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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

Board Members (All Present): Nicole Murati Ferrer, Christine A. Elow, and Thomas Cahill, Jr.

Staff Member Present: Christopher O'Neil.

Decisions: All decisions, unless otherwise stated, were 3-0, and by roll call.

Public Testimony Matters

1. Disciplinary Interstate Management Company, LLC d/b/a The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett Street, Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages License #10894, for alleged violations of serving, selling and/or delivering alcohol to an intoxicated individual and/or overservice of alcohol on January 31, 2024 and February 1, 2024, in violation of G.L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64-64A, 69, G. L. c. 140, and Board's Rules 2, 12B.6, and 12B.7.

Decision: Rescheduled to second meeting in June.

2. Disciplinary Tria Cambridge Concessions, LLC d/b/a Freepoint Hotel, 220 Alewife BrookParkway, Common Victualler and Entertainment All Alcohol License #11569, for alleged violations of serving, selling and/or delivering of alcohol to an intoxicated person and/or overservice of alcohol on (insert date) in violation of G. L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64-64A, 69, G. L. c. 140, and Board's Rules 2, 12B.6, and 12B.7.

Present: Attorney Andrew Upton; Kelly Ford; Kyle Goodsell; Hiram Negron; Joey Blanck; Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Hearing notice, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: The Cambridge police reported and found two individuals at the bar, who were unsteady on their feet, took them about 5 minutes to get up, and the police became concerned for their well-being and safety. Both were guests of the hotel, father and son, and refused medical attention. Between the two, they consumed 14 alcoholic beverages in 90 minutes: 7 Grey Goose, and 7 Jack Daniels.

Licensee did not deny that there was overservice; they stated the data clearly established there was overservice. The bartender got too friendly with the clients; bartender resigned under pressure during internal investigation – the company did not feel like they could be retrained or rehabilitated. Manager of record, Daisy Chai was terminated as she was not found to be a good fit. A new manager

has been hired and an application for change is imminent. The entire situation has the attention of the company. The new manager has about 14 years of experience in the industry. They are also looking to see whether they need to reinforce their current training program.

Decision: Under advisement.

3. Application #267061 Central Sandwich, LLC d/b/a The Smoot Standard, 313 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied for a new Common Victualler All Alcohol License with seating for 78 inside, a total occupancy of 98 and proposed hours of 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. all days with alcohol service starting after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday and after 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Alexander Tannenbaum as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Restaurant located on ground floor with bar, dining room, and kitchen, with one entrance and one exit. Additional seating located on mezzanine.

Present: Patrick Conte; and Alexander Tannenbaum.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The public need is presumed because there used to be an all alcohol common victualler at the location. It closed not due to lack of need but rather a personal decision of the previous owner. There is a current need also because of all the construction in the area (business offices). They plan to be a café during day and more traditional restaurant at night. They want music above conversation level for special and listening events. They are also seeking outdoor seating on the public way – 16 seats and same hours as indoors. There will be no entertainment outdoors.

Alexander Tannenbaum has extensive experience in the food and beverage industry with no disciplinary issues with the local board or ABCC. Is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Tannenbaum provided TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

The premises description was updated to: A/k/a 311-313 Massachusetts Avenue. Restaurant located on ground floor with bar, dining room, and kitchen, with one entrance and one exit. Additional seating located on mezzanine. Storage located in basement. Outdoor seating on the public sidewalk.

Decision: Granted with amended premises description to include basement and also outdoor seating on the public way.

[**Note:** Matters 4 & 5 called together.]

4. Application #258279 Tomiko, Inc. d/b/a Café Sushi, Wine and Malt Package Store License #43580, for a Change of Officers/Directors.

Present: David Lipshutz, attorney; Melinda Imura; Saburo Imura; Kenshi Imura; and Seiziro Imura.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: This is a change in officers and directors but not ownership. Siblings are coming in – they have always been involved in the operation. Saburo Imura will remain 100% interest holder and will eventually transfer it to the siblings but not right now. Seizi Imura will remain manager of record (spelling of name on license is correct, a certificate of name change has been provided to show why different from certificates). There are no changes to the operation.

Decision: Granted.

5. Application #258282 Tomiko, Inc. d/b/a Café Sushi, Common Victualler Wine and Malt License #11251, for a Change of Officers/Directors.

