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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

By remote participation via Zoom in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 signed into law on July 16, 2022.

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

Staff Member Present: Chris O'Neil, Administrative Assistant.

Decisions: All votes were by roll call vote, 3-0, unless otherwise stated.

1. Application #186566 Mourad Lemhaouri is appealing the denial of the application for a new hackney driver's license. Lemhaouri was licensed provisionally in 2011 for six months and has not been licensed with the City of Cambridge since that time.

Present: Mourad Lemhaouri; and Officer Benny Szeto.

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

Summary: In 2012, Lemhaouri was licensed provisionally for 6 months with the City. The license was not issued and owner Walid Nakhoul informed the Hackney Unit Lemhaouri had not returned the leased vehicle. It appeared Lemhaouri was operating a gypsy cab. Saugus reported a similar issue and Boston reported Lemhaouri to be licensed with no issues. Lemhaouri did not contest he had issues with the Hackney Unit in 2012 but that he is attempting to do things right this time. There have been no issues since and he is attempting to buy a medallion in Cambridge.

Decision: Under advisement pending information from Szeto from Boston and Saugus.

2. SNV Application #198641 Parker Kelly on behalf of Turner Construction for 10/27/22 – 1/27/23 (Alt. 10/28/22 – 1/28/23) at 290 Binney Street, for overnight shifts from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the following mornings when the following day is a weekday, as well as 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, all on an as-needed basis, to perform demolition and utility installation using excavators, triaxles, cranes, and skid steers. The variance is sought in the interest of public safety and minimizing impacts to utility services.

Present: Parker Kelley; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

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

Summary: Multiple operations with regard to Binney project. There is utility work at Binney and Broadway under blue garage. This is being sought as there is much vehicle congestions and this

would ensure pedestrian and biker safety. They are working to preserve trees and keep the sewer line intact. The off hours would be for demolition of Blue Garage with crane with precast panels prior to structural demolition that are close to access of pedestrian and service road that they need to do it at that time.

Proposed schedule would be demolition 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (consistent day shift) and then the utility work from 7:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Then they would request a start time of 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They do not intend to do demolition at night.

Decision: Granted, Monday – Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Monday – Thursday, 6:00 a.m. start time Monday-Friday, denied as to Saturday and Sunday.

Administrative Matters

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3. Statement of Reasons – Felipe’s Order prohibiting use of back door or stairs as regular form of ingress/egress.

Decision: Approved.

4. Approval/ratification of changes requested/approved through 2023 Renewal Applications.

- Application #102369 Sweetgreen Boston, LLC d/b/a Sweetgreen, 145 Broadway, Common Victualler License #102369, requested to change Manager to Steven Cutsumbis, and to change opening hour of Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Application #12303 Sweetgreen Boston, LLC d/b/a Sweetgreen, 145 Broadway, Common Victualler License #12303, request to change hours of operation Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday hours to remain the same 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Application #12322 Blue Bottle, Inc. d/b/a Blue Bottle Coffee, Common Victualler, 40 Bow Street, has changed its corporate name to Blue Bottle, LLC and the manager of record to Rami Nehme.
- Application #27065 Blue Bottle, Inc. d/b/a Blue Bottle Coffee, Common Victualler, 88 Ames Street, has changed its corporate name to Blue Bottle, LLC and the manager of record to Rami Nehme.

- Application #10884 Irving Hours Corporation d/b/a Irving House at Harvard, 24 Irving Street, change of manager of record from Rachael Solem to Briana Pearson.

Decision: Granted/ratified as to all.

New Year's Eve EW YEARS' EVE EXTENSION OF HOURS request – on our application we specify businesses can request a maximum of a one hour extension for alcohol service, and a maximum two hour extension for food and entertainment. Under no circumstances can a business be approved to serve alcohol beyond 2:00 a.m.

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- Application #15446 Amorino Gelato, LLC d/b/a Amorino, 50 JFK Street, Common Victualler License, seeking to extend closing hour of 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Decision: Granted/ratified.

