

City of Pittsburgh

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Affairs

Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. CC -1193 from White Hawks Social Club, 1025 Whitney Court #61, Latrobe, PA 15650, to Applicant, Da Village Social Club Plus Incorporated, c/o Karen Mitchel, 2738 Merwyn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, for the premises located at 48 Greenway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, known as Da Village Social Club Plus, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 11/17/22)

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses the request for approval of an intermunicipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. CC-1193 from White Hawks Social Club, 1025 Whitney Court #61, Latrobe, PA 15650, to Applicant, Da Village Social Club Plus Incorporated, c/o Karen Mitchell, 2738 Merwyn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, for the premises located at 48 Greenway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, known as Da Village Social Club Plus, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

Section 2. Request for Approval

Da Village Social Club Plus Incorporated, c/o Karen Mitchell, which has a mailing address of 2738 Merwyn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, submitted a request for approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. CC-1193, which is currently registered to White Hawks Social Club, 1025 Whitney Court #61, Latrobe, PA 15650, desires to place a restaurant liquor license into premises known and numbered as 48 Greenway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, known as Da Village Social Club Plus. The proposed interior of the premises is a 5,532 square foot space for the restaurant and tavern business.

Section 3. Public Hearing

City Council shall set a date for Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing in the City of Pittsburgh concerning Da Village Social Club Plus Incorporated, c/o Karen Mitchell, 2738 Merwyn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204 intent to the above liquor license.

Section 4. Approval or Denial of Request

After the Public Hearing which was held November 17, 2022, and within 45 days of the introduction of this Resolution, City Council shall render a decision to approve or disapprove the request of Da Village Social Club Plus, for inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license. City Council must approve Da Village Social

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Club Plus, request unless it finds that approval would adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the City of Pittsburgh or its residents.

Pursuant to 47 P.S. Sec 4-461(b.3) Mayor's Signature Not Required

Section 5. Community Concerns and Best Practice Remedies Da Village Social Club Plus

Having listened to residents at the initial Pittsburgh City Council license transfer hearing and at the community meeting hosted at the premise on January 3, 2023, Da Village Social Club Plus, ("Da Village"), offers the following best practices to remedy community concerns.

<u>Parking To address the community's concerns about parking and congestion in front of the business premises:</u>

- Communicate parking details and maps of approved parking locations to members and their guests in rental contracts, on website and event flyers.
- Only allow parking in front of the business where designated spaces are marked.
- To prevent access into residential area, restrict patron's vehicles traveling beyond the sheet metal business.
- Implement overflow parking plan for larger functions or when two lots are full (see attached Parking Plan).
- Assign and station security staff outside of the business to:
 - o implement parking plan
 - o direct patrons to parking
 - o resolve parking issues
 - o assuring peaceful transition of patrons between parking areas and the establishment.
- <u>Proactively assist neighbors to pass through the restricted area to access their residences</u> peacefully.

Noise To address community's concerns of noise and to prevent future sound-related impacts:

- Lower indoor music volume before last call so that patrons lower their speaking volume before exiting the building.
- Post signs near exits that and direct door attendants to remind patrons to respect neighbors and keep noise down.
- Do not allow operation of amplified sound on the exterior of the premises..

Disruptive Behavior Outside To address concerns of disruptive behavior outside the venue:

- Maintain adequate lighting so there are no dark areas for unwanted behavior to occur.
- Post signs outside that security surveillance is in use and disruptive behavior will be documented and reported.
- Provide and maintain receptacles for litter and cigarette refuse.
- As required by state liquor code, do not allow:

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- o possession, sale or use of illegal drugs including marijuana on premises
- o beverage alcohol outside the premises
- o sale of to-go drinks.

Note: Da Village will terminate membership or employment of anyone engaging in the above behaviors.

Late Night Operations To address community concerns about potential for late night impacts:

- Community requests that Da Village operate no later than traditional bar closing time of 2:30 a.m.
- Utilize security staff to facilitate patrons to leave the area after closing.
- Include "no loitering after hours of operation" clause in house rules and member contracts.

Compliance Accountability To assure ongoing peaceful coexistence of business and the surrounding community:

- <u>Facilitate direct communication of issues by providing cell phone numbers of Da Village's on-duty managers and Directors/Officers to nearest neighbors.</u>
- Meet quarterly with neighboring residents and businesses to assess success of remedies and identify areas for improvement.

Note: Da Village's Directors and Officers have opted into Office of Nighttime Economy's newsletter to stay informed of changes to business regulations.

Section 6. Parking Plan

Problem:

Limited parking-We have two parking lots located on the left side of the building.

Solutions:

Certified Security Guards - Three security guards will be monitoring the outside of the establishment at all times. Two will be screening the guest as well as checking their identification. The third guard along with the parking attendant will be monitoring the parking and resolving any confusion.

<u>Parking Attendant - The parking attendant will be located outside working in coordination with the security guards to regulating the parking, so that there is a peaceful transition from patrons parking to them entering the establishment.</u>

Parking Procedures:

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Parking Team will direct traffic to our designated parking areas until parking is full

Parking Team will restrict access to parking area with cones direct excess traffic to the bus way

Parking Team will remove cones for our neighbors pass through

Future:

Valet parking

Shuttle