Present: David Lipshutz, attorney; Melinda Imura; Saburo Imura; Kenshi Imura; and Seiziro Imura.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: This is a change in officers and directors but not ownership. Siblings are coming in – they have always been involved in the operation. Saburo Imura will remain 100% interest holder and will eventually transfer it to the siblings but not right now. Seizi Imura will remain manager of record (spelling of name on license is correct, a certificate of name change has been provided to show why different from certificates). There are no changes to the operation.

Decision: Granted.

6. Application #264371 Porter Square Hotel LLC d/b/a Porter Square Hotel, 1924 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol innholder License #10893, for a Management/Operating Agreement with Barrs, LLC.

Present: Andrew Upton, attorney; Kevin Sheehan; and Rebekah Barr.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: This is for the restaurant operation at the hotel. Colette, which is the current restaurant, currently is being operated under a management agreement. Rebekah Barrs is taking over and has extensive experience. The current operator and owner will go out, and Rebekah Barr will come in. Manager of the hotel remains the same. The operation will continue to be a French style bistro. Barr has been working at the location about 45 days and running the restaurant. Barr will buy the business as the current owner recently had a child and is consolidating their businesses. Barr intends to reinstitute the breakfast hours and have more events. Barr has over 10 years of experience in high end and upscale dining, in Maine NH and TN and Boston area.

Decision: Granted.

7. Application #255845 O912, LLC d/b/a Forage, 5 Craigie Circle, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11566, for an Alteration of Premises to include a seasonal outdoor patio on private property. The proposed premises description is: Restaurant at basement level, one main dining room with bar

(approx. 1200 sq. ft.) with storage in the rear (approx. 550 sq. ft.). One main entrance on Craigie Circle and one rear service entrance. Includes patio on private property of approximately 330 sq. ft.

Present: Stanislas Hilbert.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: They had an outdoor area in the private parking lot and are seeking to move it to another private area but not on the parking lot but rather in front of the building. The plan shows 20 seats but they are probably only doing about 18 seats. The area is not visible from the inside and they will have somebody on the patio as a manager. Will have the same hours of operation as indoors. This new location has gone through the variance process.

Decision: Granted with the condition that while patio is open to the public, there must be a manager/employee dedicated to monitoring the area.

8. Application #184091 L.C.W. Associates, Inc. d/b/a Royal East Restaurant, 782 Main Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11272, for an Alteration of Premises to include a seasonal outdoor patio on public property. The proposed premises description is: Approximately 5,543 square feet with two dining rooms, two kitchens, and two foyer areas on the first floor. Approximately 810 square foot patio on public property on the sidewalk and into the parking lane.

Present: Evans Fu.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: Had a patio during COVID but did not seek to make it permanent until now. The SSBU has not yet issued but in the process. They will have 28 seats and the square footage than what was listed on the agenda – it is only about 456 sq. ft. They will have the same hours as indoors and it can be seen from indoors.

Decision: Granted with amendment to the premises description that the total square footage of the patio is 456 sq. ft. patio; 28 seats; same hours as indoors; and pending issuance of SSBU and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

9. Application #262419 OMD Owner LLC, 1 Memorial Drive, for a new Garage with Flammables License for 317 parking spaces, 3,170 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of autos only, and 825 gallons of diesel.

Present: Hannah Mullen; Chris Pawl; and Jason Survilas.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto.

Summary: So this is new ownership of an existing structure. No changes in terms of the parking spaces; it is all below ground. The diesel is for a generator which is kept on P1 level, lowest level of the garage. All the parking spaces are for fee.

Decision: Granted.

10. Application #262259 Intercontinental Real Estate Corp., 1280 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Garage License for 32 parking spaces and 320 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of autos only.

Present: Patrick Conte; and Brianna Tramontozzi.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Acquired the building but did not have a license for the underground garage. The parking is for a fee and they hold no additional flammables. There are no changes to the existing structure. This is an application to rectify not having a license for the underground spots.

Decision: Granted.

11. Application #259168 Ricen, LLC d/b/a Ricen, 1906 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler License #227026, to add Wine & Malt Beverages to the approved, not yet issued license. Proposed seating for 60 and hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Panupak Kraiwong as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Approximately 2,800 sq. ft. on the first floor with one main dining room and 2 bathrooms. Includes basement for storage. There are 3 entrances/exits.

