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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation

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This meeting is held remotely in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 signed into law on July 16, 2022.

Public Testimony Matters

The following are matters which the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed, and for which public testimony may be taken. The public may also submit comments on any of the below via email at license@cambridgema.gov (please reference the application number in your email).

- 1. Disciplinary/Revocation** Craigie Bistrot, LLC d/b/a Craigie on Main, 853 Main Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11387, for a license informational hearing for non-use pursuant to, but not limited to, M. G. L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64, and 77.
- 2. Disciplinary/Revocation** G Street Associates, Inc., d/b/a Grafton Street Pub and Grill, 1 Bow Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11668, for an informational hearing for non-use pursuant to, but not limited to, M. G. L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64, and 77.
- 3. Application #210488** Postdoc Ventures, LLC d/b/a Berryline, 3 Arrow Street, Common Victualler License #12361, for a Change of Opening Hour from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- 4. Application #209528** Lordanova, LLC d/b/a Second Hand Store, 864 Massachusetts Avenue, for a Second Hand Goods, Junk Dealers and/or Antiques License.
- 5. Application #208433** Massachusetts Institute of Technology d/b/a MIT Open Space Programming, 292 Main Street, for a New Common Victualler and Entertainment License with proposed hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. all days with seating for 275 and an occupancy of 350. Entertainment to include: recorded music with amplification; dancing by patrons and entertainers; live music; exhibitions; floor shows; audio/visual shows; DJ; karaoke; comedy show; beauty contest; talk show; poetry reading; 1 TV/video screen; and theatrical stage. Jess Smith as manager of a premises described as: MIT Welcome Center Auditorium and Lobby on the first floor of 292 Main Street. The space is primarily used for MIT Admissions Information Sessions and Tours and to welcome visitors to campus between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. Outside of those hours, the space is reservable by members of the MIT, Kendall Square, and Cambridge communities for events. The auditorium is 2,800 sq ft, with fixed seating for 206, a built-in AV system, and two dedicated exits. The lobby is 4,500 sq ft with bench seating for 40, a built-in speaker system (connected to the auditorium), and two dedicated exits. It has three rooms: the auditorium, the lobby, and an AV closet adjacent to the auditorium. There are also Men's, Women's, and All-Gender Restrooms on the same floor for public use.

- 6. Application #208363** Trattoria Pulcinella, Inc. d/b/a Trattoria Pulcinella, 147 Huron Avenue, Common Victualler Wine and Malt Beverages License, has applied for a Change of License Category to add cordials/liqueurs; Change of Officers/Directors; Change of Stock Interests; and Change of Manager to Maria Oliva.
- 7. Application #189710** Kaveri Incorporated d/b/a Nirvana Restaurant, 1680 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License, has applied for an Alteration of Premises to include an outdoor patio on public property. The proposed premises description is: Approximately 1,715 square feet with dining room and bar with restroom on the ground floor, 1 entrance and 1 exit; bathrooms in the basement. Approximately 187 square foot seasonal outdoor patio on public sidewalk and into the parking lane.
- 8. Application #205891** PFP Square LLC d/b/a Mr. Bartley's Burger Cottage, 1246 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied for a New Common Victualler Wine and Malt License with Cordials/Liqueurs Permit with proposed hours of 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. all days with seating for 78 inside and 26 outside patio seats on public property on the sidewalk and into the parking lane. Joshua Huggard as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: First Floor is 1,134 sq ft. with a dining room and a small kitchen in the back. There is a front door and a back door on this level; basement is 1074 square feet with a staff bathroom, storage and cooler. Approximately 553 sq. ft. patio on the public way, on the sidewalk (curbside) and into the parking lane.
- 9. Application #208497** Improvisation Center of Boston, Inc. d/b/a ImprovBoston, 620 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied for a New General on Premises Wine and Malt License with proposed hours of 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Wednesday; 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursday; 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Friday; 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Saturday; and 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday, with seating for 35 and a total occupancy of 50. Matt Laidlaw as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 1800Sqft, first floor theater and lounge space (split between two publicly accessible offices in building) main entrance/exit from Massachusetts Ave and an additional entrance/ exit to Green Street. Theater space has two entry/exit doors both leading to common hallway of building. We will be utilizing two rooms to accommodate performances and lounge. Performance space is 1100sqft. with floor seating and no stage. Stage area for performers is 9'x6' floor, outlined in paint/ lighting equipment. Technical "booth" in back corner of theater space. Locked storage closet in room for technical/ bar equipment. Lounge space is 700sq ft open office with additional storage closet for technical/ bar equipment furniture. Applicant is also applying for an Entertainment License to include recorded music above conversation level; dancing by entertainers; live music with amplification; theatrical exhibition or play; floor show; light show; dynamic audio or visual show; comedy show; talk show; reading of poetry, or other works; TV or projector screen; theatrical stage; and nudity.
- 10. Application #179649** Sheger Ethiopian Market, LLC d/b/a Sheger Ethiopian Market, 2368 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License with proposed hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday. Eden Gande as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Approximately 1,740 square feet with three rooms.

