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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation

The meeting was held by remote participation through Zoom, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Meeting started at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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

Staff member in attendance: Elizabeth Y Lint.

Note: All decisions/votes were by roll call vote, and 3-0, unless otherwise specified.

Testimony Matters

1) Application #111184 Gypsy Café and Juice Bar, LLC d/b/a Gypsy Cafe, 90 Hampshire Street, holder of Common Victualler License #13677, with approved hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. all days and seating for 18 inside, has applied to amend the license to include six (6) outside patio seats on the city sidewalk.

Present: Sayed Mousawi.

Documents considered: Application and all documents attached thereto.

Summary: They have a sidewalk obstruction permit. Outside operating hours would be the same. They also have a Certificate of Inspection which has them at a total seating capacity of 20 (they are currently licensed for 18). They operate at 20, so the Board also considered that factor.

Decision: Granted 20 seats inside and 6 seats outside.

2) Disciplinary Redmond Design Group, due to allegations of violations of Cambridge Municipal Code ("CMC") 8.16.081. Specifically, it has been alleged that you or employees of Redmond Design Group operated leaf blowers on March 16, 2021 in the vicinity of 6 Forest Street at approximately 11:25 a.m., in violation of CMC 8.16.081.1(b) and 8.16.081.2(c) – operating without a permit. Additionally, the alleged operation of blowers would constitute failure to adhere to the cease and desist letter that was sent to Redmond Design Group on July 12, 2018.

Present: Susan Redmond was expected to appear on behalf of Redmond Design Group, but she nor anyone for the business appeared. Tyler Bubenik, License Investigator.

Documents considered: Hearing notice and related documents. Previous application.

Summary: Second call at 11:20 a.m. They had started an application (#18997) in 2018 but never completed it. They do not have a permit and the evidence presented was that they were operating leaf blowers.

Decision: Violation, operating without a permit, issued \$300.00 fine.

3) Informational Coleman Murray, Inc. d/b/a The Field, 20 Prospect Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11677, for non-use pursuant to, but not limited to, M. G. L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64, and 77.

Present: Jeremiah Coleman was expected to appear for The Field, but he did not appear.

Documents considered: Hearing notice, and file.

Summary: Second call at 11:22 a.m. It came to the Board's attention the licensee did not show up due to a medical emergency.

Decision: Matter continued to 4/28/21, also will seek to obtain written response.

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.

4) Application #111053 Ed Leflore on behalf of CSL Consulting from 4/9/21 – 4/12/21, excluding Sunday, (Alt. 4/16/21 – 4/19/21, excluding Sunday) at 40 Thorndike Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9th, Saturday April 10th and Monday, April 12th with additional hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 10th, to perform a crane pick to hoist materials on the roof using a crane, boom lift, and hoist. The variance is being sought to expedite the process.

Summary: By performing the crane pick during extended hours on a Friday, Saturday, and the following Monday relieves the project of having to mobilize and demobilize a large crane for multiple days.

Decision: Granted, with the condition that a crane permit is required.

Ratification of Temporary Outdoor Patios due to Covid-19:

- 5) Permit #112362, Curio Coffee, 441 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler Wine & Malt License #12282. Two parking spaces directly in front of the licensed premises, total capacity 24, with the condition that the outdoor area must close at 11:00 p.m.
- 6) Permit #112895, Lamplighter Brewing Co., 284 Broadway, Common Victualler Malt License #11567. In front of the licensed premises on the parking lane/loading zone, two areas separated by a curb cut. The one to the left extends to the end of the brick and mortar; the one on the right starts in front of the brick and mortar and continues to the end of the block. Total seating capacity is 54, with conditions: Closing hour of outdoor areas is 11:00 p.m. Must be monitored by managerial staff at all times.
- 7) Permit #113126, Asmara Restaurant, 739 Massachusetts Ave., Common Victualler Malt & Wine License #11282. On the sidewalk, curbside, directly in front of the licensed premises, total capacity 14, with the condition that the outdoor area must close at 11:00 p.m.
- 8) Permit #112602, The Smoke Shop BBQ, 8 Holyoke Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #53343. In front of the licensed premises and continuing to front of Farkas Hall, on the parking/travel lane, meters HOL- 0010, HOL-0012, HOL-0014 and space between HOL-0010 and the door to the restaurant. Total capacity 30, with the condition that the outdoor area must close at 11:00 p.m.
- 9) Permit #107748, Lord Hobo, 92 Hampshire Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11365. Section 1 - on Windsor Street, four tables in front of the licensed premises on the curbside of the sidewalk and into the parking lane. Section 2 - on Hampshire Street, in front of the licensed premises up to 94 Hampshire Street, on the curbside of the sidewalk and into the parking lane. Section 3 - extending from Section 2 on the parking lane in front of 94 Hampshire Street. With conditions as follows. Capacity breakdown: 12 @ Section 1; 29 @ Section 2; and 14 @ Section. Operating hours of outdoor areas: Section 1 & 2 - may open at currently licensed opening hour, must close at 11:00 p.m.; and Section 3 - Monday-Friday 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.). Must always have managerial staff outside monitoring the outdoor areas.
- 10) Permit #113882 The Lexington, 100 North First Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #74633. Expand from the licensed premise into the picnic grove space previously occupied by Puritan & Co with the conditions that 1) the outdoor areas can operate at a maximum capacity of 188 until 11:00 p.m., thereafter, the outdoor areas can operate at a combined capacity of 100 until 12:00 a.m. 2) Must always have managerial staff outside monitoring the outdoor areas.