Present: Panupak Kraiwong.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: This is Unit 1 of 1906 Massachusetts Avenue. Panupak Kraiwong has other restaurants in Somerville and Boston. This will be his fourth restaurants. Kraiwong has been manager of record with no disciplinary issues with the local board or ABCC. Kraiwong is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Kraiwong is TIPS certified and will upload it.

Kraiwong believes there is a need to have beer and wine with the Thai food offerings to provide more options to the customers. The market research shows that the customer base of that area seek those types of options. When they first applied they knew the sprinkler system had to be updated prior to being able to apply for alcohol. Now that the work is completed, they are moving forward with the alcohol component of the business.

Decision: Granted.

12. Application #262880 First Street Cuisine, LLC d/b/a First Street Market, 55 First Street, for a new Common Victualler All Alcohol License with seating for 290 inside and proposed hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. all days with alcohol service starting after 10:00 a.m. William Gilson as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 6,000 sq. ft. containing a counter service cafe with seating, a bar and a market/event space. Applicant is also applying for an entertainment license to include live music with amplification and recorded music above conversation level with amplification.

Present: Andrew Upton, attorney; and William Gilson.

Documents Considered: Application submitted, and documents attached thereto. Correspondence in support of application.

Summary: This is in a new development, owned by the City. The City approached them and sought out this type of business. This is a unique concept that will provide a service to the public that is needed and wanted. The location is built so that there is a restaurant with a year-round farmers' market attached to it. The portion of the restaurant is the smallest of the two. – the restaurant is about 3,000 sq. ft. and the farmers' market/event space is (which is considered "flex space") is about 6,000 sq. ft. There are small outdoor benches, about 25-50 feet of outside space but there is no way to serve alcohol or food in the space. Per the lease they will be responsible for maintaining it, but they have no intent to use it as part of the premises (no food or alcohol service). All of the seating in the restaurant space is permanent, the market/flex space has various configurations. The total maximum capacity for the entire area is 290.

William ("Will") Gilson has extensive experience in the food and beverage industry, with no disciplinary issues with the local board or ABCC. Gilson is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Gilson provided TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted with amended premises description: A total of approximately 9,000 sq. ft. on the first floor. The space is divided in two portions: 3,000 sq. ft. is the restaurant portion of the premises; and 6,000 sq. ft. are the farmers' market/flex/event space.

13. Disciplinary Ethos Business Partners, Inc., d/b/a Le's Sushi Bar and Restaurant, 425 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #12289, allegations of transferring the beneficial interest of the license or making changes to the holder or manager of record without approval, and/or for making false statements in the license renewal application in violation of G. L. c. 138, §§ 16A, 15A, 23 & 64, and 204 C.M.R. 2.01(8), and Board's Rule 5.6.

Present: Verac Xom; and Linh Do.

Documents Considered: Hearing notice, and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: The owner of the business, Huong Le, did not appear at the hearing. The two persons that appeared are the proposed owners of the business that is trying to legally take over the license and the space. There is no contention that the business was sold, payment has exchanged hands

and the premises is currently not under the control of the current licensee. Le was aware of the hearing but chose not to attend. Athis matter has been ongoing since at least November 2023 and the licensee has been given ample time to come into compliance.

Decision: Violation as to all counts, license indefinitely suspended.

Administrative Matters

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

14. Application #268633 Matthew Wright, Astro Crane, for a Special Noise Variance on 6/22/24 (Alt. 6/29/24), at 215 First Street, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., to assemble and disassemble a crane to perform a rooftop equipment hoist using trucking and a crane. The variance is sought to minimize operational impacts to the associated business.

Decision: Granted.

15. Application #270065 Kaitlin Becker, PIDC Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 6/3/24 – 6/4/24 (Alt. 6/10/24 – 6/11/24), at 125 Cambridgepark Drive, from 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. the following morning to upsize the water service and cut in a new fire hydrant using an excavator. The variance is being sought to minimize operational impacts while water is shut off.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #269684 Boston Duck Tours, Jitney License #80022, to add five new drivers.

Decision: Granted.

17. Application #269578 Arold Pierrer for a new Hackney Driver's License.

Decision: Granted.

