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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

(Meeting Started at 9:04 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. **[Continued from September 9, 2024 Hearing] Application #280604** Pyramid Cambridge Management, LLC d/b/a The Kendall Hotel/Kendall House/Black Sheep, 350 Main Street, to transfer the existing All Alcohol Innholder License (#10896) held by The Firehouse Inn, LLC at the same location. Shannon Keefe as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Hotel with 8 floors, including garage, and 77 rooms for a total square footage of 40,508. Includes dining room, kitchen, and bar on 2nd floor. Storage in basement. Spa and conference room on 7th floor. Outdoor patio on 1st floor and outdoor roof deck on 7th floor.

Present: Attorney Brian Fink; and Attorney Alexander Furey.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: The application is now Application #1138790 as this is an innholder license not a common victualler license. The applicant has submitted all of the corrected information but there is still the outstanding issue that they are disclosing an owner that does not have any approved interest. They have spoken Firehouse Inn, which is represented by separate counsel. The Board cannot vote on this application when there is still a corrective application missing and the person signing away the interest is not an approved owner. In addition, they need to submit an affidavit from MIT as to it not having any interest in the license will need to be submitted. Or if it is in fact retaining an interest, it needs to be disclosed. In the alternative they can disclose the full lease between MIT and Pyramid Cambridge Tenant, LLC. Also, since the landlord has a percentage of the alcohol sales it has to be disclosed in Question #6. The sublease also needs to disclose that as part of its terms. Finally, the applicant was recommended they provide an ownership/relationship flow chart of Pyramid Cambridge Management, LLC and Pyramid Cambridge Tenant, LLC.

Decision: Defer pending filing of application by Firehouse Inn, LLC and any corrective documents required.

2. Disciplinary Interstate Management Company, LLC. d/b/a The Charles Hotel, holder of All Alcohol Innholder License #10894, 1 Bennet Street, for allegedly serving, selling, 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

Present: Attorney James Rafferty; Aleya “Alex” Attia; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

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

Summary: The Investigative Unit of the Cambridge License Commission received a Police report, detailing Cambridge Police response to the Charles Hotel on February 1, 2024 to assist an individual later determined to be intoxicated. The investigation revealed that at some point during the night, staff noticed one of the individuals lay their head on the bar and vomit. Security manager Kevin Bowker responded to the scene and they called Emergency Medical Services. However, the call was cancelled by the business because the individuals left the premises. Security staff noticed that although the individuals left the inside of the premises, they were observed sitting in the patio area. At that time, security confirmed the individuals were co-workers and that the one who had vomited could not go home alone, and EMS was called a second time.

Hotel staff testified that the last drink served to the patron in question was removed before it was consumed. The hotel has made sure everybody is TIPS trained and reviewed with them the situation. Attia testified their role is to serve safely and they rather cut someone off early than overserve. After the incident, they spoke with the bartenders to make sure they are communicating with each other as in this case it does not seem to have happen since 4 drinks in the span of the visit of these patrons was a high number. They also reinforced that if there is a change of shifts or someone goes on break, they need to look at the check and see how many drinks have been served.

Decision: Under advisement.

3. Disciplinary Tree Tech, Inc. for allegedly operating a leaf blower during a prohibited period and without a permit at 6 Riedesel Avenue on September 11, 2024, in violation of CMC 8.16.081.3(1) & (6).

Present: Kevin Cleveland, Tree Tech; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

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

Summary: The business did not contest that they were operating without a permit and on the cited date and time (the report also had pictures of the event). They acknowledged ignorance was no excuse. The License Investigator testified they had been issued a cease and desist on August 20, 2024. The company has yet to submit an application for a permit.

Decision: Violation, \$300 fine.

4. Disciplinary JAW Waste Services, LLC d/b/a Boston Carting, Solid Waste Hauler Permit #65459, for allegedly collecting waste outside of the allowable hours at 3:08 a.m. on September 11, 2024, at 12 Boardman Street, in violation of CMC 8.16.080(E).

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

Summary: On October 7, 2024, Michael Barry, Vice President of Boston Carting submitted a waiver of hearing admitting to the violation as noticed.

