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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 10:30 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: Nicole Murati Ferrer (present), Christine A. Elow (absent), and Thomas Cahill, Jr. (present).

Staff Member Present: Christopher O'Neil.

Decisions: All decisions, unless otherwise stated, were 2-0, and by roll call.

Public Testimony Matters

1. Application #251854 Norton's Woods Inc. d/b/a American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 136 Irving Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11352, for a Change of Officers/Directors.

Present: Joni Aldrich; and Mark Robinson.

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

Summary: So the 100% owner is American Academy of Arts and Sciences, which is a non-profit. Norton Wood's Inc. is a for profit of the non-profit. What changed is the officers and directors of Norton Woods, none of which hold any stock because it is a non-profit business. There are no other changes to the operation. Must provide proof of payment to ABCC.

Decision: Granted.

2. Application #265915 Tomolly, Inc., d/b/a Charlie's Kitchen, 10 Eliot Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11679, has applied for a Change of Officers/Directors, Transfer of Stock/New Stockholders, and Change of Manager.

Present: Jacobus "Jaap" Overgaag; Paul Overgaag; Derek Luangrath; and David T. Oshima.

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

Summary: Current manager is Jacobus Overgaag, and proposed manager is David T. Oshima. Current owner is Paul Overgaag who is retaining 98% and the other 2% is gifting to David Oshima and Derek Langruath as sweat equity. Oshima and Langruath plan to purchase the business at some point in the future. Overgaag explained that after 28 years they want to retire but did not want to close the business and worked out this deal where they will be transferring it to people who want to maintain it as

is but modernize it. Oshima and Langruath have a business in Somerville which is successful and has had no issues.

David Oshima has extensive experience in the food and beverage industry, has not been manager of record on a liquor license before and is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Oshima provided TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted.

3. Application #264609 Shojo Cambridge LLC d/b/a Shojo, 425 Massachusetts Avenue, Unit 4B, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #193948, to add entertainment categories to current license – music above conversation level for indoors, and trivia and poetry readings for indoors, and background music at or below conversation level for outdoor area.

Present: Brian Moy.

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

Summary: Upon further review, it was determined the application also seeks a change in capacity. This type of application needs to go through different preliminary reviews, including with the building department, which did not occur prior to the meeting. The hearing proceeded but there was caution that the Board may not vote on it.

Moy discussed that they are aware of the noise complaints, and therefore, hired an insulation company to do insulation on columns, hollow walls, and roof. It was performed in April and have spoken with the upstairs neighbors/residents and the issue seems to have resolved. They now have an additional 5 inches of insulation. They have also installed sound bats into the drop ceiling area, about 15% of the space, to better insulate the sound. The pizza place next door, on the wall where there was no insulation, now say they cannot hear the music. Next they will have the sound engineer company do a sound bleedage to make sure the problem is fully resolved. When they have a DJ they would like to have the music above conversation level but will make sure that the DJ uses the motherboard of the restaurant so that they cannot go above a certain volume which will be programed to it.

They want the background music outside too because when they operate the patio, they would like to have the same vibe as indoors. Outside they would have portable speakers on wifi away from the building. They do not believe the patio music will be a problem as other restaurants have the music outside too and it does not interfere.

Moy confirmed that the different seating/standing configurations account for the change in business model of restaurant to entertainment venue/bar. Their intent is to operate like this on some days, and specifically on Friday and Saturday.

Decision: Under advisement.

4. Disciplinary DMG Food Enterprises, LLC d/b/a 730 Tavern Kitchen & Patio, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11613, for (1) underage individual in possession of alcohol; (2) service, sale or delivery of alcohol to an underage individual; and (3) service, sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated, underage individual and/or overservice of alcohol.

Present: Andrew Upton, attorney; Investigator Tyler Bubenik; Officer Michael Dovidio; Officer Quentin Pasquarello; Rosa Deneir, manager of record; Davidson Bettero, owner; and Xavier Canales.

