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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

By Remote Participation

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 were 3-0, unless otherwise indicated, and by roll call.

Public Testimony Matters

1. Application #215380 Slawdog, LLC d/b/a State Park, One Kendall #300, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11490, for a Change of Closing Hour from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Sundays and Mondays.

Present: John Kessen; and Rachel Miller Munzer.

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

Summary: The business seems to be getting back to pre-pandemic scale and have had requests from patrons to offer the 2:00 a.m. service all days. Right now they close all other days at 2:00 a.m., and would like to provide that type of service all days. There have been no issues with the operation.

Decision: Granted.

2. Application #216080 Pearl Suir, Inc. d/b/a An Sibir, 1193 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #134457, for a Change of Closing Hour from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. all days.

Present: Caleb Senn-Cadotte.

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

Summary: Have received requests from guests for more late night service. In addition, this will allow the kitchen to stay open until 1:30 a.m. and provide an alternative for the community and night workers for late dining. There have been no issues with the operation.

Decision: Granted.

3. Disciplinary Washwell, LLC d/b/a Ferro's Foodtown, Package Store Lic. #161788, alleged violations for operating, selling, serving or delivering alcohol beyond licensed/approved hours or operating after closing hour, failure to conspicuously post the license, and providing deceptive

information to the public in violation of the conditions or provisions of the license, G. L. c. 138, §§ 15, 23, 64, Board's Rules 2, 4.1, 6.

Present: Investigator Joseph Kelley; Attorney James Rafferty; and Faiyaz Washwell.

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

Summary: On March 16, 2023, Investigator Kelley went to the premises to inquire as to the hours of operation and reeducate the licensee that the alcohol hours were 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday. Investigator Kelley was told that the business closed at 10:00 p.m. Investigator Kelley went back on 3/18 and saw a sign posted that said the business would close at 10:30 p.m. Washwell testified they had been operating the business until 10:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. but at no point did they sell alcohol after 9:00 p.m. on the weekdays or 8:00 p.m. on the weekends. The hours orally given to the Investigator referred to the market not the alcohol. All of the inspections happened prior to the alcohol closing hours. There was a misunderstanding of the operating hours of store and the alcohol sold, there is no evidence sold beyond permitted hours. The licensee has applied to amend the hours based on the community's feedback.

Decision: No violation.

4. Application #215099 Washwell, LLC d/b/a Ferro's Food Town, 336 Rindge Avenue, Wine and Malt Package Store License #161788, for a Change of Hours from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday to 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday to 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday.

Present: Attorney James Rafferty; and Faiyaz Washwell.

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

Summary: When they bought the business, they sought more conversative hours to try to understand the market and community need. They have realized they are providing a service that is lacking in the area and there is a public need to open earlier and close later. There is also a need to have the alcohol hours be the maximum allowed per statute. The store's operating hours would be: Monday -Friday 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. The alcohol sale hours would be: Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the alcohol must be in locked coolers or in secured locked shelves when the market is open but the alcohol cannot be sold because outside of the licensed/statutorily allowed hours.

5. Application #215822 Pradyuman Ramlochantewarie has applied for the transfer of a livery license, Met Limo of Boston, #78229, at the same location, 185 Alewife Brook Parkway, operating 5 vehicles with 7 drivers.

Present: Pradyuman Ramlochantewarie a/k/a Prady Tewarie.

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

Summary: Is purchasing the existing business. Tewarie worked and trained with the previous owner and has also had other liveries in the past outside of Massachusetts. They are proposing to operate 5 vehicles with 8 drivers. The vehicles will be stored at the licensed premises but if the shift ends too late, the driver may take it home from time to time.

Decision: Granted.

6. Disciplinary Republic Services, holder of Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, for alleged violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading waste outside of the allowable hours on March 21, 2023, at 6:48 a.m., 1575 Cambridge Street.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik. Republic Services did not show up for the hearing.

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

Summary: Resident sent two emails documenting the collecting during at 6:48 a.m. on March 21 at 1575 Cambridge Street. The business has significant history collecting outside allowable hours, including at this location.