Decision: Violation, \$300 fine, notice to property owner who will also be cited for a violation hearing if further allegations of violations at this location are received.

5. Application #288306 Carl Howard, Newport Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/10/24 – 4/10/25 (Alt. 10/17/24 – 4/17/25), at 1400 Massachusetts Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday) and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays), to perform utility, curb, sidewalk, roadway, and hardscape work related to Harvard Square reconstruction using an excavator, skid steer, loader, crane, trucks, compressors, jackhammers, saws, and miscellaneous power tools. The variance is sought at the direction of Public Works to minimize impacts to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, MBTA service, and business operations.

Summary/Decision: Removed from the agenda prior to hearing for failure to properly notify abutters.

6. Application #289952 Elizabeth O'Brien, PIDC Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/28/24 – 12/22/24 (Alt. 11/25/24 – 1/20/25), at 125 Cambridgepark Drive, to work continuously at all hours, to power a building using a generator while utility service is installed, and periodic refueling using a fuel truck. The variance is sought to maintain power while Eversource completes the necessary work.

Present: Tim O'Keefe; Tim Amaral (?); and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: They are in the process of upgrading the building and new electrical service is the one driving the need for the variance. This is work that needs to be coordinated with the utility and they are set to perform and complete the work within a two-week window. The variance is being sought for longer period to be able to accommodate the fact that it is contingent upon the utility.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that a Sunday/Holiday Work Permit is required, the holder of the variance must notice License Investigators at least 24 hours prior to use by sending email to noise@cambridgema.gov, and once the variance is used for the two week period, the grant is moot and expired.

7. Application #1138269 Jackson McDonald, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/14/24 - 11/15/24, (Alt. dates 10/19/24 - 11/23/24), for one weekend of work during requested duration, at 121 Broadway, starting on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (variance hours 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.), for modifying the portion of Broadway between Galileo Way and Ames Street to facilitate an expansion of the current 121 Broadway and 105 Broadway CMP zones using hand tools, generators, temporary lighting, striping equipment, trucking, and hoisting equipment. The variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work and to ensure public safety.

Present: Jackson McDonald; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: This is part of the ongoing work to establish Broadway from Galileo to Ames as one way road relative to the Eversource transmission line and City infrastructure. The City is requiring the work to be performed at night. They sent out the notice on the 24th but had the incorrect Zoom link, but remediated with a follow up communication. The work is only going to happen during one weekend within the period sought.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that: a Sunday work permit is required; continued coordination with Departments of Public Works and Traffic, Parking and Transportation is required; and the holder of the variance must notice License Investigators at least 24 hours prior to use by sending email to noise@cambridgema.gov, and once the variance is used on the noticed weekend, the grant is moot and expired.

8. Application #1138255 Jackson McDonald, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/10/24 - 2/28/24, (No Alternate Dates), at 121 Broadway, Mondays through Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., for installation of earth retention systems, establishing dewatering equipment, installation of new traffic control systems, and utility infrastructure upgrades using welding tools, generators, compressors, pile driving, vac trucks, excavation, trucking, and hoisting equipment. The variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work and to ensure public safety. This application encompasses the request made via Application #1138260, which was merged with this application, and thus denied.

Present: Jackson McDonald; and Investigator Joseph Kelley. Nick Pisanelli, Turner.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: In conjunction with the previous application, the work required for the Eversource transmission lines and development and as well as the cover scope that needs to be installed between the properties. Extend the work hours to stagger shifts to reduce amount of trucking and construction traffic on site. Staggering shifts will ensure public safety – and goes hand in hand with Broadway going to one way. They have had numerous meetings on the issue. The transmission lines extend to the

public way and in between and the lanes and the Biogen and daycare facilities. The applicant suggested a Saturday extension could be used to shut down the roads and bridge across. They hope to cram the work within the extended hours of the weekdays and on Saturday and not to use the variance on Sundays.

The Board noted the Department of Public Works expressed a concern with the Sunday hours. They also stated that the extra City oversight for the extended hours is to be paid by the project team, otherwise they would not support the variance request.

