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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

By Remote Participation

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 signed into law on July 16, 2022, and commenced at 10:32 a.m.

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

Staff Member Present: Christopher O'Neil.

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

Public Testimony Matters

1. Board Discussion The Board will meet in the Zoom public session to vote to go into executive session, under a different platform, for the purposes of discussing litigation strategy, as doing so in an open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board, with respect to the matter known as 2030 Ocean Street LLC d/b/a Wine & Market (ViewPoint Record No. 143918; ABCC License No. 90164-PK-0166).

Decision: Board entered into Executive Session; once the session was completed, Board returned to public session.

2. Disciplinary HY Trinh Corporation d/b/a All Star Pizza Bar, Malt and Wine Common Victualler License #63530, for Alleged Violations of G. L. c. 138, 140 and Board's Rules and Regulations of the City of Cambridge Board of License Commissioners. Specifically, it has been alleged that on December 30, 2022: alcohol from outside the premises was brought into the premises and consumed therein; alcohol was provided, served, sold or possessed by a minor; alcohol was consumed by employees while on duty; alcohol was served, sold possessed, or consumed after closing hour; alcohol was provided to an intoxicated person; no aid was provided to an intoxicated person; and at least one of the persons who was served, sold or provided alcohol on the premises was involved in a motor vehicle accident and was found to be operating the vehicle while intoxicated.

Present: Investigator Joseph Kelley; Nhan Trinh; and Officer Jason Fernandes.

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

Summary: Police received a call about two guys stumbling into a car. Upon arrival the Officers could detect an alcoholic odor emanating from Ricardo Aguera. There was a language barrier so Officer Fernandes's partner was the one that interacted and spoke to the individuals in Spanish. Aguera admitted to purchasing a 6 pack of Heineken, bringing it into the licensed premises and drinking it. Aguera did not pass the field sobriety test. Humberto Calderon, a minor, was also present at the scene,

was also exhibiting signs of intoxication and admitted to drinking 4 beers. The police officers did not enter either of the licensed premises and observed alcohol and open containers inside the vehicle.

Owner Trinh testified that they were not aware of the incident until provided information of it by the License Commission. The two store managers, Steven Miller and Gabriel Martinez, had no idea of what had transpired. According to record, Aguera left the work premises at 6:00 p.m., and never came back into either of the premises. No employees observed Aguera drinking inside either of the premises. Calderon was not working on the date of the incident.

Decision: Continued to obtain employee list of the date of the incident, follow up interview with responding officers and possibly to wait until the criminal case concludes.

3. Application #211822 LSF Kendall Square, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods, 355 Main Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #133234, for a Change of Manager to Michael Garcia.

Present: Michael Garcia; and Donna Cruz.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Michael Garcia has experience in the food and beverage industry, and has been a manager of record with no disciplinary issued with the local board or ABCC. Garcia is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth, Board and ABCC with regard to the sale and service of alcohol, and has been trained as to them. Will provide ServeSafe for liquor certificate and proof of citizenship. Garcia is also trained in the crowd control law.

Decision: Granted.

4. Application #202510 Rutu, Inc. d/b/a Tanjore, 878 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #132251, to add the following Entertainment to their license: dancing by patrons; live music with amplification; DJ; karaoke; and 2 additional TV's (8 total).

Present: Subin Dheke; and Varun Bisht.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Since opening, have had multiple one days for events that are being requested by the patrons. They get a lot of requests from the customers and community and want to be able to provide the additional amenities as requested. The hours of operation would be the same as the operating hours. Zoning has placed a condition that the entertainment devices cannot exceed 25% of the total gross area and the entertainment plan provided complies with such provision.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the entertainment cannot occupy more than 25% of the total gross floor area per zoning.

5. Application #209388 Cheese Pizza, LLC d/b/a Roxy's A4Cade, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11555, for a Change of Manager to Christopher Gotreau and Change of d/b/a to Roxy's Grilled Cheese.

Decision: No vote – matter removed from agenda.

6. 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.

Present: Surinder Singh.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The business used to have a patio on the sidewalk but had not operated it for years. Then during COVID had one through a temporary extension due to COVID-19 but smaller in size and capacity than what is being sought. The plan is for 175 sq. ft. on the sidewalk and into the parking lane with a total of 16 seats directly in front of the licensed premises. The hours of operation would be the same as inside, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. The Sidewalk Street Business Use Permit has issued.

Decision: Granted.

7. 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 1,074 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.