18. Board Vote [Disciplinary Matter Heard May 8, 2024] Dancing in the Dark, LLC d/b/a The Cantab Lounge, 738 Massachusetts Avenue, All Alcohol Common Victualler License #119855, for allegedly serving, selling, or delivering alcohol to an intoxicated individual and/or overservice of alcohol on April 10, 2024, in violation of G.L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64-64A, 69, G. L. c. 140, and Board's Rules 2, 12B.6, and 12B.7.

Summary: The Board was in agreement that there was a violation of overservice/service to an intoxicated patron. The Board was also in agreement that the matter "after the fact" was handled appropriately. The Board discussed whether the manager telling the bartender that someone was coming in to drink Long Island Iced Teas was sufficient to take reasonable care.

Decision: Violation, warning (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to take under further advisement).

19. Consideration of Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024.

Decision: Approved.

One Day License Applications

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

20. Application #266572 William Manley, Harvard Square Business Association, for an entertainment license at 5 Linden Street, on 6/1/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for art showing/block party with recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

Summary/Decision: Do not have the proper city permit yet; will be considered at the next meeting on June 6, 2024.

21. Application #266896 William Manley, Harvard Square Business Association, for an entertainment license at 47 Palmer Street, on 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20 & 10/27 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for an open market with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50. Applicant is requesting a fee waiver.

Summary: This too does not yet have the City permit but the event start date is prior to our first meeting. In terms of the event, we have approved these in the past. As to the fee waiver, we have not granted a fee waiver but have ended up charging just a one day event fee for all events, provided that the vendors participating (and the musicians) are not charged to attend/participate.

Decision: Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein. As to a fee waiver, denied; fee reduction granted – will only charge a one day entertainment fee, provided musicians are not charged to participate, otherwise, full fee to be charged.

22. Application #262179 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/8/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a film screening with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #262179 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/5/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a midday music event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Summary: Application number is 262180.

Decision: Granted.

24. Application #262181 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/12/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a speed networking with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #262183 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/14/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a movie night with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, amplification system and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

26. Application #262184 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/20/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a community gathering with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show, floor show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

27. Application #262185 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 6/28/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a movie night with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show, floor show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #268942 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/28/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 50th reunion reception with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

29. Application #268946 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 25 Harvard Yard, on 5/29/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for 50th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

30. Application #268959 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 5/29/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 60th reunion reception with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #268971 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 12 Quincy Street, on 5/30/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 30th reunion reception with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

32. Application #268973 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/30/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for 50th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

33. Application #268974 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 39 Holyoke Street, on 5/30/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for 55th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded & live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 225.

Decision: Granted.

34. Application #269653 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for a wine and entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 5/31/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for party/alumni day with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 10,000.

Decision: Granted with the condition that there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks (3) associated with the admissions price, otherwise/thereafter, the alcohol must be sold.

35. Application #269655 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for dinner party/Yardfest (5th & 10th reunion) with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 1500.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #269656 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 28 Dewolfe Street, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 15th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 450.

Decision: Granted.

37. Application #269660 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 28 Dewolfe Street, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 20th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 525.

Decision: Granted.

38. Application #269889 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 25th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 775.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #269891 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 30th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 425.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #269896 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/31/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 40th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 450.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #269897 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for 10th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 850.

Decision: Granted.

42. Application #269898 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 15th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 575.

Decision: Granted.

43. Application #269902 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 28 Dewolfe Street, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 20th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 675.

Decision: Granted.

44. Application #269908 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 32 Mill Street, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 30th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 475.

Decision: Granted.

45. Application #269909 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 10 Holyoke Place, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for 35th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 575.

Decision: Granted.

46. Application #269910 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 52 Linnaean Street, on 6/1/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for 5th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 950.

Decision: Granted.

47. Application #261542 Madeline Colker, Cambridge Public Library, for an entertainment license at 449 Broadway, on 7/13/24 (rain date 7/17/24) from 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for a musical performance with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. per City permit; no license fee as it is a City event.

48. Application #262136 Madeline Colker, Cambridge Public Library, for an entertainment license at 449 Broadway, on 6/1/24 (rain date 6/6/24) from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a concert with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted; no license fee as it is a City event.

49. Application #266106 Debbie Plummer, Pentecostal Tabernacle, for an entertainment license at 60 Columbia Street, on 7/25/24 (rain date 7/26/24) from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a community event with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 5:00 p.m. per City permit.

