

**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY & REGULATORY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

In the Matter of Columbia Golf Course
Held by Prom Catering
Dbas: Columbia Golf Course
Liquor Catering License

**FINDINGS OF FACT
CONCLUSION AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

This matter came on for a License Settlement Conference (“LSC”) meeting on Thursday, July 12th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1 of City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. The LSC meeting was held to discuss issues related to the operation of Columbia Golf Course, located at 3300 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418 pursuant to a Notice to Appear, dated June 12th, 2007. Present at the LSC meeting was the following representative Prom Catering: William Given, Vice President, license holder, and Patricia Belde, Food and Beverage Director. Also present were the following representatives of the City of Minneapolis: Manager of Licenses and Consumer Services Ricardo Cervantes, Lieutenant Steven Kincaid, Commander of the Minneapolis Police License Investigation Division, Sergeant Kent B. Warnberg of the Minneapolis Police License Investigation Division, and liquor inspector, Linda Roberts.

Based upon the agreement between the parties and all files and records contained herein, the Committee makes the following recommendation:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Minneapolis Police Department License Investigation Division conducts youth alcohol compliance checks in an effort to assure retail-alcohol license holders are not serving alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

2. On May 26th, 2005, the Minneapolis Police License Investigation Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Columbia Golf Course. A 19 year old male and 20 year old female were sent into the business in an attempt to purchase alcohol. Both of the shoppers ordered two cans of beer. The server who took their order, never asked their age, nor for any identification. The server then brought them two open cans of beer. The server did not look nor ask for any identification before serving the shopper. The sale was completed and the business was considered to have failed the compliance check. As a result of the compliance failure, an administrative citation was issued to Columbia Golf Course in the amount of \$500 as detailed in a City Council resolution. Columbia Golf Course paid the \$500 administrative fine.

3. On May 21st, 2007 the Minneapolis Police License Investigation Division conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at Columbia Golf Course. One twenty year old female was sent into the business. The shopper ordered a malt beverage, and was asked for her identification. She showed it to the server and the server looked the drivers license returned it, and then served her the alcohol beverage. The shopper was 20 years old, and her driver's license states "Under 21" on it. This constituted Columbia Golf Course second youth alcohol compliance failure. As a result of the compliance failure,

an administrative citation was issued to Columbia Golf Course in the amount of \$1,000 as detailed in a City Council resolution.

4. From the first alcohol sales, the server was charged out with Sales of Alcohol to a Minor, and the server pled guilty. The guilty plea entered was for the sale of alcoholic beverages to an underage person. Criminal charges are pending as a result of the May 21st, 2007 failure.

CONCLUSIONS

1. On two separate occasions, employees of Columbia Golf Course sold alcohol to persons under the age of 21, in violation of Minneapolis City Ordinance 370.10, Minnesota Statute 340A.503 subd. 2(1), and the established compliance check policy and procedures of the City of Minneapolis. These compliance failures all occurred in a period of less than twenty four months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

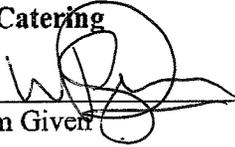
1. Prom Catering will pay \$3,000.00 (\$2,000.00 stayed if no same or similar within one year of signed agreement) in cost recovery to the City by Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. by delivering payment to room 1C of City Hall, 350 Fifth Street South, Minneapolis, MN.
2. Licensee will submit a business and security plan that will address under age alcohol service upon signing this agreement.
3. Licensee will purchase ID scanners for use at events and on the golf carts.
4. Licensee will provide training that better serves the staff and will continue to provide training to staff and will at a minimum provide training to new staff

within 30 days of hire. Training policy implementation to begin no later than 30 days from signing this agreement.

5. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in effect through and including 2009. It is understood between the parties that this Agreement shall bind only the present licensee and will not bind any subsequent, unrelated person or persons should the business be sold and a new license approved.

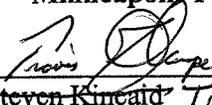
6. "Date of Agreement" shall be defined as the date that the licensee signs or otherwise executes this Agreement. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Minneapolis City Council; however should such approval be obtained after the execution of this Agreement the approval shall be retroactive to the date of execution.

Prom Catering

By: 
William Given
Owner

Date: 9-11-07

Minneapolis Police

By: 
Lt. ~~Steven Kincaid~~ Travis Glampe
Commander, License Division

Date: 09-19-07

City of Minneapolis Office of Licenses and Consumer Services

By: 
Ricardo Cervantes
Deputy Director of Consumer Services

Date: 9-19-07