Documents Considered: Hearing notice and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Officer Dovidio testified they were patrolling the area when they saw a male on ground outside 730 Tavern. When they approached the male they had vomit all over chest and down their pants. The individual was surrounded by friends, who confirmed they were at 730 Tavern. Officer Dovidio testified the friends were trying to cover up something and saying that the person was fine. After speaking to them, they asked for their identification, they did not want to give their names but all confirmed they went to Boston College. Ambulance Pro responded to the scene. The individual produced an Illinois identification and thereafter admitted it was a fake identification and it was the one used to gain entry to the premises. Their real identification was from New York and it established the individual was 20 years old. The individual wanted to leave with friends but due to their age, and the intoxicated state of the individual and that of their friends, the 20 year old was placed into protective custody and taken to the hospital.

When the police spoke with manager, Sergio Medina, they were advised the individual seemed okay. They stated the individual was only served 4 beers. The police confirmed the individual was highly intoxicated; they could not form a coherent sentence, eyes were not fully open, friends had to try to lift up, had eyes blood shot, and could not talk at all. After about 5-10 minutes into the conversation with officers did he come more to it but was slurring words. When the individual first produced the fake identification, part of the reason the officers questioned it was the individuals smirk and demeanor.

Officer Pasquarello testified that since it was St. Patrick's there were a lot of people in the square bar hopping and they were patrolling the area. When they got to 730 Tavern they noticed a young crowd and the male party on the ground. Pasquarello called the ambulance immediately in case the individual fell and hit their head. When Pasquarello approached the individual they could tell he was very intoxicated – they had thrown up, had glossy eyes, slurred speech, and could barely stand. The friends were trying to convince the police to leave the area and insisted the individual had not drank too much. When Pro EMS arrived and asked for identification, they were trying to dodge the situation. When asked for date of birth, the date given was different from the identification produced and that is how they confirmed it was a fake identification. The individual was not charged as it is a crime under officer discretion and at this point the officers were more concerned for the safety of the minor.

Bubenik spoke to Lucas who referred the matter to Medina. Security footage, receipts, and incident reports were requested and Bubenik was informed that receipts could only be produced by providing a credit card number which was not known as the individual did not cooperate with the

investigation. All had the individual was the name, no incident reports or receipts. Medina stated they did not have interactions with the individual. Staff member reported that someone had barfed outside and when they went to investigate, the police was already on site. Sergio did see that the individual was in possession of 1 beer. Xavier said he called for emergency assistance. Lucas stated that since the event unfolded outside nothing was written up. Through the video surveillance one can see that the individual served multiple times – 2 separate ones from each bar, and at each point had one beer in hand and then was provided another. In addition, at one point the individual is seen in possession of 3 beers and when questioned on the issue the bartender stated that even though the individual said it was for someone else, since they paid for it, the beer was handed to them.

Bubenik testified that the video has no audio. Bubenik did testify that based on his years of experience as server, investigator and someone who has training in the safe service and sale of alcohol, the individual could be seen to be “slow” moving which can be a sign of intoxication. Specifically, the motor skills of the individual could have raised pause alone to any experienced or trained bartender.

Xavier Canales testified they were stationed at the door on the date of the incident. They were outside when police came. Canales brought water to the individual. On that day there were about 10 staff on site. Canales checked everyone’s identification before coming in. No back up for out of state identifications were required or requested of anyone. Canales noticed the individual when they fell down and started vomiting at that moment.

730 Tavern established the event was for a private event for Boston College. It was booked through a promoter and was supposed to be 21+ only. On the date of the incident they did not have a policy in place for out of state identifications. Now they will no longer host any events for Boston College, will have a second manager, and will require a second form of age verification and will have a 23+ requirement to get in. For out of state identifications, the manager will be the “second set of eyes.” They “cut” service to someone depending on the alcohol – for hard liquor after 3 drinks, for beer 3 – 4 beers. The policy has always been and continues to be that you can only serve one drink to a person at a time.

Decision: Under advisement.