Decision: Violation, \$300 fine + \$100 hearing fee for failure to appear. Notice of violation to owners of premises serviced. Board will seek legal opinion from City Solicitor as to what additional steps or legal recourse can be taken against this business.

7. Application #215004 Tim Kotsiopoulos on behalf of John Moriarty Associates for a Special Noise Variance on 4/4/23 – 8/4/23 (Alt. 4/11/23 – 8/12/23) at 200 Main Street, from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, to accommodate intermittent deliveries of oversized equipment and to perform slurry wall installations using concrete truck & pumps, cranes, and trailer trucks. The variance is sought as some necessary equipment is only permitted on the roadways at off hours, per law, and to ensure continuity of concrete pours.

Present: Tim Kotsiopoulos; Holly Sutherland; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik. Heather Hoffman.

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

Summary: The intent is to only have deliveries during the 4:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. time span. This would be to deliver cranes and excavators. The trailer trucks would deliver at that site, turn off their engines and wait until the allowable hours to start unloading and using the equipment. This is expected 5-6 times during the period requested. The trailers would be instructed to enter “nose” first so that the backup alarms are not used.

The slurry wall portion of the variance which is the 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. span is expected to last about 4.5 months. Some slurry wall panel pours are deeper than others, and it is a huge project. They do not intend to exercise the variance on holidays.

There is extensive communication with the community as to the project, how it is progressing and when they are expected to work within the parameters of the variance. This constant communication will continue throughout the project.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that 4:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. is for deliveries only and trailers are to enter nose first to avoid the use of back up alarms, and the variance cannot be exercised on legal holidays.

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.

8. Board Discussion Relative to question received via email on March 28, 2023, as to the mechanisms by which the License Commission declares a “noise sensitive zone” pursuant to the provisions of the Noise Ordinance.

Present: Clara Wellons.

Documents Considered: Correspondence received from the U.S. National Park Service; and correspondence from the public.

Summary: The original email inquired how the License Commission designated “noise sensitive zones” and specifically asked about the gardens and property around the Longfellow House. The Board discussed the language of the Ordinance, 8.16.030(17) "Noise sensitive zone" means any area designated “for the purpose of ensuring exceptional quiet. Noise sensitive zones shall include, but not be limited to, areas where noise sensitive activity occurs, such as the operation of schools, libraries open to the public, churches, hospitals and nursing homes.”

The Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site is a unit of the National Park System, owned by the United States of America and operated by the U.S. National Park Service. The Longfellow House informed the Commission it does not request a Cambridge noise sensitive zone designation.

The Board discussed that any designation under 8.16.030(17) would be done on a case by case basis and would require a legal opinion from the City Solicitor. The Board also discussed how based on the Longfellow House’s communication establishes there is no need to consider whether this location should be deemed as a noise sensitive zone. It is also not clear that it would qualify based on the definition in the Ordinance.

Decision: Reply as discussed, mainly to inform that “noise sensitive zone” designations would be made on a case-by-case basis and would also include a request from the Board for a legal opinion from the City Solicitor’s Office.

As to the Longfellow House, which is owned by the United States and is a National Park, they do not request a noise sensitive zone designation and the License Commission does not intend to proceed with considering whether to designate this location as a “noise sensitive zone.”

9. Board Discussion How to address the provisions for temporary outdoor dining areas included in the “An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.”

Documents Considered: March 29, 2023 “An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects;” and previous Board votes on similar and related issues.

Summary: Board incorporated by reference and made a part of the discussion the one had in April 4, 2022, on the same issue. The Board further incorporated its findings of that day. The Board raised the issue of the foreseeable requests for currently permitted restaurants to move their patios to a different side of the public way, for example to accommodate new bike lanes. The Board discussed how this as well as for the reasons discussed the previous year, the modified temporary program as implemented in 2022 should also work in 2023. The Board discussed two modifications to the program: charge the patio fee up front (prior to the issuance of the temporary permit); and to allow any currently licensed restaurant to obtain a temporary (not just the ones who are seeking a COVID-19 approved patio).

