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MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF MONDAY, August 24, 2020 At 11:00 a.m.

This meeting was held by remote participation through Zoom, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 10, 2020, suspending certain provisions of M.G.L. ch. 30A.

Meeting started at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Board members in attendance: Chair Nicole Murati Ferrer (present); Commissioner Branville Bard (absent); Chief Gerard Mahoney (present).

Staff member in attendance: Elizabeth Y. Lint.

- 1) Application #85762 Boston Minivan Service d/b/a Car Service, 675 Concord Avenue, for a Livery License for one (1) vehicle.

This matter was withdrawn by the applicant prior to the hearing.

- 2) Application #85119 Zerihun Shiferaw, for a Cambridge Hackney Driver's License. [Time Stamp: 02:43]

Present: Zerihun Shiferaw, applicant.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Shiferaw has not had issues with his Massachusetts license. His background check and license check were fine.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

- 3) Application #84774 Samuel Abebe, for a Cambridge Hackney Driver's License. [Time Stamp: 05:06]

Present: Samuel Abebe, applicant.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Abebe had an issue with excise taxes that was resolved. He was a cab driver in Boston and never had his hackney license or Massachusetts license suspended or revoked. All checks were fine.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

4) Application #86698 Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a AC Hotel by Marriott Cambridge, 10 Acorn Park Drive, All Alcohol innholder License #10892, for a Change of Manager to Kevin Matheson. [Time Stamp: 06:48]

Present: Kevin Matheson, proposed manager.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Matheson has been manager of record in the past at another Colwen hotel, with no issues. He is TIPS certified.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

5) Application #83187 Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. d/b/a Whole Foods Market, 340 River Street, Wine and Malt Package Store License and Common Victualler License #11711, for a Change of Manager to Scott Duncan. [Time Stamp: 08:50]

Present: Scott Duncan, proposed manager and Attorney Brent MacDonald.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Mr. Duncan has been a Whole Foods employee for 15 years but has never been a manager of record. He is TIPS certified. He has worked at this location since January.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

6) Application #73128 Stoked Pizza Cambridge, LLC d/b/a Stoked Pizza Co., 1611 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #52551 (not yet issued), for a Change of Closing Hour from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. all days. [Time Stamp: 11:16]

Present: Attorney Adam Barnosky, Toirm Miller and Doug McGregor.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is located on the 1st floor of a 4 story building. Construction was delayed due to COVID-19 and now hope to be open in November. The license was approved in 2019. They spoke with people at Harvard and determined that a later hour for sit down service is needed. In addition, due to COVID-19 regulations, they will be limited in the number of people that can be served at one time. The later hour would give them more flexibility. This is going to be a full service, sit down restaurant. It will not be a "slice" place. They do have a 1:00 a.m. license in Brookline. Noise concerns were raised in Brookline when they applied for the license, but they were granted the

neighborhood in mind. Jane Darwin spoke in opposition to these hours and stated that it would be better to operate for a period of time and then see if later hours would be acceptable. Mary Huntington voiced the same concerns. Peter Boden spoke on behalf of the Friedman Family. The area has become a gathering place, with voices being amplified due to the way Harvard Law School was constructed. It creates a tunnel effect. While the Board can roll back hours, it is easier to give hours than to take them away.

Decision: Matter taken under advisement to next meeting.

7) Application #84132 Speedway of Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Speedway, 2055 Massachusetts Avenue, has applied to transfer the Wine and Malt Package Store License held by Yemesrach Bahiru d/b/a Dudley Street Market, 75 Dudley Street. Applicant is also applying for a Change of Location to 2055 Massachusetts Avenue. Kevin Emmanuel Buyinza as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 1 floor with a total of 1,900 sq. ft. with 2 entrances, 2 exits. [Time Stamp: 39:50]

Present: Attorney Andrew Upton; Kevin Buyinza, applicant.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Soda refrigerators would be replaced with beer and wine and would be locked during non-alcohol hours. Mr. Buyinza has a significant amount of experience in the industry. He is not alcohol certified but will become certified. He has been approved for alcohol licenses in Norton and North Attleboro. They have a policy of carding anyone who looks under 40. They have security cameras. They will only have a small selection of beer and wine. Speedway has over 3,000 stores and this is their business model. Customers have been asking when they will be selling beer and wine. They do not anticipate any increased traffic. 90% of their customers buy gas. Purchase of beer and wine is ancillary. There will be under 100 square feet of retail space. Speedway opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 10:30 p.m. There will not be any shelving of beer or wine. Mr. Buyinza has been the General Manager at this location for a year and has experience with the sale of restricted goods. Jan Corash spoke in opposition to the application. Speedway has many police officers who park in their lot to monitor traffic.

Decision: Granted 2-0. Coolers containing alcohol must be locked during non-alcohol hours. If alcohol is on the floor, then the shelves must be gated and locked.