5. SNV Application #194540 Brent McDonald on behalf of Whole Foods Market for 11/7/22 – 12/27/22 (No alternate specified) at 200 Alewife Brook Parkway, to operate reefers unit on two refrigerated trailers in the loading docks to accommodate additional products during the holiday season. The variance is sought as the existing indoor storage is insufficient to meet customer demand during the holiday season.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

Summary: There was question whether the location would prohibit emergency vehicle access. The location is perpendicular to the loading dock (same position as previous years) and does not block the travel lane for emergency vehicles.

Decision: Granted with the condition that Sunday/Holiday work permit from the Cambridge Police Department is required and condition that the units are not located in a way that they are blocking the throughway to emergency vehicles.

6. SNV Application #197998 Benjamin McConchie on behalf of Erland Construction for 10/28/22 (Alt. One day in the span of 10/31/22 – 11/4/22) at 101 Smith Place, from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to perform a concrete pour using concrete and pump trucks. The variance is sought to expand the workday to accommodate the scope of work.

Decision: Granted.

One Day License Applications

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7. Application #196242 Isabel Waitz, for an entertainment license at MIT 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/4/22 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. for a dance competition with performers/entertainers dancing and recorded music. Expected attendance – 350.

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

8. Application #198419 Sasha Fried-Snod, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space 292 Main Street, on 11/1/22 with rain date of 11/2/22 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a community gathering with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

9. Application #198420 Sasha Fried-Snod, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for an entertainment license at MIT Welcome Center 292 Main Street, on 11/2/22 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a yoga class with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

10. Application #198421 Sasha Fried-Snod, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space 292 Main Street, on 11/5/22 with rain date of 11/19/22 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a Kids dance class with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

11. Application #198425 Sasha Fried-Snod, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space 292 Main Street, on 11/7/22 with rain date of 11/8/22 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a community gathering with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

12. Application #198426 Sasha Fried-Snod, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for an entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space 292 Main Street, on 11/15/22 with rain date of

11/22/22 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a networking event with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

13. Application #198733 Sasha Fried-Snoad, on behalf of MIT Open space Programming, for a wine and entertainment license at Kendall/MIT Open Space 292 Main Street, on 11/12/22 with rain date of 11/19/22 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. for a community gathering with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, dj, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

14. Application #198480 Kira Liu, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 39 Brattle Street, on 10/27/22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a film showing. Expected attendance – 40.

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

15. Application #198611 Andrea Campbell, for an entertainment license at Kresge Auditorium 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/6/22 from 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 540.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #198788 Jason Alves, on behalf of East Cambridge Business Association, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 1310 Cambridge Street, on 10/28/22 from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a Inmanween movie night with recorded music, amplification system and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, consumed, and sold must be enclosed from the public way and sufficient for the licensee to maintain control of access to the area and provide a safe environment for patrons.

17. Application #198874 Paddy's Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Paddy's Lunch, 260 Walden Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11694, has applied for an entertainment license on 10/29/22 from 8:00 p.m. – 12 midnight for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

18. Application #198938 Kiersten Mitzel, on behalf of MIT Shakespeare Ensemble for an entertainment license at MIT Kresge Little Theater 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/28, 10/29, 11/3, 11/4 & 11/5 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. & 10/30 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a performance with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

19. Application #199242 Rutu, Inc. d/b/a Tanjore, 878 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol license # 132251, has applied for an entertainment license on 10/29/22 from 9:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 90.

Summary: The matters that transpired on 10/8/22 continue to be under investigation and there is reason to believe there may be a disciplinary hearing scheduled to address multiple violations that may have transpired that night.

Decision: Denied, based on the ongoing investigation as to events that transpired at this location earlier in the month.

20. Application #199150 Mike Hibarger, on behalf of Boston Swing Central, for an entertainment license at Cambridge Masonic Hall 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/5/22 from 6:00 p.m. – 12 midnight for a swing dance with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

21. Application #199404 Maanasa Bhat, on behalf of MIT Indian Students Association, for an entertainment license at MIT Kresge Auditorium 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/30/22 with rain date of 11/6/22 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a festival celebration with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 600 people.