5. Disciplinary Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, for two alleged violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours at 1573 Cambridge Street, on May 3, 2024 at 6:50 a.m., and May 10, 2024 at 6:48 a.m.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik; no one appeared for Republic Services.

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

Summary: [Due to the time when the matter was called, no second call was given to the matter, and it proceeded without the input from Republic as they failed to appear.] Republic has an extensive history of waste collection outside of the allowable hours at this address. The owner of the

premises, Youville, has admitted the violations occurred as noticed and submitted a waiver. Republic confirmed receipt of notice and represented they would appear at the hearing.

Decision: Violation, 2 counts, \$300 fine/count, total \$600 fine and \$100 hearing fee for failure to appear.

6. Disciplinary Green Valley Landscaping & Masonry, Inc., Leaf Blower Permit #153943, for two alleged violations of CMC 8.16.081 at 603 Concord Avenue on May 11, 2024, at 8:19 a.m.: Section 3.10, operating more than one leaf blower within same 10,000 square foot area; and Section 3.4, operating prior to allowable start time of 9:00 a.m.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik; and Mirla Perez.

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

Summary: There have been previous complaints received as to this company and at this location. Video shows that the employees were simultaneously operating leaf blowers side by side. Also, it does not even seem like they are cleaning all that much, so unclear why the need for the blowers and certainly not two. Perez testified that as to the time, the workers were confused because they usually come on Mondays, which is why they started operating before 9:00 a.m. Perez also stated they were unaware of the side-by-side prohibition which was a huge red flag for the Board as that is one of the best known prohibitions and also something that is on the face of the permit.

Decision: Violation, 2 counts, \$300 fine/count, total \$600 fine.

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.

7. Consideration of Waivers of Hearing

a. Casella Waste Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14070, admitting to violation of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours, on May 10, 2024, at approximately 6:05 a.m., at 94 Hampshire Street. Waiver was filed by John Tognazzi, Operations Manager, on June 3, 2024.

Decision: Acceptance of admission of violation, one count, \$300 fine.

b. Youville House Assisted Living, 1573 Cambridge Street, admitting to two violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading/unloading waste outside of the allowable hours, on May 3, 2024 at 6:50 a.m., and May 10, 2024 at 6:48 a.m.

Decision: Acceptance of admission of violation, two counts, \$300 fine per count for total fine of \$600.

8. Special Noise Variances

a. Application #272264 Cassie Niles, Turner Construction on Saturdays and Sundays from 7/6/24-10/6/24, at 290 Binney, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for tower and crane hoist jumps, steel delivery and installation using hand and welding tools, cranes, trucks, generators, hoisting and heavy equipment. The variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work of setting up and breaking down cranes and to ensure public safety.

Decision: Granted, must obtain Sunday work permit.

b. Application #272427 Ana Semashka, Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, on 6/6/24-6/7/24, at 314 Memorial Drive, from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., for a fiber optic cable splice in a manhole using line trucks. The variance is sought to limit impacts to vehicular traffic.

Decision: Granted, pending submission of DCR permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

c. Application #272091 T.J. Wilson, Whiting Turner, on 6/8/24 (alt. 6/15/24 and 6/22/24), at 100 Cambridgeside Place, from 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to extend a previously granted variance but with reduced scope, to assemble/disassemble a crane for rooftop equipment hoists using an assist crane and trucking. The variance is sought in the interest of extending the day to accommodate the full scope of work, limit impacts to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and for public safety.

Decision: Granted.

d. Application #272431 Jason Wright, Eversource, on 6/7/24 – 7/5/24, at 231 Putnam Avenue, for: 1) an all hours on an as-needed basis to operate a generator, and 2) 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., excluding Sundays, to install a new transformer using cement trucks, grading equipment, and crane. The variance is sought in the interest of ensuring continuation of utility services while a transformer is replaced.

Decision: Granted, must obtain a Sunday/Holiday work permit.

9. Application #273096 Win Waste Innovations of Northern New England, Inc. d/b/a Win Waste Innovations of Northern New England, for a new Disposal/Solid Waste Hauler License.