Present: Joshua Huggard.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Bartley's has been at the location for many years. A few years ago, there was a change in ownership in which Huggard participated. Now Huggard is trying to continue it on his own but with liquor as it complements the business well but also because there is a continued request from patrons or the service of alcohol. In fact, many times when patrons walk in and realize there is no service of alcohol, they leave. The outdoor seating set up would be the same as was approved during COVID-19 through a temporary extension of the licensed premises and the hours of operation would be the same as inside.

Huggard has experience in the industry and has not been the manager of record on a liquor license before. Huggard is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth, Board and ABCC with regard to the sale and service of alcohol, and has been trained as to them. Has both ServeSafe and TIPS as proof of training.

Decision: Granted.

8. 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 Guhanian Corporation (#11269), 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.

Present: Delvir Singh.

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

Summary: Jo's Indian kitchen actually opened in the space where Guhanian Corporation holds the license. Guhanian closed but maintained the license "alive" to be able to transfer it to Jo's. Therefore, there is a presumption of need for the license at this location.

Singh has experience in the food and beverage industry and has been the manager of record on a liquor license before with no disciplinary issues with the local board or the ABCC. Singh is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth, Board and ABCC with regard to the sale and service of alcohol, and has been trained as to them (provided TIPS as proof).

Decision: Granted.

9. Application #181192 Weston Academy, Inc. d/b/a Weston Academy, 17 Mellen Street, has applied for a Lodging House with 6 rooms and 6 occupants. Lesley University previously held a Lodging House License at this location.

Present: Attorney Kevin Kerr; and Liya Rong.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence with regard to application.

Summary: Lesley used to operate the premises as a lodging house and has sold it to Weston Academy. Weston intends to continue operating it as a lodging house. No changes envisioned to the structure. Lesley had rented it to students and public. It is a four level structure (the garden level is street level not a basement) and has rooms on each level. The intent is for it to be used by Weston Academy students only.

There was discussion as to the issues raised in the correspondence received regarding an opposition to grant the license. Issues discussed included trash, noise, possible fire hazards, and management of the property. The applicant stated they had on site manager that visits the premises daily and there is cleaning of common areas daily. Owner will also meet with neighbors and address any issues.

Decision: Granted with the condition that prior to the license being issued, the site manager name, email and phone number must be provided to the Board and the neighbors; and that house rules must be drafted, posted conspicuously on the premises, and provided to the residents – rules must include provisions to address the complaints received.

10. Application #211810 Cortnie Green on behalf of New England Development for a Special Noise Variance on 3/24/23 – 3/27/23 (Alt. 3/31/23 – 4/3/23 and 4/7/23 – 4/10/23), at 20 Cambridgeside Place, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on a Friday continuously until 7:00 a.m. on the following Monday to dismantle a tower crane using powered lights, lulls, cranes, ariel lifts, and trucking. The variance is sought to maximize pedestrian and patron safety.

Present: Peter DeVito; Chase Cote, Construction Project Manager NE Development; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Need a tower crane, which requires shift lane and shut down, and doing this over the weekend erecting assist crane taking down assist crane and then dismantling. Lane closure and shift to Land Boulevard is required and DCR would not permit it during regular hours. Weather for the upcoming weekend is questionable, high winds and rain, so they may need to shift to the first alternate date.

Decision: Granted with the condition that a Sunday Work Permit from the Cambridge Police Department is required.

11. Application #213433 Matt Burham, on behalf of McCourt construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/26/23 to 3/30/23 (Alt dates 3/27/23 to 3/31/23) at One Science Park, for overnight shifts from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Beginning on Sunday night and ending on Thursday morning. Drilling for a new mast arm foundation in sidewalk on inbound side of Rte. 28 using 3" water pump, dump trucks, drill rig, and 18-wheel delivery trucks. Requesting this work be done at night to limit the impact on pedestrians, bikers, and the commuting public.

Present: Matt Burnham; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The application indicates that you will be working the construction allowable hours as well. It is almost a 24-hour construction period. Unfortunately, the work that they seek to do during non-allowable hours is of such nature that the DOT will not allow them to do during allowable hours.

Basically, the DOT does not want them doing the work along the Museum during the day because of the pedestrians. The construction is huge, and the day work must also be done.

Decision: Granted with the condition that a Sunday Work Permit from the Cambridge Police Department is required.

12. Disciplinary Speedway, LLC d/b/a/ Speedway 2424, 2055 Massachusetts Avenue, for allegedly storing, keeping, displaying, or selling alcohol without a license on multiple dates, in violation of G. L. c. 138, §§ 15, 23, and 60.