Decision: Denied as to the Saturday & Sunday hours, granted as to weekday hours with the condition that cannot be used on any legal holidays. If applicant sees a need for the weekend work, it should reapply with a request for Saturday extended hours only.

9. Application #585540 Nick Anderson, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/12/24 - 12/16/24 (No Alternate Dates), at 290 Binney, for eight weekends over the requested duration from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (variance hours 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.), to dismantle the temporary overhead protection and paying using a crane, trucks, lifts, generators, power tools, and paving equipment. This variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work and to ensure public safety.

Present: Nick Anderson; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: This relates to the taking down of overhead protections and temporary structure. To do so safely, they need to close down the entire road, and the daycare is there. Hence, they only time they can do it is during the weekend. Also once they take it down, they need to pave the road.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that: it cannot be exercised 11/9 & 10 or 11/30 & 12/1; Sunday Work Permits are required; and holder of the variance must notice License Investigators at least 24 hours prior to use by sending email to noise@cambridgema.gov, and once the variance is used on the 8 noticed weekends, the grant is moot and expired.

10. Application #585481 Luke Hourican, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/10/24 - 11/30/24, (No Alternate Dates), at 325 Main Street, Mondays through Fridays from 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (variance hours 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.), and for variance hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., for the new MBTA Kendall Northbound Head House weather tight using power tools, material handling equipment, and lifts. This variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work.

Present: Luke Hourican; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: Had some delays with MBTA work going on 5 years. Right now they are looking at the weather and Thanksgiving. There may be glass delivery delays because of port issues and additional delays due to effects of hurricanes in Florida. Want to do two work shift. They would do deliveries early in the morning and the majority of work during regular hours and extend the work as materials arrive. This would be an extension of Noise Variance #269820.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that need to obtain Sunday and/or Holiday Work Permits, and cannot be exercised from 11/28-12/1.

11. Application #290009 Richard Green, United Civil, Inc., for a Special Noise Variance from 10/9/24 - 12/15/24 (No Alternate Dates), at 43 Vassar Street, weekdays only from 7:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m., for excavation, concrete construction, and mechanical work using and excavator, dump truck, and vacuum truck. The variance is sought to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work and to ensure public safety. MIT has a concern with potential risks to bicyclist safety during the day. They believe starting work at 7:00 p.m. will reduce the amount of exposure to cyclists.

Present: Richard “Rick” Green; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence regarding application.

Summary: This is for utility work at MIT. This would impact the bicycle lane on Vassar Street. Because it would impact the lane, performing the work after 7:00 p.m. would reduce the hazards to cyclist.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that it cannot be exercised on 11/11 or 11/28-29.

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.

12. Application #290183 Roche Bros. Supermarkets Co. d/b/a Brothers Marketplace, 1 Broadway, Common Victualler License #57553, for a change in corporate structure and name to Roche Bros. MidCo, LLC. There were no changes in the beneficial interest holders.

Decision: Granted.

13. Application #289375 Regina Olivieri, Shawmut Design and Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/25/24 – 10/27/24 (Alt. 11/1/24 – 11/3/24), at 26 Plympton Street, from 7:00 a.m. until

8:00 p.m. (variance hours 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. all days, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday), to assemble/disassemble a crane for a rooftop equipment hoist using a forklift and a crane. The variance is sought to extend the workday to align with a required road closure.

Summary/Decision: Application moved to October 29 hearing as the notice to abutters timeline was insufficient. Applicant informed that on October 29, the Board would consider the application with the alternate dates only, so the original dates requested have been administratively denied.

14. Application #1138556 Sale/transfer of Medallion #176 (Record #43536) from Marcus Cab, Inc. c/o Adeline J. Narcisse to Narcisse Cab, Inc. c/o Monique Louis, for \$1.00.

Decision: Acknowledged/granted.

15. Application #1138385 Leo R. Pires for a new Hackney Driver's License.

Decision: Granted.