Decision: Granted.

10. Application #272641 Chateau Blanc Cafe, Inc. d/b/a Chateau Blanc Cafe, 25 Central Square, for a new Common Victualler License with hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m., 12 seats and maximum

occupancy of 16. Mohammed K. Seffo as sole owner and manager of record of a premises described as: Approximately 420 sq. ft. in one large room with prep kitchen and main room. This is a previously licensed location, previously operated and partially owned by Mohammed Seffo.

Summary: They are also seeking an outdoor area on the public sidewalk, curbside for two tables with 4 seats total, same hours of operation as indoors. The capacity breakdown of the premises would be 8 seats inside with 4 standing for maximum indoor occupancy of 12, and 4 patrons outside. This is the same configuration as the previously approved operation.

Decision: Granted with amendment to premises description and capacity, pending submission of floor plan for outdoor area and SSBU permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

11. Board Ratification/Vote Flat Top Johnny's, LLC d/b/a Flat Top Johnny's, 238 Main Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #216131, have submitted an updated floor plan with alternate configuration for winter and summer seasons which shifts the seating capacity allowed on the indoor and outdoor areas. The overall maximum capacity is not changing. The plans are stamped by an architect and have been reviewed and approved by Inspectional Services Department. A new Certificate of Inspection with the alternate configurations has been issued.

Decision: Acknowledged, change ratified/approved.

12. Reconsideration of Board Vote Request from Larry Ward, received on May 29, 2024, for the Board to reconsider its vote that it would not issue any more one day licenses at 33 Dunster Street after May 31, 2024. Larry Ward has affirmed SLMS Nightlife Ventures LLC has filed an annual license (second one) and that it will be going forward. Per state law, once the Board has that application before it, no more one day licenses can be issued to the location.

Summary: The Board has done this in the past with locations pending filing/hearing of applications. They are in the process of being heard and will be scheduled to be before the Board on June 25. No one days beyond that point.

Decision: Consider any one day applications filed up to June 24, 2024; beyond that, regardless of schedule changes, filing deficiencies, no further one days to be considered or approved.

13. Board Vote [Matter Heard March 26, 2024] Application #255582, Meetacross Investment LLC, 24 Union Street for a New Lodging House License with 24 rooms and 18 beds. On March 26 the matter was continued to April 30, provided the applicant: submitted a more complete business plan, including providing a concrete answer as to the total number of lodgers sought at each of the three houses; become aware of the requirements and provisions of the law with which they will need to comply with to run a lodging house; and address issues raised as to Fire Code, including but not limited to submitting any required permits to ensure the property is up to code for a lodging house. To date, the applicant has been unable to comply with the Board's vote and after back and forth with the applicant, their attorney and architect, the current application/plan cannot comply. The applicant may

have to complete additional permits, inspections and reviews from ISD and Fire before a lodging house application can be resubmitted/reheard/considered.

Summary: There is a new plan of action that is being circulated to ISD and Fire to see if what is being proposed complies with what has been done in the building in terms of renovations. However, the proposal is wholly different to what was proposed and before the Board. In addition, none of the action items requested at the hearing on this matter have been met. Fire and ISD have stated that this application before us cannot be approved.

Decision: Denied, without prejudice. Once the applicant receives input from ISD and Fire as to the new proposal, and all proper permits with those departments have been filed and approved, a new application should be filed with this office for consideration. A new hearing and notice to abutters will be required.

14. Clarification [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. Board voted on May 21, 2024 violation (3-0, warning (2-1, Chair took under advisement).

Summary: It was acknowledged that there was a quorum on the vote on this matter but there was discussion of clarification of the Chair's position on the issue in light of other pending cases. There was no contention the patron was overserved. As to the question of whether the notice given to the bartender was enough to be considered as taking active steps to avoid the situation, the Chair highlighted it found it deficient because the manager did not testify they told the bartender "listen these drinks are to get drunk, limit the number of drinks, watch out for timing and spacing, etc." It was simply a 'someone is going to come drink this drink' statement which is insufficient to rise to the level of reasonable care. That is not enough to put on notice and due to the "half" warning and subsequent action, it is the reason the Chair would have noted one day held in suspension.