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

Summary: The business submitted a waiver of hearing and there is confirmation that the proper permits from the ABCC were secured and the alcohol removed from the premises. The Board discussed accepting the admission, find a violation and take no further action, including but not limited to, initiating criminal charges pursuant to G. L. c. 138, §§ 60 and 62. The matter will be considered if the business ever comes up for a liquor license or if it becomes an issue in the future.

Decision: Violation as to all counts, no criminal action or other legal recourse to proceed at this time; violation will be considered if the business ever applies for a liquor license or if the issue of operating without a license re-arises.

13. Disciplinary Facility Concessions Services, Inc. d/b/a The Sinclair, All Alcohol Common Victualler License #11598, 52 Church Street, for allegedly failing to provide aid to an intoxicated or injured person on September 30, 2022, in violation of G. L. c. 138, §§ 23 and 64 and Board's Rules 2 and 8.2.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik; Attorney James Rafferty; William Knockenhauer, Manager of Record; Josh Bhatti, Sr. Vice President; William Schwab, General Manager; Tim Xayyaraj, Security; Jason Reed, Vice President; Andrew Martin; and Ilana Katz, complainant.

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

Summary: Katz testified that after consuming an alcoholic beverage at the Sinclair they became ill, felt very drunk, collapsed and proceeded to throw up in the bathroom for an hour. Katz was very distressed and informed the Sinclair that they believed they were drugged. Katz was screaming and could not walk downstairs. Katz stated the Sinclair staff never offered any medical assistance and made Katz leave through an area that was farthest away from the front of the premises even though she wanted to go out through the front area. Katz stated it was clear she was in great distress, screaming, not being well, feeling drugged and the Sinclair had not regard for Katz's well-being. Katz denied taking shots or saying that she took shot. Katz denied being asked if they needed medical attention or declining it.

William Knockenhauer was working but did not become aware of situation with Katz until afterwards. Knockenhauer had no interactions with Katz. Knockenhauer testified the policy was that if a patron is in distress, the staff radios and security respond to location and assess the situation. The patron is brought to a quieter space and have a conversation about what happened. Security would assess whether medical attention is necessary, whether the patron can leave on own accord, or if the patron is showing signs of intoxication. Knockenhauer did not hear the radio communication.

Tim Xayyaraj, head of security, was on duty. Xayyaraj and Ben Gram tended to the call on the mezzanine. Xayyaraj testified the patron, Katz, was in distress, not doing well. Xayyaraj took Katz to the lobby, into a quieter area that has a ramp that goes into the street. This is the area where they take all patrons that need assessment since there is a ramp for EMS access, if necessary. Xayyaraj testified Katz could go safely into the elevator, she was standing, speaking although distressed. Xayyaraj stated they offered medical assistance but Katz denied it. Katz stated they would be leaving with some friends; Xayyaraj suggested Katz go to the hospital. Xayyaraj stated Katz was on the hone while they were interacting. Xayyaraj testified Katz was quite distressed: yelling quite a bit, stating did not feel right, does not usually drink by this. Katz was walking, not slurring words, and did not appear overly drunk. Xayyaraj stated a friend of Katz told them they had never seen anyone take “this many shots before.” Xayyaraj did not call the police and stated there were no policies in place as to the type of situation encountered.

Joshua Bhatti, oversee training of staff and personnel. They are concerned about the non-consensual drugging issues and have seen it being a problem in other areas. Bhatti testified attending the session hosted by the License Commission on the issue and posting throughout the business the educational documents provided by the City. Recognize in this case that the patron something was put in their drink – in distress – if we were to see a drugging in place see more acute – in training covered people unable to walk, losing control or lose consciousness. The policy was to call the police/ambulance, in this case could not say the policy was followed. Bhatti testified female employees monitor the bathroom regularly and in a span of one hour should have gone in at least once.

Decision: Under advisement.

14. Disciplinary Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, for alleged violations of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading, by collecting waste outside of the allowable hours on 5:30 a.m. on February 7, 16, and 21, 2023, in the vicinity of 170 Gore Street.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik. No representative appeared for Republic Services.

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

Summary: There is confirmation the City collects recycle materials at this location on Thursdays. Hence the allegation of the 16 was not discussed (this is consistent with what the complainant provided as they stated they did not think it was Republic on the 16th). Due to the residential zoning of this location, the earliest a disposal company can service the waste receptacles is 7:00 a.m. on a weekday.