Decision: Temporary extensions which had been previously issued and have now expired will not to be automatically extended/approved. A business must first file an application to have the outdoor area included in their annual license and be heard by the Board. If the Board approves the extension, at that time the temporary extension would be issued to allow the business to: in the case of those on the private way, open and operate the outdoor area while they wait for final approval of the ABCC; and those in the public way, to open and operate the outdoor area once they have signed the temporary indemnification agreement with the City and while they wait for the ABCC approval and final signatures on the City’s 2 year indemnification agreement. The Board may consider issuing a temporary extension to a particular business without requiring an application to make the temporary outdoor area part of their annual license in extreme circumstances, such as: the business will permanently close within the 2023 calendar year; or the space will not be available because the City is expected to take it over. However, those businesses must still apply through a Change to Existing License application and the Board will hear and consider the matters in a meeting, after abutter notifications have been provided. The temporary permits issued will have an expiration date of December 31, 2023 but will specify that the expiration date will be the earliest of the printed date or that specified in any agreement with the City, or the date the annual license is reissued based upon receipt of final approvals, permits, executed agreements and/or licensing fees. The Chair and its designees will issue the temporary permits/licenses pursuant to the aforementioned processes. Prior to the issuance of a temporary permit for the use of an outdoor area to serve alcohol, the \$750 fee must be paid. Any business which is

currently licensed to serve food and/or alcohol may be issued a temporary permit while waiting for final ABCC approval.

10. Application #215156 BAL Cab Inc. has purchased Medallion #122 from MGS Cab Inc. (VP #33738), with Betty Dorcelus as sole beneficial interest owner.

Decision: Acknowledged/granted.

11. Application #215766 Betty Dorcelus has applied for a new Cambridge Hackney Driver's License.

Decision: Granted.

12. Board Vote [Matter Heard March 1, 2023] 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. Board took matter under advisement to allow applicant to update ABCC application to include outdoor area, and to allow the appeal period to lapse on the revocation of the liquor license tied to the location.

Summary: The decision for the cancellation of the G Street Associates, Inc. license was served on March 22, 2023. Per confirmation from the ABCC, no appeal has been filed. Hence the Board may vote on the application for the new license. Per the discussion on March 1, 2023, there is also a proposed outdoor area on the public way. We have received a floor plan for the area, but not sure it complies with the City's policy. If we approve, will have to reach out to the applicant to have the patio curbside as required by City policy.

Decision: Granted with amended description including outdoor area. Notification to business owner re: floor plan for outdoor area plan.

13. Board Vote [Matter Heard May 2, 2022 and deferred pending ABCC Appeal] Application #167163 Cambridge Liquor Group, Inc., Ruthie's Liquor Store Cambridge, 192 Hampshire Street, has applied to transfer the All Alcohol Package Store License held by 2030 Ocean Street, LLC d/b/a Wine & Market, 192 Hampshire Street. Arian Liton as proposed manager of record of a premises described as: 1st floor retail store of 1,960 sq. ft. with one front entrance/exit and two additional emergency exits. Cellar storage of 1,960 sq. ft. Total sq. ft. of 3,920. The proposed hours are 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday. The Board had revoked/cancelled the license which is intending to be transferred. The ABCC reversed the revocation/cancellation and reinstated the license.

Summary: The ABCC did not uphold the Board’s decision to revoke or in the alternative cancel the license for the failure to put the license to use and the applicant’s misrepresentations as to the intent to open and operate a business. Legal has recommended the matter not be further appealed. At this point we have an applicant who has applied to have this license transferred to them. The applicant has proven record of opening and operating good package store businesses in other municipalities and has complied with all legal requirements.

Decision: Granted.

14. Board Vote [Matter Heard March 1 and 21, 2023] 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. Inspectional Services Department has reinspected the premises and issued a valid Certificate of Inspection on March 21, 2023. There are no outstanding safety issues per ISD.

Summary: After our hearing on March 21, ISD visited the premises and reinspected it. ISD confirmed the location was safe to be occupied and issued it a Certificate of Inspection. I think based on the testimony received that there was no proof that the incorrect CI presented to the Board was done so with malice or intent to deceive. I think there was a lapse in communication and that the licensee failed to timely respond to ISD and inquiries as to the status of the repairs required and the documents necessary to obtain a CI. I also think the licensee failed to provide the matter the importance it required at the time it was raised with ISD. Notwithstanding, the licensee has taken steps to remedy the situation and has come into compliance.