8) Application #85071 AY Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a Mae Asian Eatery, 781 Main Street, holder of a Common Victualler License #25132, has applied to add All Alcoholic Beverages to its license with Yuri Asawasittikit as Proposed Manager of Record. The hours of operation, capacity and premises description are to remain the same: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; seating and occupancy of 20; and premises described as: 1,200 square feet on first floor with a basement for storage, one restroom. The main entrance and exit are in the front of the building. There is an emergency exit in the seating area and another entrance/exit for deliveries and employees in the back of the building through the kitchen. [Time Stamp: 59:25]

Present: Yuri Asawasittikit, proposed manager and Anil Rayasam.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is a family owned full service restaurant. They serve authentic Thai food. Many customers ask for cocktails to be paired with their meals. Yuri has never been the manager of record before. She worked for Marriott Hotels and was a manager in banking industry. They are both TIPS certified. They have been open for 2 years with no issues.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

9) Application #84642 HH Trinh Corporation d/b/a All Star Pizza Bar, 1238 Cambridge Street, holder of a Common Victualler License #63619, has applied to add Wine and Malt Beverages to its license with Khanh Chi Trinh as Proposed Manager of Record. The hours of operation, capacity and premises description are to remain the same: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. all days; seating for 11, occupancy total of 20; and premises described as: Dining room, kitchen and bathroom for patrons on the first floor. Storage in the basement; one main entry/exit on Cambridge street and one emergency/delivery entry/exit on the side from the kitchen. [Time Stamp: 1:04:40]

Present: Khanh Chi Trinh and Nhan Trinh.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This location previously had a malt and wine license so there is a presumption of public need. When they closed on the business in February, they felt it would be easier to start the business and then apply after the fact. They are a staple in the neighborhood and residents are asking for beer and wine. Khanh has Serve-Safe certification.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

10) Application #84639 HY Trinh Corporation d/b/a All Star Sandwich Bar, 1245 Cambridge Street, holder of a Common Victualler License #65630, has applied to transfer the Wine and Malt Beverages License from Diamonds Restaurant Group, Inc., d/b/a All Star Sandwich Bar, 1245 Cambridge Street, with Nhan Chi Trinh as Proposed Manager of Record. The hours of operation, capacity and premises description are to remain the same: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; total seats and occupancy of 34; and premises described as: Dining room with counter seating and kitchen on first floor. Storage in basement, 2 Egresses; 1 Entrance front door, 1 Exit back door kitchen. [Time stamp: 1:09:10]

Present: Khanh Chi Trinh and Nhan Trinh and Attorney Pavos Gakis.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Nhan has never been the manager of record on a liquor license before. He was in finance and management for over 25 years. He does consulting for various companies. He has TIPS and Serve Safe certifications.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

11) Application #86660 Cambridge Craft, LLC d/b/a World of Beer, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11565, for a Change of Manager to Kayla Black. [Time stamp: 1:14:45]

Present: Kayla Black, proposed manager.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Ms. Black has been a manager of record in the past, in Albany, NY, with no issues. She is TIPS certified.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

Administrative Matters

All the below listed matters are considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. Unless otherwise indicated, all the matters are decided upon by the individual review of the papers/applications before the Board members and each member votes upon the matter. The summary of what is considered by the Board, unless otherwise indicated, is the identifying information of the matter as listed on the agenda. [Time Stamp: 1:16:24]

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

Decision: Ratified.

13) Application # 74116 GLT Project Team would like to request an extension of their already approved Special Noise Variance #74116, at MBTA Ct B22CN02 East Cambridge Viaduct Rehabilitation, Between Science Park MBTA Station and Charlestown Ave., to include work on Saturdays and Sundays and holidays from 8/29/2020 – 12/27/2020, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the following work: Temporary platform Installation (Saturday and Sunday); overhang bracket Installation (Saturday and Sunday) and saw cutting operations (Saturday) (Holiday time request is for normal daily activities). Holidays included are: Labor Day, Monday 9/7; Indigenous People's Day, Monday 10/12; Veteran's Day, Wednesday 11/11; Thanksgiving, Thursday 11/26; and Christmas Day, Friday 12/25.

Decision: Granted with modifications. No holiday work is allowed. The Board may reconsider allowing holiday work except for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

14) Application # 83766 Christina Imbriano for Bond Brothers has applied for a Special Noise Variance to be exercised at 115 Mt. Auburn Street, for three (3) weekday nights only between the dates of 9/7/2020 – 9/30/2020 with alternate dates of 9/8/2020 – 9/30/2020 from 1:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. to do a concrete placement pour.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

15) Application # 86987 Bill Wilbur for John Moriarty and Sons has applied for a Special Noise Variance to be exercised at 350 Water Street, from 8/31/2020 – 10/16/2020 with alternate dates of 9/1/2020 – 10/16/2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for installation of precast concrete façade elements.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

16) Minutes for the June 29 and August 4, 2020 meetings.

Decision: Approved.

17) Application #88180 Steve Barry, on behalf of Newport Construction, has applied for a special noise variance from August 27 -28, 2020, with alternate dates of September 10-11, 2020 for water shutdown and tie in on Antrim St @ Cambridge St. Excavation, pipe fitting / installation, saw cutting, back filing and compacting.

Decision: Granted 2-0.

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Date Minutes Approved: **SEP 15 2020**

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