Decision: Violation, 2 counts (2/7 & 2/21), \$300 fine/violation, and an additional \$100 hearing fee for failure to appear.

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.

15. Application #212068 Beantown Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1 Broadway, for a Common Victualler of a premises described as: seating, service area, and an office on the first floor and storage and refrigerators in basement. Mark Pesce as Manager of Record and Suresh Roka as On-Site Manager; 14 maximum seating and occupancy; hours of 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. all days. This is a previously licensed location for the same type of business – it is an ownership change.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #212072 Beantown Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 808 Memorial Drive, for a Common Victualler of a premises described as: in one room on the first floor with seating and service areas, office and storage. Includes outdoor patio on the private way. Mark Pesce as Manager of Record and Abdelwahed Bouhiaoui as On-Site Manager; 30 maximum seating and occupancy indoor, 16 maximum seating and occupancy outdoor; hours of 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. all days. This is a previously licensed location for the same type of business – it is an ownership change.

Decision: Granted.

17. Application #212086 Beantown Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1001 Massachusetts Avenue, for a Common Victualler of a premises described as: In one room on the first floor with kitchen and storage in the rear. Includes outdoor seasonal patio on public property. Mark Pesce as Manager and Geeta Burel as On-Site Manager; 13 maximum indoor seating and occupancy, 16 maximum outdoor seating and occupancy; hours of 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. all days. This is a previously licensed location for the same type of business – it is an ownership change.

Decision: Granted.

18. Application #214270 Kurala Trans, Inc., Medallion #106 (Record #83312) has applied to dissolve the corporation and hold the medallion individually by the sole owner of the dissolved corporation, Raghvir Singh.

Decision: Granted.

19. Application #214279 Raghvir Singh for the transfer of Medallion #57, previously held by Banwait Trans, Inc. (ViewPoint #83313).

Decision: Acknowledged/approved.

20. Application #214281 Raghvir Singh for the transfer of Medallion #257, previously held by Banwait Trans, Inc. (ViewPoint #64863).

Decision: Acknowledged/approved.

21. Application #214516 HRB MA Holdings, LLC d/b/a Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, Innholder All Alcohol License #66021, for a one-time amendment to their license to allow alcohol service to start at 10:00 a.m. on April 9, 2023 for Easter Brunch (usual alcohol service start time on Sundays is 11:00 a.m.).

Decision: Granted.

22. Application #197548 [Revisit Vote of January 10, 2023] Area Four Operating, LLC d/b/a Area Four, 500 Technology Square, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11434, for a Change of Ownership Interests. Board granted the application, ABCC returned no action as they are requesting there be a supplement to the application for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers. The Board has received the supplement to the application.

Summary: We heard this transaction and voted to approve. The ABCC, regardless of the sole beneficial holder staying the same is also viewing this as a change of officers/directors/llc managers. The applicant has provided the additional documents required by the ABCC. The ABCC is asking for an amended approval form from us also showing approval of this change.

Decision: Vote affirmed/granted.

23. Consideration of Waiver of Hearing - Disciplinary Casella Waste Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14070, for alleged violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading, at approximately 6:55 a.m. on March 4, 2023, in the vicinity of 2235 Massachusetts Avenue.

Decision: Violation, \$300 fine, notice of violation and fine to owner of the premises where collection is occurring.

24. Application #214080 Jesse Conklin, on behalf of Bond Bros., for a Special Noise Variance on 4/1/23 – 4/30/23 (Alt. 4/8/23 – 5/7/23), at 59 Vassar St., from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (will also work full day) to assemble and operate a crane to hoist rooftop equipment using trucking. The variance is sought to minimize impact to vehicular traffic.

Decision: Granted.

25. Consideration of Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023.

Decision: Approved.

26. Consideration of Statement of Reasons

[Matters Heard February 7, 2023]

John's Landscape Service, Leaf Blower Permit #10678, violation of CMC 8.16.081.2(f), operating multiple leaf blowers less than 10,000 square feet apart, on December 1, 2022, 11:30 a.m., 56 Concord Avenue. \$300 fine issued.

Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, two violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading during prohibited period, on January 25, 2023, 9-11 Chester Street, and on January 27, 2023, 170 Gore Street, both at 5:30 a.m. \$300 fine issued per violation, total \$600 fine issued per the Ordinance, and \$100 fee assessed for failure to appear at the hearing. Total fees due \$700. [Ratification]

[Matters Heard March 1, 2023]

G Street Associates, Inc., 1 Bow Street, All Alcohol License #11668, license cancelled for non-use, G. L. c. 138, § 77.

