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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' JULY 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started at approximately 3:31 p.m.

Meeting was held via remote participation via Zoom.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Nicole Murati Ferrer (Present); Commissioner Branville Bard (Present); Chief Gerard Mahoney (Present).

Staff Member in Attendance: Elizabeth Y. Lint.

1. Discussion of whether the Board will consider issuing one day licenses for beer gardens or other seasonal events that are open to the public.

Summary: "Summer beer gardens" or "community spaces" are part of the landscape of various communities, such as Boston through the issuance of extended one-day alcohol licenses. In Cambridge, we have had "beer gardens" but only for a limited period, such as Beer Fest. However, due to Covid-19, business associations and licensees are looking for creative ways to survive, restart the economy and provide safe social environments for everyone. We have received such a request, which will be heard later. The Board discussed it did not have a blanket opposition to considering applications for outdoor venues, such as beer gardens, community spaces, etc., that are seeking for extended one-day alcohol licenses to operate during a season.

Decision: No vote.

2. Ratifications of approvals of Temporary Extensions of Licensed Premises to Outdoor Area Due to COVID-19, pursuant to Boards' vote of June 8, 2020: See attached list.

Decision: All ratified 3-0 by roll call vote.

3. Minutes for June 8, 2020 agenda.

Decision: Approved 3-0 by roll call vote.

4. Application #81766 Mike Gaglione, on behalf of Eleccomm, as applied for a Special Noise Variance from July 28 through August 31, 2020, with alternate dates of August 3 through September 5, 2020 Monday through Thursday only from 6:00 p.m. through 4:00 a.m. at Prospect St., Hampshire St., Cardinal Medeiros, Binney and Second St. for minimal idling of trucks and occasional generators, for Eversource to replace cables.

Documents Considered: Application [#81776] and attachments thereto.

Decision: Granted 3-0 by roll call vote.

5. Application #81223 Josh Zotter, on behalf of Turner Construction, has applied for a Special Noise Variance from July 25 through August 16, 2020 with alternate dates of August 1 through August 23, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 238 Main St. for a crane pick to remove and replace HVAC system on roof.

Documents Considered: Application and attachments thereto.

Decision: Granted 3-0 by roll call vote with the condition that a Sunday work permit from the Cambridge Police Department is required.

6. Application #82292 Michael Shaughnessy, on behalf of Shaughnessy Construction, has applied for a Special Noise Variance on August 1, 2020, with an alternate date of August 2, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at 360 Binney Street to mobilize a hydraulic crane.

Documents Considered: Application and attachments thereto.

Decision: Granted 3-0 by roll call vote.

Applications 7&8 are inter-related.

7. Application #80744 Michael Monestime, on behalf of the Central Square Business Innovation District, has applied for one day licenses from July 31, 2020 through August 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Starlight Square, featuring, music, performances, light shows and dancing.
8. Application #80744 Michael Monestime, on behalf of the Central Square Business Innovation District, has applied for one day all alcohol licenses from July 31, 2020 through August 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Starlight Square.

Documents Considered: Application and attachments thereto.

Summary: This is an extended one-day alcohol and entertainment license application in a City lot for the time period of for 7/31 – 10/31/2020. The applicant submitted many attachments including some that explain the concept, which includes no admission charge to enter the space, the vendors and entertainers will not be charged to use the space. There is an agreement with the City for the use of the space, which is in its final stages. The Board also discussed the license fees. In the past the Board has taken in to account free events that are a benefit to the public. The Board considered the intent of the project, that there is no admission fee, no fee to the vendors to participate, and any money earned will be given to the businesses that have suffered.

Decision: Granted 3-0 by roll call vote, for the entertainment portion, granted for the entire period requested (through 10/31/2020). For alcohol portion, granted only for 7/31-8/30/2020, with the understanding that other members of the Central Square Business Association may file an application in increments of 30 days to cover the remainder of the Starlight project. In addition, the following conditions were placed: public cannot be charged an admission fee, but may be asked for voluntary donations; alcohol cannot be sold prior to 11:00 a.m. and can only be sold in conjunction with the purchase of food; and alcohol cannot be taken out of the licensed area. In addition, if there are any further conditions placed by the City of Cambridge for the use of the space in the indemnification and license agreement, those conditions are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

The Board also voted (3-0) by roll call vote, to reduce the license fee and only charge a one-day fee rather than the one-day fee per # of days of the event..

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