Decision: Granted.

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

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23. Application #199857 Peter DiMuro, The Dance Complex, for an entertainment (performers dancing, recorded music, and show) at 650 East Kendall Street on 11/28, 29 and 30, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a dance lecture and performance. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

24. Application #199740 Qingyun Xie, Wuming Theater Club, for an entertainment license (performers, live and recorded music with amplification, and show) at MIT Kresge Little Theatre, 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/12/22 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and 11/13/22 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a theater performance. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #199777 Tallulah Knopp, for a malt and wine with entertainment license (music) at Cambridge Boat Club, 2 Gerry's Landing, on 11/6/22 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a memorial service. Expected attendance – 120.

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

26. Applications #199751 & 199752 Kimberly Wilson, for a one day entertainment and amusement license to be exercised at 71 Rodgers Street, on 10/27/22 with rain date of 10/28/22 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a fair/corporate gathering with dj and carnival games. Expected attendance 250.

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

27. Application #199626 Juliet Iredale, on behalf of Consulate General of France in Boston, for a wine at 194 Brattle Street, on 11/3/22 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a dinner party. Expected attendance – 30.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #199991 Harvard Square Business Association – Chris Masci, for a one day hawker/peddler (34 vendors) license on Church Street, on 10/30/22 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to sell handmade good: arts & crafts.

Decision: Granted.

29. Application #200051 Joshua and Melody Komyerov for an all alcohol license at Cambridge Skating Club, on 10/28 and 29, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a Pre-Bar Mitzvah dinner & Post-Bar Mitzvah party. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted.

30. Consideration of Meeting Minutes September 29, 2022, and October 16, 2022.

Decision: Approved.

31. Application #195669 Foundry Consortium, Inc. d/b/a Foundry Consortium, 101 Rogers Street, Entertainment License for: live and recorded music with amplification, performances and shows of all types, dancing, DJ, acrobatic, karaoke, comedy show and readings. One TV and one stage. Hours of 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. Friday- Saturday. Proposed premises description: In the whole of said building, approximately 50,200 general sq. ft. within three floors and the roof. Includes cafe and outdoor area on street level. On the first floor: Food Lab - Demonstration Kitchen; Dance Studio; Community Hall; STEAM Set - Performance Space, includes space for performers and green room with dressing rooms and private bathroom; STEAM Workshop; Fiber Arts Workshop;

Metal Arts Workshop; Wood Workshop; Art Studio; Red Multi Room; Black Multi Room; Yellow Multi Room; and White Multi Room. On the second floor is The Point - Conference Room & Gallery. There is a main entrance/exit onto Rogers Street from the Community Hall; side entrance/exit to the yard from the Community Hall; entrance/exit to the yard from the Art Studio, and Red Multi Room; and entrance/exit onto Bent Street from the "STEAM Set" performance space. Each of the maker spaces, dance studio and performance space have dedicated storage. Public all-gender restrooms on the first floor, with additional restrooms on the second and third floors. Diana Navarrete-Rackauckas as proposed manager of record. Indoor capacity: 400 sitting, 411 standing. Outdoor capacity: 30 sitting, 140 standing.

Present: Jenna Schlags; and Diana Navarrete-Rackauckas.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is an arts and community center in East Kendall which hosts performances for different groups. Since opening they have been doing many different events and they are looking for an annual license to lower barrier to have such events. From an equity standpoint, this is to ensure that what the community wants to host, they can. The outdoor area, called the Yard, is to the side of the Foundry. There is at least an 8 ft fence between solid fence between that yard space and public walkway. They filed the application with an 8:00 p.m. closing hour but they would like an 11:00 p.m. to be able to accommodate some of the later theater performances.

Decision: Granted with amended closing hour of 11:00 p.m.


Minutes Approved: December 14, 2022

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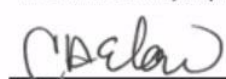
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