Craigie Bistrot, LLC, 853 Main Street, All Alcohol License #11387, license not in use. Cancellation hearing for non-use pursuant to G. L. c. 138, § 77, to be held April 25, 2023, unless a transfer application is filed before that date.

Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, one violation of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading during prohibited period, on February 15, 2023, 9-11 Chester Street, 5:30 a.m. \$300 fine issued per the Ordinance, and \$100 fee assessed for failure to appear at the hearing. Total fees due \$400.

Decision: Approved as to all.

One Day License Applications

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27. Application #211405 Samuel Hickson, on behalf of Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese speakers, Inc., for a Charity Wine License at Royal Sonesta 40 Land Blvd, on 4/22/23 from 5:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #212132 Angel Hoagland, on behalf of Hult International Business School, for a wine license at 1 Education Street, on 4/7/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a graduation celebration. Expected attendance – 600.

Decision: Granted.

29. Application #212701 Sean Bjerke for an entertainment license at Cambridge Masonic Hall, 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/3/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance workshop/battle with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 185.

Decision: Granted.

30. Application #213142 Rebecca Conn for a one day hawker/peddler license at MIT 292 Main Street, on 3/31/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to sell books.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #213789 Oluwadunni Ojumu for an entertainment license at 52 Oxford Street, on 3/25/23 with rain date of 4/1/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a party with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: No vote – application withdrawn as event was cancelled.

32. Application #213748 Erin Becker for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 25 Lowell Street, on 4/22/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with live music. Expected attendance – 125.

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

33. Application #214257 Andrea Campbell, on behalf of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, for an entertainment license at Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/26/23 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 4:00 p.m. per MIT event registration form.

34. Application #214377 Charlotte Meehan Hopkins, on behalf of Sleeping Weazel Inc., for a wine license at The Foundry, 101 Rogers Street, on 4/1/23 with rain date of 4/15/23 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for an anniversary party. Expected attendance – 90.

Decision: Granted pending submission of CI for the space within the Foundry where the event is taking place, or confirmation that location where event is taking place is the Performance Space CI #185175.

35. Application #214443 Sosena Walderufal for an all alcohol and entertainment license at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 7/29/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a graduation party with dj. Expected attendance – 160.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #214539 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space, 292 Main Street, on 4/1/23 with rain date of 4/2/23 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a kids steam activities with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

37. Application #214541 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space, 292 Main Street, on 4/5/23 with rain date of 4/12/23 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a networking event with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

38. Application #214542 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open, Space 292 Main Street, on 4/14/23 with rain date of 4/15/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a movie night with patrons dancing, recorded music, amplification system and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #214545 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space, 292 Main Street, on 4/19/23 with rain date of 4/26/23 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a concert with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #214652 Kendall Boninti for an entertainment license at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School 459 Broadway, on 3/31/23 from 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a performance with live music. Expected attendance – 100.

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

[Matters Considered at Meeting-Not Previously Listed on Agenda]

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41. 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.

Present: Krystal Gately, Tom Nee, and Gil Kalenskaskas.

Summary: Got the report from G&G this morning, scheduled for a follow up on April 13 to have the sprinkler heads repaired; ventilation system going forward. General notes space, unit by unit for Central House. G&G stated that per code, the pipe does not need to change out from 3/4' to 1' inch unless it needs repair. The report also includes areas of the YMCA which are not covered by the Central House license or which are not in their control. ISD confirmed that they are satisfied the building could be safely occupied at this time.

Decision: Continue to April 4, 2023.

42. Application #215108 Harvard Iranian Student Association & Central Asian Association for an entertainment license to be exercised at Harvard Lehman Hall 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/25/23 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a musical performance with performers/entertainers dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance 200.

Decision: Granted pending submission of Harvard event approval form, subject to any conditions therein and with police detail required.

43. Application #215047 Isabelle Praud on behalf of International School of Boston for a all alcohol and entertainment license to be exercised at MIT Samberg Conference Center 7th floor 50 Memorial Drive, on 4/1/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a benefit gala with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 180.

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

44. Application #215202 Katie Welch, on behalf of Cambridge Public Library Foundation for a malt and wine license to be exercised at 449 Broadway, on 3/29/23 with rain date of 3/30/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a lecture. Expected attendance – 220.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 5:30 p.m. – 8: 30 p.m. per permission letter and with the condition that the alcohol must be sold.


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