Decision: No vote.

16. Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024.

Decision: Approved.

17. Consideration of Statement of Reason [Matter heard May 21, 2024] Ethos Business Partners, Inc., d/b/a Le's Sushi Bar and Restaurant, 425 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #12289, indefinite suspension of the license for transferring the beneficial interest, making changes to the holder and manager of record without approval, and 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.

Decision: Approved.

One Day License Applications

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18. Application #264297 The Wild Yeastery, LLC d/b/a Suenos Heirloom Chocolate for a hawker/peddler license at 71 Rogers Street, on 6/20/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell chocolate bars.

Decision: Granted.

19. Application #264907 Stephanie Crayton for an entertainment license at 2 Blackstone Street, on 6/19/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a celebration with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 200. (City sponsored event)

Decision: Granted; no license fee.

20. Application #265059 Kimi Ceridon, Life Love Cheese, LLC for a hawker/peddler license at 71 Rogers Street, on 6/20/24 with rain date of 6/27/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell wrapped & prepackage cheese, salami, jams and bread.

Decision: Granted.

21. Applications #265384 & 267551 Gail Wang, Boston Dragon Boat Festival, Inc. for an entertainment and hawker/peddler (for 16 vendors) licenses at 945 Memorial Drive, on 6/9/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a festival with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50,000.

Decision: Granted.

22. Application #269892 Thomas Ferte for a hawker/peddler license at 71 Rogers Street, on 6/20/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell food.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #269816 Emily Ediger, Urban Park Roof Garden/BXP, for a malt and entertainment license at 325 Main Street, on 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12 & 10/10/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a beer garden with recorded music. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

24. Application #270084 Maureen Megnia for a wine license at 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/9/24 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a bridal shower. Expected attendance – 25.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #270532 Jennifer Smith, MIT Campus Activities Complex, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/8/24 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

26. Application #270593 Carrie Sparkes, Friends of Raymond Park for an entertainment license at 106 Raymond Street, on 6/22/24 with rain date of 6/23/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a party with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

27. Application #271394 Juan Carlos Serna, Friends of Amigos School, for an entertainment license at 15 Upton Street, on 6/20/24 with rain date of 6/21/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a block party with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #271430 Taha Jennings, Citizens Civic Unity Committee, for an entertainment license at 449 Broadway, on 6/9/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a community celebration with DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200. (City event)

Decision: Granted; no license fee.

29. Application #272429 Andrea Campbell for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/15/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

30. Application #272648 Erin Muirhead McCarty, Community Art Center, Inc. for a hawker/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 6/7/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to sell t-shirts, pins & hats.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #272697 Jeneen Mucci, DHSP/Cambridge Youth Programs for a one day temporary amusement license at 61 Willow Street, on 06/14/24 with rain date of 6/20/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a moon bounce. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

32. Application #272758 Joseph Juknievich for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/22 & 6/23/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance demonstration/concert. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

33. Application #273010 John Okie, Graham and Parks Elementary School, for an entertainment license at 112 Raymond Street, on 6/18/24 with rain date of 6/20/24 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a field day with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 450.

Decision: Granted.

34. Application #273182 Sara Huber, Multicultural Arts Center/Cambridge Community Development Department, for an entertainment license at Centanni way- 41 Second Street, on 6/14/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a poetry reading with amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

35. Application #273320 Faraz Africawala, ICRA, for an entertainment license at 72 Clifton Street, on 6/16/24 (rain date 6/17/24) from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for an EID Prayer with amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #273539 Joseph Juknievic, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/15 & 6/16/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a roots & routes event. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

37. Application #273791 Matt Meyersohn, Cambridge Basketball Lab (Cambridge Community Center) for a malt and wine license at 101 Rogers Street, on 6/9/24 from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a fundraiser. Expected attendance – 100. (City sponsored event)

Decision: Granted; no license fee.