50. Application #266951 Pierre Fils-Aime, Just A Start Corporation, for an entertainment license at 12 Boardman Street, on 7/20/24 (rain date 7/27/24) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a cookout/BBQ with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show and light show. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

51. Application #267552 Anne Riesenfeld, New School of Music, for an entertainment license at 25 Lowell Street, on 6/2/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a music festival with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

[Note: Matters 52 & 53 were called together.]

52. Application #268506 Bertil Jean-Chronberg for a wine license at 54 Church Street, on 5/23/24 with rain date of 5/24/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a wine tasting. Expected attendance – 24.

Present: Bertil Jean-Chronberg.

Summary: This is for a wine garden but not part of a special event/street fest. They want to do three pilots of doing pairing tastings to bring people into the square. They chose these dates because of graduation week and Boston Calling. They want to wake up the street. Thursday they want to do a regular class on how to pair wine with burgers. They have spoken with Fire and Health Department, obtained a temporary food permit and will have a BBQ outside. They will do 3 sliders and 4 glasses of 2 ounces each during the education.

On Friday and Saturday their intent is to provide the residents with a distraction from the noise generated by Boston Calling. They will have a wine garden between noon and bring musicians from the school to teach how to pair wine with classical music. The area will consist of two parking spaces.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per Traffic Permit.

53. Application #268508 Bertil Jean-Chronberg for a wine and entertainment license at 54 Church Street, on 5/24 & 5/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a wine tasting with live music. Expected attendance – 25.

Present: Bertil Jean-Chronberg.

Summary: This is for a wine garden but not part of a special event/street fest. They want to do three pilots of doing pairing tastings to bring people into the square. They chose these dates because of graduation week and Boston Calling. They want to wake up the street. Thursday they want to do a regular class on how to pair wine with burgers. They have spoken with Fire and Health Department, obtained a temporary food permit and will have a BBQ outside. They will do 3 sliders and 4 glasses of 2 ounces each during the education.

On Friday and Saturday their intent is to provide the residents with a distraction from the noise generated by Boston Calling. They will have a wine garden between noon and bring musicians from the school to teach how to pair wine with classical music. The area will consist of two parking spaces.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per Traffic Permit.

54. Application #268774 Leiri Bocanegra, St Mary of the Annunciation Parish, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 6/22/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with patrons dancing, recorded music and DJ. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted, applicant must request police detail.

55. Application #268606 David Craft, Gallery 263, for a malt and entertainment license at 263 Pearl Street, on 6/2/24 with rain date of 6/9/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a party with live music. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

56. Application #269129 John Hunsicker, Lamplighter Brewing Co. LLC, for a malt and entertainment license at 320 Morgan Avenue, on 6/22/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a beer garden with recorded music and DJ. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed sufficiently to delineate it from the public way or non-licensed area.

57. Application #269079 Brian McSweeney for a malt and wine license at 30 Acorn Park Drive, on 5/29/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a company gathering/party. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

58. Application #269464 Becky O’Neill, BioMed Realty, for an entertainment license at 300 Athenaeum Street, on 6/14, 7/19, 8/23, & 9/13 rain dates 6/21, 7/26, 8/23 & 9/20 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 150.

Summary: This is in the same area as a beer garden we previously approved which is being run by Vitamin Sea Brewing, so this is for the entertainment portion only.

Decision: Granted.

59. Application #269399 Kevin Ebert, Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, for an all alcohol license at 26 Oxford Street, on 5/30/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a museum open house. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

60. Application #269740 Jennifer McManus, MIT, for a hawker/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 5/22/24 with rain date of 5/23/24 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to sell plants.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. per MIT event registration form.

61. Application #269706 Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/1 & 6/2 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance concert. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

62. Application #269842 Raesia Straker, The Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 5/18/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a Haitian independence celebration with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 325.

Summary: During the last meeting the Board voted not to issue any more one days at this location after May 31, 2024. Larry Ward, principal of Cambridge Jazz Foundation and an owner of the business being run at the location, explained they have “perfected” the business concept and will proceed with completing the application for an annual license. Ward will probably submit a request to the Board to reconsider providing an extension of when one days can be issued so they can make payments and “survive” while they get their annual license.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that no consumption, service or sale of cannabis can be allowed at the location, and with the notation that no further one day licenses will be issued to the location past May 31, 2024; and applicant must request police detail.