16. Revocation of Grant Application #126739 Subcentral, LLC d/b/a Subcentral, 645 Massachusetts Avenue, for an Entertainment License, including live entertainment. The matter was heard multiple times, and finally granted on December 21, 2021, pending submission of a stamped plan. The plan was submitted but the applicant has failed to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from Inspectional Services Department. Regardless of multiple communications and requests for submission, an application for the CO has not been submitted and the applicant continues to stall with the same excuse of not finding an architect.

Summary: This matter has been kicking around since June of 2021. What we heard in 2021, may not be what is current right now. In addition, they continue to say they have no Certificate of Occupancy ("CO") because they need a stamped plan, or something updated to get approval from building but they have not even applied for the CO. At this point, the character of the business, its principals and the area may have changed, and therefore, a new application is required.

Decision: Grant revoked; if applicant wants to continue with the venture, must submit a new application.

17. Board Vote [Matter Heard September 11, 2024] Disciplinary Property Ownership of Youville House Assisted Living, 1573 Cambridge Street, for four counts of allegedly allowing waste collection by Republic Services on their premises outside of the allowable hours on July 26, 2024 at 6:42 a.m., August 7, 2024 at 6:47 a.m., August 14, 2024 at 6:55 a.m., and August 20, 2024 at 6:41 a.m., at 1573 Cambridge Street in violation of CMC 8.16.080(E).

Summary: We were waiting for the representatives of Youville to provide proof that they had attempted to cancel the contract with Republic. We obtained a letter from them of non-renewal of the contract as of December 2024. Part of the testimony provided was that they attempted to cancel the contract but Republic said they could not due to its terms. There is currently a fine being held in abeyance.

The Board discussed the options – either have them pay the pending fines, and issue fines in this case (7/26 & 8/7) and hold those in abeyance through January 2025, or find no violation as they have been attempting to correct this issue and it is in fact Republic that continues to be the problem. The property owners are being responsive and Republic has been fined for the two instances at issue (8/14 & 20 not at issue since the Board found there was insufficient evidence to establish they were related to the loading and unloading at the premises).

Decision: No violation.

18. Board Vote [Matter Heard September 24, 2024] Disciplinary Clover Fast Food, Inc., Lic. #11460 – 302 Elm Street a/k/a 1075 Cambridge Street, Lic. #11431 – 1326 Massachusetts Avenue, Lic. #11599 – 496 Massachusetts Avenue, Lic. #11496 – 355 Main Street a/k/a 5 Cambridge Center, consideration of cancellation, revocation or indefinite suspension of licenses pursuant to G. L. c. 138, §§ 15A, 23 & 64, and Board’s Rules 5.5 and 5.6.

Summary: Board discussed the changes to the business, including Chapter 11 and restructuring. Clover has hired a licensing attorney. Through their attorney they have surrendered three of the four liquor licenses. These locations will continue to operate as Common Victualler licenses only – the locations are 1075 Cambridge Street, 1326 Massachusetts Avenue, and 355 Main Street. The attorney advised that they are working on filing the proper application for the remaining location which is at 496 Massachusetts Avenue. They have asked for an extension to file up to 10/15 and if we decide to suspend to make the suspension effective 10/15.

Decision: Acknowledged as to liquor licenses surrendered. In terms of whether to suspend the licenses, even as common victualler licenses only, defer vote until our next meeting (10/29/24) to give counsel enough time to file proper applications as to all locations.

19. Consideration of Statement of Reasons

[Matter Heard September 9, 2024]

Middle East Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Middle East, 472 Massachusetts Avenue, All Alcohol Common Victualler and Entertainment License #11691, violation for failure to call for medical or police assistance on April 27, 2024, G.L. c. 138, §§ 23 and 64 and Board’s Rules 2, 8.1(b) and 8.2. Issued 2 days suspension.

[Matters Heard September 11, 2024]

Republic Services, Inc. d/b/a Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, two violations of CMC 8.16.080(E) for loading and unloading outside allowable hours on July 26, 2024 at 6:42 a.m., and August 7, 2024 at 6:47 a.m., at 1573 Cambridge Street. Issued \$300 fine per violation for a total fine of \$600. No violation for alleged incidents of August 14, 2024 and August 20, 2024.