Decision: No violation for submitting the renewal application with false documents or false statements; violation, warning, for failure to cooperate with City Departments.

15. Application #216134 The Mothership Alewife, LLC d/b/a Revival, 125 Cambridgepark Drive, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #13675, seeks a one day amendment to their closing hour on April 15, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an engagement party.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #216493 Chivo Taqueria, LLC d/b/a Chivo Taqueria, 1728 Massachusetts Avenue, for a New Common Victualler License for 40 seats inside, and 8 seasonal patio seats on city property with proposed hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. all days. Luis Morales Jr. as Manager of a premises described as: The space is 1302 Sq/Ft on the first floor. There is a Full Kitchen, One entrance through front and exit through front. Basement has a walk in cooler, prep table, and storage and office room. Patio seating on the city sidewalk, curbside. (This location is previously licensed and no changes are being made).

Summary: This location is where the Baraka Café is currently located. Baraka holds a Common Victualler Malt and Wine license. Baraka has informed us their last day operating at this location will be April 31, 2023, which is when they will surrender their liquor license. Chivo Taqueria is taking over the space – they too intend to serve alcohol and originally filed an application for Common Victualler with Alcohol license but since they are in a hurry to open and operate, they asked us to proceed with the common victualler portion of the business only. They have also informed us they intend to operate for longer hours (start at 8 a.m.) and will be applying for that change too.

Decision: Granted.

17. Application #14525 Fresh Pond Shell, Inc. d/b/a Fresh Pond Shell, 260 Lexington Avenue, Flammables License, through its renewal application has requested to increase the amount of flammables stored on the premises to 22,000 gallons of gasoline (Class I) and 22,000 gallons of diesel (Class II).

Summary: Have submitted a Flammables and Combustible Permit.

Decision: Ratified/granted.

18. Application #216089 HSA Food Park, LLC d/b/a Naco Taco, 297 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11549, has applied to increase the number of televisions inside the licensed premises from 4 to 6.

Decision: Granted.

19. Consideration of Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023.

Decision: Approved.

20. Consideration of Statement of Reasons for Matters Heard March 21, 2023

- i. Casella Waste Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14070, violation of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours on March 4, 2023, 6:55 a.m., 2235 Massachusetts Avenue. \$300 fine issued.
- ii. Republic Services, Solid Waste Hauler License #14078, two violations of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours on February 7 and 21, 2023, at 5:30 a.m., 170 Gore Street. \$300 fine issued per violation, for a total fine per the Ordinance of \$600, and an additional \$100 fee for failure to appear at the hearing for a total amount due of \$700.

Decision: Approved as to both.

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 #212024 Herman Sanchez, on behalf of Veterans Services for an entertainment license to be exercised at Cambridge Common, 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/17/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a Patriots' Day celebration with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted subject to the submission of the Park Permit and any conditions therein; no license fee as it is a City event.

22. Application #213744 John Josti, on behalf of Hope Fellowship Church for an entertainment license to be exercised at Raymond Park, 225 Upland Road, on 6/24/23 with rain date of 6/25/23 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a block party with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #214649 Miguel Tejada for an entertainment license to be exercised at Harvard Tercentenary Theater, 1 Harvard Yard, on 4/16/23 from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a concert with patrons dancing performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system, light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 4000.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. per the Harvard event registration form, and police detail required.

24. Application #214593 Lynnae Terrill for an all alcohol and entertainment license to be exercised at Longy's Pickman Hall, 27 Garden Street, on 4/19/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. for a gala fundraiser with live music. Expected attendance – 170.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #214700 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open space programming for a wine and entertainment license to be exercised at Kendall/MIT Open Space, 292 Main Street, on 4/27/23 with rain date of 5/4/23 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a salsa lesson and party with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted, police detail required.