63. Application #269846 Raesia Straker, The Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 5/24/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a dance party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 325.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that no consumption, service or sale of cannabis can be allowed at the location, and with the notation that no further one day licenses will be issued to the location past May 31, 2024; and applicant must request police detail.

64. Application #269875 Raesia Straker, The Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 5/27/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a music showcase with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that no consumption, service or sale of cannabis can be allowed at the location, and with the notation that no further one day licenses will be issued to the location past May 31, 2024; and applicant must request police detail.

65. Application #270342 Jose da Silva, Patagonia Cambridge, for a malt and entertainment license at 39 Brattle Street, on 5/23/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a film screening with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

66. Application #270987 Clover Fast Food for a hawker/peddler license at 1326 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/23/24 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. to sell baked goods and prepackaged drinks.

Summary: They have applied for a sidewalk obstruction permit but it has not yet issued. This type of event was approved in the past with no issue.

Decision: Granted pending submission of DPW permit and subject to any conditions or modifications therein.

67. Application #270989 Michael Bishop, School of Science Dean’s Office, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/29/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a reception with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 650.

Decision: Granted; applicant must request police detail.

68. Application #270825 Meghan Warner for an entertainment license at 660 Cambridge Street, on 5/25/24 from 3:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a wedding with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

Matters Considered at Meeting – Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members’ individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

69. Application #271108 Mohammed Ajli for a new Hackney Driver’s License.

Decision: Granted.

70. Board Ratification/Vote Lupo Partners, Inc. d/b/a Gufo, 660 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #174713, have submitted updated floor plans with alternate configurations for the seasons which overall decreases their approved combined capacity of 195 patrons to 166. The alternate configurations, however, increase the allowable number of patrons inside the structure from 130 to 166. The business was in a “hurry” to open when they first were approved and had accepted the numbers as issued and approved. They have submitted an alternate floor plan, stamped by an architect and approved by ISD. A new Certificate of Inspection with the approved numbers has issued.

Decision: Alternate floor plans accepted, capacity updated.

71. Application #271084 Danielle Williams, Central Square Business Improvement District, Starlight Square, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 84 Bishop Allen Drive, for a total of 26 events on various dates between 5/29/24 - 6/30/24 (10 rain dates) during varying hours of 8:30 a.m. -

9:00 p.m. for the final Starlight Square Season 5 with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show, floor show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 360.

Summary: They are decommissioning the space in July. They have submitted a list of the events with times and notations as to whether live music is being played (only for 8 events). They are awaiting the final signed agreement with the City for the use of the space.

Decision: Granted for the dates, times and events as listed on the attached document list of events, and subject to any conditions of the License Agreement with the City.

72. Application #271089 Eskinder Ayele for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/1/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a graduation party with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing and recorded music. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

73. Application #271461 Jessica Crescimano, Far From the Tree, for a Special License – Farmer Winery to Sell at a Farmer’s Market at 1 Broad Canal Way, on (Thursdays) 5/23/24-11/21/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted.

74. Application #271464 Jessica Crescimano, Far From the Tree, for a Special License – Farmer Winery to Sell at a Farmer’s Market at 76 Bishop Allen Drive, on (Mondays) 5/20/24-11/25/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted.

75. Application #271628 Marisa Hess, Ghost Ship Market, for a one day hawker/peddler license (22 vendors) at 40 Prospect Street, on 6/1 & 6/15/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to sell vintage clothes, housewares, crystals, jewelry, crafts, art, candles etc.

Decision: Granted.

76. Application #270038 Olivia Farrar, Harvard Magazine, for a one day hawker peddlers license for two vendors on 5/21/24 (rain date 5/31/24) to sell Harvard Magazine and small souvenirs from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 1350 Massachusetts Avenue.

Summary: The location they seek to vend at is in front of the Smith Campus Center, near the public tables. Per City Ordinance, hawking and peddling cannot happen at this location without a Chief of Police permit. The applicant has been working on obtaining one but has not provided one yet.

Decision: Granted.

77. Application #268336 Katie Ownes, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 6/3/24 – 8/30/24, at 290 Binney Street, from 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on weekdays only, for slurry wall installation and utility work using hand and welding tools, cranes, trucks, and excavators. The variance is sought to accommodate the full scope of work. This is an extension of Special Noise Variance #257809.

Decision: Granted Monday-Fridays only and cannot be used on any legal holiday observed by the City of Cambridge.


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