M&G Lawn and Landscape Services, Leaf Blower Permit #288808, violation of 8.16.081.3(6), operating a leaf blower without a permit, and violation of CMC 8.16.081.3(1), operating during a prohibited period on August 8, 2024, at 28 Fayerweather Street. Warning issued for operating without a permit, and \$300 fine issued for operating during a prohibited period.

[Matters Heard September 24, 2024]

HS Landscaping & Masonry, Leaf Blower Permit #261420, violation of CMC 8.16.081.3(1) for operating a leaf blower during a prohibited period at 35 Brewster Street on July 30, 2024. Issued \$300 fine and order to update properties serviced in the City of Cambridge.

E.C. Hathaway & Associates violation for operating a leaf blower at 10 Appleton Street on June 28, 2024: (a) without a permit, 8.16.081.2(4) and 3(6); and (b) during a prohibited period, 8.16.081.3(1). Issued \$300 fine per violation, for a total fine of \$600 and \$100 hearing fee for failure to appear for a total fine of \$700.

Decision: Approved as to all.

20. Consideration of Meeting Minutes September 24, 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.

21. Application #275736 Jacob Davis, Susan G. Komen, for an entertainment license at 2 Education Circle, on 10/26/24 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a charity walk with recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 2000.

Decision: Granted pending issuance of Traffic Permit and with amended dates and hours of: 10/25 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for sound check; and 10/26 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. per event form.

22. Application #287677 Michael Monestime, Central Square BID, for an entertainment license at 65 Sidney Street, on 10/14/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a celebration with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #288082 Paul Clark for an entertainment license at 100 Cambridgeside Place, on 11/3/24 with rain date of 11/10/24 from 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a road race with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 7999.

Decision: Granted with an amended start time of 9:00 a.m.

24. Application #288319 Laura Reyes, The Boston Foundation, for a malt and wine license at 101 Rogers Street, on 10/17/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a celebration. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #289029 George Saide, CommonCare of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, for an entertainment license at 838 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/12/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a block party/anniversary with patrons dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

26. Application #289422 Joseph Alicandro for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/28/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner with recorded music and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

27. Application #289964 Christina Schmidt-Hong, Mocha Moves Dance Squad, for an entertainment license at 142 Memorial Drive, on 11/1/24 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a dance competition with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, amplification system, floor & light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 715.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #290032 Corrine Ray, Pentecostal Tabernacle and Central Square Church, for an entertainment license at 70 Magazine Street, on 10/27/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a harvest festival with patrons dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance – 175.

Decision: Granted.

29. Applications #290083 & 290087 Tom Martin, Head of the Charles Regatta, for a all alcohol and entertainment and one day hawker/peddler license for (7 vendors) at 971 Memorial Drive, on 10/19 & 10/20/24 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a reunion/rowing event with amplification system. Expected attendance – 3000.

Decision: Granted.

30. Application #290098 Erin Muirhead McCarty, Community Art Center, Inc. for an amusement license at 119 Windsor Street, on 10/18/24 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for pony rides. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #290112 Maia Paterno, Harvard University Housing Graduate Commons Program, for a malt and wine license at 900 Memorial Drive, on 10/19/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a brunch. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks (2) associated with the admissions price, otherwise/thereafter, the alcohol must be sold; there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendants; and the outdoor area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

32. Application #769349 Fernando Valenzuela, Burton Third, for an entertainment license at 410 Memorial Drive, on 10/19/24 from 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 799.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 10:00 p.m. per event registration form.

33. Application #769471 Naomi Dunson for an entertainment license at 449 Broadway, on 10/26/24 with rain date of 10/27/24 from 2:15 set up 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a Halloween party with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted for event hours of 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. per City permit.

34. Application #769598 William Manley, Harvard Square Business Association, for an entertainment license at 14 JFK Street, on 10/13/24 from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for a comedy festival with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with amended event hours of 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. per City permit (may set up as of 12:00 p.m.).

35. Application #769602 Annabelle Liefke, MIT Sigma Kappa Theta Lambda, for an entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/20/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. per event registration form.