26. Application #214698 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open space programming for an entertainment license to be exercised at Kendall/MIT Open Space, 292 Main Street, on 4/22/23 with rain date of 4/23/23 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a kids STEAM program with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

27. Application #215112 Niles Cohen, on behalf of Dream Basketball for an entertainment license to be exercised at Hoyt Field, 12 Gilmore Street, on 5/20/23 with rain date of 5/21/23 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a basketball clinic with dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #215222 MIT Radio Society – Oliver Trevor for a one day hawker/peddler license (various vendors) to be exercised at 32 Albany Street, on 4/16/23, 5/21/23, 6/18/23, 7/16/23, 8/20/23, 9/17/23 and 10/15/23 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to sell electronics, computers, optics, radios and hi tech parts.

Decision: Granted, police detail required.

29. Application #215514 Joseph Mahoney, on behalf of Dirty Water West Coast Swing for an entertainment license to be exercised at Cambridge Masonic Hall, 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/8/23 from 6:30 p.m. – 11:55 p.m. for a dance lesson and practice with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show, floor/light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted, with amended start time of 7:00 p.m. per permission letter.

30. Application #215720 Doron Gan for a malt and wine and entertainment license to be exercised at Cambridge Boat Club, 2 Gerry's Landing Road, on 5/20/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a bat mitzvah party with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per permission letter.

31. Application #215729 Casey Irwin for an all alcohol and entertainment license to be exercised at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 29 Mt. Auburn Street, on 6/24/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a party with patrons dancing, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 180.

Decision: Granted.

32. Application #215715 Anju Thapa/Sonam Sherpa, on behalf of Greater Boston Nepali Community for a malt and wine and entertainment license to be exercised at St. Anthony's Parish, 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 4/14/23 with rain date of 4/15/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a

Nepali New Year with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 350.

Decision: Granted.

33. Application #215772 Blisspoint, LLC d/b/a Blisspoint Meadery – Jeff Venuti for a Farmer Winery to sell at a Farmer’s Market at 22 Norfolk Street, on May 15-November 20, 2023 (Mondays) from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Central Square Farmer’s Market.

Decision: Granted.

34. Application #215781 Blisspoint, LLC d/b/a Blisspoint Meadery – Jeff Venuti for a Farmer Winery to sell at a Farmer’s Market at 11 Broad Canal Way, on May 11-November 16, 2023 (Thursday’s) from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Kendall Square Canal District Farmer’s Market.

Decision: Granted.

35. Application #215706 Paul Clark for a malt and entertainment license to be exercised at 64 Sidney Street, on 4/23/23 with rain date of 5/1/23 from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon for a road race with recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 2200.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that: alcohol cannot be served, sold, delivered or consumed prior to 10:00 a.m.; the area where the alcohol is served, sold, delivered and consumed must be enclosed/separated from the public way; and there must be a system implemented identifying the of legal age persons.

36. Application #215966 Yushan Su, on behalf of MIT Wuming Theater Club for an entertainment license to be exercised at 345 Vassar Street, on 4/15 (3:00-4:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m.) & 4/16/23 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a theater performance with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

37. Application #215419 Anja Bresler, on behalf of Prospect Hill Academy Charter School for an all alcohol license to be exercised at The Foundry, 101 Rogers Street, on 5/11/23 with rain date of 11/20/23 for a fundraiser. Expected attendance – 100.

Summary: The proposed hours of this event are 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that: there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks/tastings (4) associated with the admissions price, otherwise/thereafter, the tasting/drink must be sold; tasting amounts are limited to 1/4 ounce each; and must provide food with the alcoholic beverages and cannot solicit orders for any off-premises consumption.

38. Application #216134 Mothership Alewife, LLC d/b/a Revival Café & Kitchen (license # 13675) one day amendment to extend their closing hour at 125 Cambridgepark Drive, on 4/15/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for an engagement party. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #216184 Ellie Feng, on behalf of MIT Fixation for an entertainment license to be exercised at Kresge Little Theatre, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/11 & 4/12/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. for a dance performance with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and light show. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted with amended end time of 12:00 a.m. per MIT event registration form.

40. Application #216207 This Stop is Willoughby, LLC – Sabrina Moore for a one day hawker/peddler license to be exercised at 450 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/30/23 with rain date of 5/7/23 to sell vegan items, candles, journals, artwork, skin care, purses, etc.

