

MINUTES
LAKE LANIER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, GEORGIA
April 20, 2012 – 2:30 p.m.
(meeting was held via teleconference)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lonice C. Barrett, Chairman
Mr. Craig Dowdy
Mr. Alan Gravel
Mr. John Kieffer
Mr. Richard Riley

STAFF:

Mr. Bill Donohue

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Messrs. Michael Bennett, John Gibb, Wayne Jessup and Mrs. Connie Hagler

VISITORS: Mr. Tom Calkins, LLIDA Legal Counsel, Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar (Special Assistant to the Attorney General)
Mr. Grier Todd, Lake Lanier Islands Management Company, LLC

NOTE : **All referenced materials were provided to Board members.**

I.&II. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lonice Barrett called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and asked that those attending via telephone state their names for the record. The agenda was approved as presented.

III. ACTION ITEM

1. Consider Approval of Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit for On Premise Consumption at Lake Lanier Islands on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Grand Hall Pavilion and Parking Area

Chairman Barrett stated that LLIMC had asked for approval of a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit to be effective on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Islands Grand Hall Pavilion and Parking Area and asked that Mr. Donohue report on the matter. Mr. Donohue explained that the process for liquor licensing is that the State issues its liquor license and the Authority issues a local license. He said that LLIMC's attorney suggested that due to the unique features of the activity, a special event permit be requested. It was noted that under this type permit, unused/unopened alcoholic beverages could be returned to the vendor for credit, thus providing a way for LLIMC to avoid having excess product in its inventory.

In answer to a question, Mr. Todd described the proposed event:

- "Music and Beer Festival" similar to one held in Suwanee City Park recently
- Four bands playing on Saturday afternoon
- Guests pay fee to enter; are ID'd and provided with a small cup for sampling different beer brands from vendor tents on premises
- similar to an "Octoberfest" event

It was noted that during the Suwanee event, 6,000 attended, but that LLIMC expected 2,000 to 3,000.

Legal Counsel Tom Calkins stated it was his opinion that Board action was necessary in this matter because the LLIDA Code of Ordinances stated in Section 12.314.20 that the

Authority is allowed to issue local permits, but that the language also states that “... the Authority shall determine by resolution, as may be amended from time to time, the conditions for the sale of alcohol . . .” For this reason, he continued, it is not within the Executive Director’s administrative authority to approve a local permit and Board action is required.

In answer to a question as to whether this situation meets the criteria for a “special permit”, Mr. Calkins indicated that since it involved sales on the premises with no alcohol being taken off premises, there was no reason that LLIDA would have a problem with it. He said he believed the approval of the “special permit” required Board action.

In answer to a question as to whether additional security measures were being taken, Mr. Todd said that Hall County deputies would be assisting LLIMC. Also, he explained that those serving alcoholic beverages were well trained and every effort would be made to ensure that guests were not allowed to overindulge. Mr. Todd also stressed that LLIMC is extremely sensitive to its image and extra precautions were being taken to see that the event was strictly controlled, including careful monitoring of those leaving in vehicles.

Mr. Kieffer moved to approve the Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit for On Premise Consumption at Lake Lanier Islands on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Grand Hall Pavilion and Parking Area; Mr. Gravel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Donohue provided the following updates:

-- Re Well Testing Project, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Application was sent for a courtesy review so fine tuning can be completed before the submission deadline of May 30, 2012

~Letter of Intent has been signed by all parties

~Confidentiality Agreement is complete and will be executed before testing starts

-- Road Project expected to be substantially complete by May 4, 2012

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

Lonice Barrett
Chairman
Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority

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