36. Application #769669 Jeremy Serbee, Junkyard, for an entertainment license at 5 Dickinson Street, on 10/26/24 with rain date of 11/2/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a concert/art showcase with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing and live music. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted, applicant must request police detail.

37. Application #1138384 Jose da Silva, Patagonia, for a malt license at 39 Brattle Street, on 10/10/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a presentation. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted with the condition that must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

38. Application #1138128 Joseph Juknievich, The New Dance Complex, Inc., for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/19/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance concert. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #1138129 Joseph Juknievich, The New Dance Complex, Inc., for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/20/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a dance concert/party. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #1138130 Joseph Juknievich, The New Dance Complex, Inc., for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/25/24 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a dance lesson/party. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #1138224 Daniel Wolf, City of Cambridge, for an entertainment license at 22 Norfolk Street, on 10/19/24 with rain date of 10/20/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a block party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Summary: This is a City event but the Traffic Permit was just filed on October 1 and it is still under preliminary review so unclear as to whether event details will change.

Decision: Chair Murati Ferrer designated to vote for the Board on the application, including but not limited to denying or granting with conditions and/or modifications.

42. Application #1138278 Patrice Cleaves for a malt and wine license at 100 Cambridgeside Place, on 10/24, 11/21, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20 & 4/17/25 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a Harry Potter: The Exhibition. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with the condition that must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

43. Application #1138304 John Schall for a malt and wine license at 7 JFK Street, on 10/13/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a celebration/grand opening. Expected attendance – 599.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees, and areas where alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way. May start set up at 12:00 p.m.

44. Application #1138414 Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 251 Hampshire Street, on 10/25/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for an Inmanween/Halloween party with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music, amplification system and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees, and areas where alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

45. Application #1138417 & 1138419 Nikoi Coley-Ribeiro, The Foundry, for an all alcohol and hawker/peddler license (35 vendors) at 101 Rogers Street, on 10/25/24 from 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for an arts vendor market to sell crafts, jewelry, art etc. Expected attendance - 300

Decision: Granted with the condition that must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

Additional 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.

46. Application #289368 Regina Olivieri, Shawmut Design and Construction, for a Special Noise Variance from 10/17/24 – 10/19/24 (Alt. 10/24/24 – 10/26/24), at 26 Plympton Street, 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., for an extension to an expired variance to perform a water service connection using an excavator and saw. The variance is sought to minimize utility interruptions for surrounding businesses and residents.

Summary: This is an extension of an existing variance.

Decision: Granted.

47. Application #1138617 Anya Bear, MIT, for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 142 Memorial Drive, on 10/18/24 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with live music. Expected attendance – 150.

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

48. Application #1138685 Kevin Ebert, Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, for an all alcohol license at 26 Oxford Street, on 10/24/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a museum open house. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

49. Application #1138758 Ruth Allen, Paddy's Lunch, for an entertainment license at 260 Walden Street, on 10/26/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

50. Application #1138860 Jacklynn Okereke, Harvard College Nigerian Students Association, for an entertainment license at 52 Oxford Street, on 10/12/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a gala with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 415.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 5:30 p.m. per event registration/approval form; applicant must request police detail.

51. Application #1138861 Jacklynn Okereke, Harvard College Nigerian Students Association, for an entertainment license at 60 Linnaean Street, on 10/12/24 from 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a gala afterparty with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 415.

Decision: Granted; applicant must request police detail.

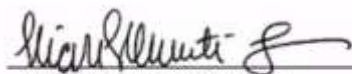
52. Application #1138727 Coffee Best, Inc. d/b/a Phinista Café, 1876 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Common Victualler License in a previously licensed location. Pakkapol Sapsasem as manager of record of a premises described as approximately 2,032 sq. ft. on the first floor at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Upland Road. There are 2 restrooms, kitchen and storage are in the rear. The entrance and exit door are in the front. There is another door in the kitchen that leads to Upland Road. There are speakers for background music. Proposed hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. all days and the sitting and maximum occupancy of the space is 42.

Decision: Granted.


By the Board of License Commissioners

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