner of Mr. B's. She previously owned 88th Avenue Lounge in Hamtramck for 9 years and Checkers Lounge in Sterling Heights for 11 years. Mr. Tokar plans to continue with the current menu, but will add some specialties. She would like to utilize the current stage for an occasional live band, disc jockey, karaoke, and dancing. The current parquet floor will be utilized for dancing when tables are re-arranged.

The Committee questioned the parking lot capacity. Ms. Tokar explained that the entire parking lot is available for their use, as well as the adjoining lot to the south.

The Committee questioned the size of the dance floor. Ms. Tokar and Mr. Zawadzki explained that the dance floor size will be dictated by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and they will adhere specifically to their guidelines.

Resolution #LC2010-01-005
Moved by Godlewski
Seconded by Payne

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of Mermiles, Inc. to transfer ownership of 2009 Class C Licensed Business with outdoor service (one area) located at 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083 with new Dance-Entertainment Permit and new SDM Permit be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Ehlert

Informational Items

Officer Feld updated the Committee on the following informational item:

Manzo-Helton, LLC
This item will most likely appear on the February agenda.

Additional Items

The Agenda lists the 2010 proposed meeting dates. A meeting will be cancelled if there are no items for action.

Office Feld informed the Committee that the Directed Patrol Unit of the Troy Police Department conducted the fourth and final inspection for 2009 of all licensed establishments in Troy. Kruse & Muer at 911 Wilshire Drive was the only violation. Violation hearings before Troy City Council will occur in February or March.

Officer Feld answered questions from the Committee regarding the December 31, 2009 party at the Embassy Suites hotel.

Committee members complimented Officer Feld for including specific location details for Agenda Items. They appreciate his extra effort.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Patrick C. Hall, Committee Member

Patricia A. Gladysz, Secretary II