Decision: Ratified as to all.

11) Nour Trans., Inc. has purchased medallion # 20 (VP record # 34041) and # 113 (VP record #44662).

Decision: Acknowledged.

12) Application #113046 Diane Marangoly, on behalf of Cambridge friend's School, has applied for a one day entertainment license for an outdoor movie event on April 30, 2021 with a rain date of May 1, 2021 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the outdoor soccer field at the school. Space capacity is 200 but the event will have a maximum of 75, and it is being operated pursuant to the COVID-19 Indoor/Outdoor Event Guidelines.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that the event must comply with the City of Cambridge's COVID-19 Order issued on March 22, 2021, limiting gathering sizes and the state's mandatory guidelines, safety protocols and checklist for Indoor and Outdoor Events issued on March 18, 2021.

13) Application #114635 Michael Monestime, on behalf of Central Square BID, has applied for one day alcohol and entertainment licenses weekends from April 10 through October 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lot 5 on Bishop Allen Drive.

Decision: Granted (2-0, Chief Mahoney had technical issues) pending submission of license agreement with the City and subject to any conditions therein. Additional conditions: (1) The event must comply with the City of Cambridge's COVID-19 Order issued on March 22, 2021, limiting gathering sizes and the state's mandatory guidelines, safety protocols and checklist for Indoor and Outdoor Events issued on March 18, 2021, and any updated guidelines issued during the licensed period. (2) Members of the public cannot be charged an admission fee, but may be asked for voluntary donations. (3) Alcohol cannot be sold prior to 11:00 a.m. and can only be sold in conjunction with the purchase/service of food. (4) Alcohol cannot be taken out of the licensed area. (5) All conditions placed by the City of Cambridge for the use of the space in the indemnification and license agreement are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. The Board also amended the license fee to one day fee per its previous vote on the matter.

14) Application #114632 Michael Monestime, on behalf of Central Square BID, has applied for one day hawker/peddler licenses weekends from April 10 through October 15, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Lot 5 on Bishop Allen Drive.

Decision: Granted pending submission of license agreement with the City and subject to any conditions therein. Additional conditions: (1) Must comply with the City of Cambridge's COVID-19 Order issued on March 22, 2021, limiting gathering sizes and the state's mandatory guidelines, safety protocols and checklist for Indoor and Outdoor Events issued on March 18, 2021, and any updated orders and guidelines issued during the licensed period. (2) All conditions placed by the City of Cambridge for the use of the space in the indemnification and license agreement are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

15) Application # 114644 Jim Wilcox on behalf of Department of Public Works for 4/13/21 – 5/31/21 (Alt. 4/20/21 – 5/31/21) at various locations from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. all days, with the

additional hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays, for multisensory inspection of sewer lines using a generator and support vehicles. The variance is requested to allow sufficient time for resolution of any potential issues, and for coverage of any delays due to weather.

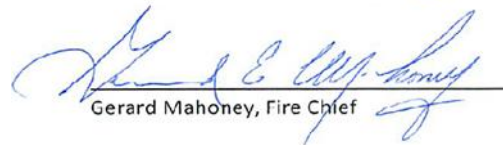
Decision: Granted, with condition that a Sunday work permit is required.

Minutes Approved: May 13, 2021

Minutes Posted: May 13, 2021

By the Board of License Commissioners:


Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair


Gerard Mahoney, Fire Chief