38. Application #273375 Tim Khanoyan for an entertainment license at 320 Morgan Avenue and Dawes Field, on 6/1-9/28/24 (33 days) from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Wednesdays) & 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Saturdays) for an outdoor fitness event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 120.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #265079 Emily Lim for an entertainment license with amplified recorded and live music on 9/15/24 (rain date 9/16/24) from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Centanni Park for a Wedding. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

40. Applications #265450 & 273631 Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for an all alcohol and entertainment license and hawker/peddler licenses (for 26 vendors) at 544 Cambridge Street, on 6/9/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a festival with patrons dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 4,000.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that the area where the alcohol is sold, served and consumed must be clearly delineated and enclosed, must implement a system that clearly identifies the legal/non-legal drinking age attendants, and must request police detail.

41. Application #269056 Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 320 Morgan Avenue, on 6/20, 7/18 & 8/15 (rain dates 6/26, 7/24 & 8/21) from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a concert with recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 2,000.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 5:00 p.m. per permission letter.

42. Applications #268885 & 268887 Andrew Gilson, Hope Fellowship Church, for an entertainment and temporary amusement licenses at 112 Raymont Street, on 6/29/24 with rain date of 7/8/24 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a block party with recorded music, amplification system and bouncy houses. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted as to the entertainment license; as to the temporary amusement license, granted only if applicant submits proof of liability coverage for the City of Cambridge.

43. Application #269622 Kate Silverman Wilson, MIT, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 314 Main Street, on 6/13, 7/11 & 8/8/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a museum wide program with recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 600.

Decision: Granted, applicant must request police details.

44. Application #269806 Jaritza Francois for a hawker/peddler license at 902-912 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/8/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to sell art prints, stationery, accessories & tote bags.

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

45. Application #270182 Alexandra Micolini for a temporary amusement license at 70 Magazine Street, on 6/9/24 with rain date of 6/15/24 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a birthday party with a bounce house. Expected attendance – 15.

Decision: Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein and pending proof of liability coverage for the City of Cambridge.

46. Application #270810 Sarah Levy, Cleenland, for an entertainment license at 89 Norfolk Street, on 6/22/24 (rain date 6/23/24) from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a block party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 2:00 p.m. per City permit.

47. Application #272010 Jon Menitove, Newtowne School, for an entertainment license at 2 Longfellow Park, on 6/10/24 (rain date 6/14/24) from 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. for a picnic with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted with end time of 12:00 p.m. per Park Permit.

48. Application #272577 Kendra Foley for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Technology Square, on 6/12/24 (rain date 6/13/24) from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a party with live music. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the alcohol must be sold.

49. Application #272571 Kim Simone, Commonwealth Wine School, for a malt and wine license at 40 Brattle Street, on 6/14/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a painting the square pink event. Expected attendance – 700.

Decision: Granted with amended event start time of 6:00 p.m. per Traffic Permit (may commence set up at 4:00 p.m.) and the conditions that the area where the alcohol is sold, served and consumed must be clearly delineated and enclosed, must implement a system that clearly identifies legal/non-legal drinking age attendants, and must request police details.

50. Application #272748 Bill Manley, Harvard Square Business Association, for an entertainment license at 40 Brattle Street, on 6/14/24 (rain date 6/21/24) from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a paint the square pink event with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with amended event start time of 6:00 p.m. per Traffic Permit (may commence set up at 4:00 p.m.), and applicant must request police details.

51. Application #273133 Jean Dany Joachim, Little Crepe Café, for a wine license at 102 Oxford Street, on 6/9/24 (rain date 6/16/24) from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a banquet reception. Expected attendance – 25.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the business must be closed to the public during the event.

52. Application #273073 Jason Weeks, Cambridge Arts Council, for an entertainment license at 971 Memorial Drive, on 6/15/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for an arts festival with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 100,000. (City event)

Decision: Granted; no license fee.