Summary: This proposed hours for the event are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #216273 Erik Sarno, on behalf of Central Square BID/Cambridge Arts Council for an entertainment license to be exercised at Jill Brown-Rhone Park/Lafayette Square, 900 Main Street, on 4/13/23 with rain date of 4/20/23 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a music event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 30.

Decision: Granted.

42. Application #216238 Gabriel Alberts, on behalf of GSAS Student Center for a malt and wine and entertainment license to be exercised at Lehman Hall, 8 Harvard Yard, on 4/8/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a spring swing with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system, light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 250.

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

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

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42. Consideration Received a petition from 35 owners of the 44 out of the 93 medallions on the road, requesting that the vehicle inspection fee of \$190 be waived.

Summary: The Board discussed how the inspection fee is used to cover the costs associated with two inspections of the vehicles in one year. The April inspection is an extensive visual, safety and mechanical inspection – we have two police officers (the Hackney Officer and an Officer “on loan” doing it as a detail) and a DPW mechanic involved in conducting the inspections. These inspections are done in a two-week span and include the inspection of livery vehicles as well. The second inspection, conducted in the Fall, is more of a safety and visual inspection, which is conducted by two police officers (the Hackney Officer and an Officer “on loan” doing it as a detail).

The Board has been waiving the hackney inspection fee since 2017 due to the effects of TNCs on the taxi industry to allow them some relief while the market settled. During COVID, this was the only industry that received a full waiver of license fees (versus a 40% reduction). The Board discussed how this year, it has reverted to the regular fees for all license types, including medallions. The \$190 vehicle inspection fee has been set for many years and it is commensurate and below the costs associated with regulating, maintaining and inspecting these businesses/vehicles. The reasoning behind the waiving of the fee no longer exists – it was done as an emergency measure due to the disruption of TNCs in the market. It has been over 6 years, and although the disruption exists, it has plateaued. The Board noted it cannot continue to absorb costs for one industry and not the others.

Decision: Acknowledge receipt of petition, deny request for waiver of vehicle inspection fee.

43. Application #216473 Michaela Purvis, on behalf of MIT Ridonkulous for an entertainment license to be exercised at MIT Walker Memorial, 142 Memorial Drive, on 4/8/23 from 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. for a dance performance with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, amplification system and light show. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 7:00 p.m. per MIT event registration.

44. Application #216476 Sara Winter, on behalf of Community Art Center for a wine and entertainment license to be exercised at 650 East Kendall Street, on 4/13/23 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a fundraiser with live music. Expected attendance – 100. may be requesting a fee waiver)

Decision: Granted with conditions: alcohol cannot be donated; and there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks (3) associated with the admissions price, and otherwise/thereafter the alcohol must be sold. License fee waiver denied, it is a fundraiser, they are charing and not .

45. Application #216785 Kelcey Allen, on behalf of MIT Sakata Afrique for an entertainment license to be exercised at MIT Kresge Auditorium, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/6 & 4/7/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a dance performance with performers/entertainers dancing and recorded music. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

46. Application #216845 Paul Buckley, on behalf of MIT Sloan Student Life for a malt and wine license to be exercised at 100 Main Street, on 4/7/23 from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a party. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted, police detail required.

47. Application #216928 Sandra Mwangi, on behalf of Harvard African Students Association for an entertainment license to be exercised at 52 Oxford Street, on 4/21/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a dinner banquet with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per event registration form.

48. Application #216830 Daddy’s Bonetown Burgers-Richard Cambriello for a one day hawker/peddler license to be exercised at MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/18/23 and 4/25/23 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to sell food.

Decision: Granted.

49. Application #216767 Erik Sarno, on behalf of Central Square Business Improvement District for an entertainment license to be exercised at 565 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/20/23 with rain date of 4/27/23 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a cannabis celebration with recorded music, dj, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted, set up and sound check may commence at 1:00 p.m. Hawker/peddlers must have license and cannot include sale of alcohol.

50. Application #216953 Korina Digalaki, on behalf of Hellenic Students Association for a malt and wine and entertainment license to be exercised at 70 Pacific Street, on 4/16/23 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a Greek Orthodox Easter celebration with patrons dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted, police detail required.


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