- 11. Application #192598** Boston Convenience Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Boston Convenience, 1 Leighton Street, has applied for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License with proposed hours of 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. all days. Paramjit Singh as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 3000 square feet on the first floor in 1 room. There is also a storage area, two entrances, and two exits.
- 12. Application #198982** Singh Food II, Inc., d/b/a Jo's Indian Kitchen, 1900 Massachusetts Avenue, holder of a Common Victualler License, has applied to transfer the existing Common Victualler Wine and Malt License held by Guhania Corporation, 1900 Massachusetts Avenue. The current hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday with seating for 48. Delvir Singh as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Approximately 1,300 sq. ft. on the first floor with dining room and kitchen; basement for storage and preparation.
- 13. Application #164068** Toasted Brothers Harvard Square, LLC d/b/a The Friendly Toast, 1230 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied for a New Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License with proposed hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. all days with seating for 160 and an occupancy of 196. Ryan Ford as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 5,100 square foot facility with one floor. The build has a main dining area, bar, two restrooms and an entrance/exit that is accessible to the public. The back of house includes a kitchen, office, along with a delivery entry and exit. Applicant is also applying for an Entertainment License to include amplified music above conversation level, trivia, and 3 TV's.
- 14. Disciplinary/Informational Hearing** 820 SRO, LLC d/b/a Central House, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, Lodging House License #10734, to discuss whether the renewal application was submitted with false documents or false statements, the building is safe for occupancy and operation, whether there has been a failure to cooperate with City Departments and/or whether the license should be suspended or revoked or fines issued pursuant to G. L. c. 140, §§ 9, 22, 34-40 and Board's Rules 2, 5A, 13.5 and 14.
- 15. Disciplinary** Republic Services, holder of Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, for alleged violations of CMC 8.16.080(e) – Loading and unloading, at approximately 5:30 a.m. on February 15, 2023, in the vicinity of 9-11 Chester Street.
- 16. SNV Application #211027** Ryan George on behalf of Turner Construction for 3/1/23 – 6/1/23 (No alternate specified) at 290 Binney Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on all days except Sundays to perform utility work and slurry wall installation using cranes, trucks, excavators, hand and welding tools. The variance is sought as once the slurry wall pour has begun it cannot be stopped, and to minimize impacts to utility service at adjacent properties.
- 17. SNV Application #209967** Aaron Harrington, on behalf of Cambridge Network Solutions, 3/6/23 to 3/9/23, (Alt dates 3/13/23 to 3/16/23), at Third Street and Bent St. 6:00PM to 3:30AM, Two Crews setting up at two manholes located on Third St and Bent Street. Performing Fiber Optic Splicing. Using two standard trucks. Variance is needed due to a restriction on the available time to perform the fiber optic hot cut limiting the window from 6PM to 3:30AM.

18. SNV Application #209793 Michael Shanahan, on behalf of AECOM Tishman, 3/1/23 to 6/30/23, at 62 Whittemore Ave. Seeking coverage to run generators for life safety outside the allowable hours Monday to Friday 6:00PM to 7:00AM and Friday night from 6:00PM to 9:00AM Saturday. The generators support fire alarms, fire protection, perimeter site lighting, perimeter air monitoring, and dewatering activities. Generators may not run all night every night, however we are seeking coverage for the entire time frame.

Administrative Matters

The following are matters which the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed without accepting, soliciting, or taking public testimony at the hearing. Anyone wishing to be heard on the below should contact the Board at least 24 hours prior to the hearing and/or submit your statement in writing to License@cambridgema.gov.

19. Consideration of Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023.

20. Consideration of Statement of Reasons

[Matter Heard December 1, 2022]

Rush Hour Group, LLC d/b/a Middlesex, 315 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #85782, violation for improper bodily contact between employees and individuals waiting to gain entry to the premises, resulting in an assault and battery or use of excessive force on September 3, 2022, G. L. c. 138, § 64, c. 140 and Board's Rules 2, 5.1, 5.2, and 8.1. Warning issued.

[Matters Heard January 26, 2023]

Curlocom, LLC d/b/a Plough and Stars, 912 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11685, violation for operating over licensed capacity on November 19, 2022, G. L. c. 138, §§ 23 and 64 and Board's Rules 2.3, 2.5, 5.1, and 9. Warning issued.

Casella Waste Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14070, two violations of Cambridge Municipal Code ("CMC") 8.16.080(E), loading and unloading outside allowable hours, on December 23, 2022, 6:30 a.m., and December 31, 2022, 8:00 a.m. at 2235 Massachusetts Avenue. \$300 fine per violation for a total fine of \$600.

Republic Services, Inc., Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, five violations of CMC 8.16.080(E), loading and unloading outside of allowable hours, at 1575 Cambridge Street on November 17, 2022, 5:50 a.m., November 30, 2022, 6:00 a.m., December 6, 2022, 4:05 a.m., and December 30, 2022, 5:45 a.m., and at 9-11 Chester Street, on January 11, 2023, 5:45 a.m. \$300 fine per violation, total fine issued per the Ordinance of \$1,500, and \$100 fee assessed for failure to appear at the hearing. Total fees due \$1,600.

One Day License Applications

The following are matters which the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed without accepting, soliciting, or taking public testimony at the hearing. Anyone wishing to be heard on the below should contact the Board at least 24 hours prior to the hearing and/or submit your statement in writing to License@cambridgema.gov.

- 21. Application #210487** Rebecca Conn for a one day hawker/peddler license to be exercised at 292 Main Street, on 3/14/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to sell books.
- 22. Application #210450** Veer Dedhia for an entertainment license to be exercised at Cambridge Masonic Hall 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/26/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a social dance with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.
- 23. Application #209637** Lynn Standish, on behalf of Parents Nursery School for a malt and wine and entertainment license to be exercised at 117 Cushing Street, on 5/6/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with patrons dancing and recorded music. Expected attendance – 40.
- 24. Application #211087** John Josti, on behalf of Hope Fellowship Church for an entertainment license to be exercised at Raymond Park 106 Raymond Street, on 4/8/23 with rain date of 4/15/23 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for an easter egg hunt with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.



Administrative Assistant