53. Applications #273615 & 273620 Renna Haggerty, Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, for a hawker/peddler (2 vendors) and one day malt, wine and entertainment licenses at 14 Magazine Street, on 6/14, 6/15 from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; 6/16 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a festival with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein, and with the conditions that the area where the alcohol is sold, served and consumed must be clearly delineated and enclosed, must implement a system that clearly identifies legal/non-legal drinking age attendants, and must request police details.

54. Application #271305 Maddy Simpson, Club Passim and Berklee College of Music, for an entertainment with live music and amplification system license for a Musical Series on 6/20, 6/27, 7/7, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, and 8/29/24 (rain date 9/5) from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Palmer Street. Expected attendance – 25. Applicant has also submitted a fee waiver/reduction request.

Summary: Free to the public event and students of music will provide music.

Decision: Granted pending submission of the City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein; as to fee waiver/reduction granted in so far as to only charge a global one day entertainment fee.

55. Application #273885 Michael Monestime, Central Square BID, for a wine and malt with entertainment (amplification system) license on 6/9/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. (with set up from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and breakdown from 11:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.) at University Park for Celtics Viewing Party. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted pending submission of permission letter and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

56. Application #272920 Larry Ward, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/7/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

57. Application #272922 Larry Ward, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/8/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

58. Application #272924 Larry Ward, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/9/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

59. Application #272925 Sean Hope, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/14/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

60. Application #272926 Sean Hope, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/15/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

61. Application #272927 Sean Hope, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/16/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

62. Application #273704 Sean Hope, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/13/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

63. Application #273058 Raesia Straker, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/21/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

64. Application #273060 Raesia Straker, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/22/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

65. Application #273070 Raesia Straker, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 6/23/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, with the condition there can be no sale, service or consumption of cannabis on premises and applicant must request police detail.

Matters Considered, 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.

66. Application #269759 Super Star Ice Cream, LLC d/b/a Super Star Ice Cream, for a new annual hawker/peddler license. Mohannad Tarshahani as sole owner, employee and manager of record.

Decision: Granted.

67. Application #273909 Joao Henrique Farias Da Silva for a new Hackney Driver's License.

Decision: Granted.

68. Application #274286 Sara Jane Huber, City of Cambridge Community Development Department, for an entertainment license at 385 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/8/24 (rain date 6/29/24) from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a Cambridge plays program with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100. (City event).

Decision: Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein; no license fee.

69. Application #274368 Kathleen Smith, Graham and Parks Elementary School, for an entertainment license at 112 Raymond Street, on 6/20/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a picnic with recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400. (City event).

Decision: Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein; no license fee.

70. Application #274505 Jason Weeks, Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre, for an entertainment license at Old Cambridge Baptist Church & surrounding streets on 6/8/24 from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for an indoor and outdoor Dance for World Community Festival with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music, amplification system, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show, floor show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 4,500. (City event).

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 12:00 p.m. (may start set up at 6:00 a.m.); no license fee.

71. Application #274479 Amanda Henley, Harvard Square Business Association, for a hawker/peddler license (5 vendors) at Palmer Street, on 6/9/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell Merchandise: Arts/Crafts.

Decision: Granted.

72. Application #274545 Frank Pobutkiewicz, Model UN Scholarship Fund, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at The Foundry, 101 Rogers Street, on 6/8/24 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a fundraiser. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

73. Board Discussion For existing alcohol license applications that are changing its type – from restaurant to general on premises (or vice versa) the ABCC requires an advertisement to be published, the question is are we requiring for notification to abutters to also be done, and if so, in what manner.

Summary: This came up recently as a business is changing from a restaurant to a general on premises. Although we have had this type of application in the past, we have not had one for many

years. The question is whether we would require abutter notification. Considering changing from a restaurant to a general on premises or vice versa significantly changes the character of a business, I think an abutter notification should be required.

Decision: Notification to legal abutters only, not required to be via certified mail return receipt requested, and not required to be 3 days after the publication of the advertisement, but must be at least seven days prior to the hearing on the matter.


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