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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

The meeting was being 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 #258572 TPBHS Harvard, Inc. d/b/a The Painted Burro, 32 Church Street, Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License, for an Alteration of Premises to include a seasonal outdoor patio on the city sidewalk and into the parking lane. The proposed premises description is: Approximately 7,199 sq. ft., 3,192 square feet on the first floor and 4,007 square feet in the basement. Ground floor contains bar, kitchen and two dining areas. Basement level includes bar, dining area, and two kitchen areas. Additional seating of 443 square foot patio on public property.

Present: James Rafferty, attorney; and Brandon Loomis.

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

Summary: This was part of the original application, but it was withdrawn because the SSBU process was taking a while and it would have delayed the application at the ABCC. Incorporated by reference and made a part hereof the testimony of 9/14/23. It was confirmed the hours of operation would be the same as indoors 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. The SSBU application has not proceeded because the workers' compensation insurance certificate uploaded was expired, they are supplementing it. Total number of seats is 24, and the whole patio can be seen from the inside through the huge glass windows.

Decision: Granted pending issuance of SSBU and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

2. Application #231081 The Coast Café, LLC d/b/a The Coast Café, 233 River Street, for a new Common Victualler License with 9 seats inside and a total occupancy of 17 with proposed hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The proposed premises is: One floor 400 sq. ft. - 370 sq. ft. of Kitchen and 30 sq. ft. for customer, Front door for customer and Back door for employees. Basement 400 sq. ft. for prep and storage.

Present: Anthony Brooks.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The business has been open and operating for 20 years at this location as a take-out only establishment. They now want to be able to offer their customers the ability to have them eat at the premises. They serve comfort soul food, mac and cheese and ribs.

Decision: Granted.

3. Application #260103 Moona Main Street, LLC d/b/a Moona, 750 Main Street, for a new Common Victualler All Alcohol License with seating for 97 inside and proposed hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. all days with alcohol service starting after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and after 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Mohamad El Zein as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 3,365 square foot restaurant and bar with one entrance/exit for the public. No basement. The kitchen will have three exits.

Summary/Decision: Matter was not heard; business did not notice abutters. Will be rescheduled.

4. Application #259188 Abodez Acorn Concord LLC, 605 Concord Avenue, for a new Garage License for 71 parking spaces and 710 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of autos only.

Present: Phil Terzis.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is new construction and they have 20 at grade parking spaces and then 51 underground. 19 of the spaces are without fee and the rest have a fee. There are no other flammables at the location, there is no generator in the building. The Flammable and Combustible Permit from Fire Department has issued.

Decision: Granted.

5. Application #255578 Soden ST LLP, 10 Soden Street, for a new Open Air Parking Lot License for 32 parking spaces.

Present: Louis Ferraro.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is existing but had not been licensed. They are at grade parking spaces. For residents and visitors of the residents. The Flammable and Combustible Permit from Fire Department has issued.

Decision: Granted.

6. Application #260842 IS AIMN DOM, LLC d/b/a McCarthy's, 1920 Massachusetts Avenue, to transfer the Common Victualler All Alcohol License held by Golden Toad, Inc., at the same address. The applicant proposes seating for 260 inside, an inside occupancy of 324, and 24 patio seats on the public sidewalk with hours of 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday. Joanne Conroy as proposed manager of record of a premises described as: In one room on ground floor comprised of various dining areas, bar, and restrooms; in one additional room on second floor comprised of two additional dining areas, second bar, kitchen, and additional restrooms; in one additional room on ground floor (cocktail lounge) with additional bar, seating areas and performance area; basement for storage. Seasonal outdoor seating area on public property.

Present: Dennis Quilty, attorney; Thomas McCarthy, owner; and Joanne Conroy. Ruth Ryals, resident.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; file of previous operation; and letter in support of application.

Summary: Presumption of need because of the existing license at the location. It is a corporation to corporation transfer, no change of location. The proposed new owners are well known licensees in Somerville and Boston. Seek to create one of their iconic restaurants at this site. There is a pledge to Eastern Bank which involves the property and under another entity. They also intend to be the owners of the property. Made outreach to local neighborhoods associations and are not proposing any changes of capacity or hours of operation. The patio is approximately 427 sq. ft. with 24 seats.

Joanne Conroy has experience in the food and beverage industry. Conroy has been the manager of record on a liquor license owned by the same group and has no disciplinary issues with local board or ABCC. Conroy is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Conroy will provide a TIPS Certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Ruth Ryals submitted correspondence and also spoke in favor of the application – called it a “match made in heaven.”

Decision: Granted, including pledge.

7. Application #238903 Mission Hill Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 655 Massachusetts Avenue, for a New Common Victualler License with 14 seats, a total occupancy of 21, and proposed hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. all days. Rich Vincent as manager of a premises described as: 1,259 square feet on first floor with back of the house dry storage, kitchen prep area, refrigeration, unisex bathroom and mop sink. Front of house with bakery case, sandwich station, serving and sales area.

Present: Nicole Sullivan.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This used to be a Starbuck's and the hours differed a little. Dunkin went through Planning Board to be able to operate at this location. At this point they have just gotten a building permit and have only completed demolition. They are trying to be more proactive and be on top of the timeline of permits (they have 5 other locations in the City). The proposed manager of record has changed and will now be Geo Barbosa.

Decision: Granted, with amendment of manager to Geo Barbosa.

8. Application #250844 African Community Economic Development Of New England (ACEDONE), 11 Green Street, for a Lodging House License with 27 rooms and 33 beds.

Present: Natalie Logan; and Clare Louise Okalany.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This used to be a lodging house for the New England School of English. This lodging house will not have a d/b/a. The floor plan that corresponds to this location is the one with the kitchen in it. They stated they have a certificate of inspection but not yet uploaded. They failed to notify abutters.

Decision: Moved to 4/8 to allow applicant to notify abutters.

9. Application #250845 African Community Economic Development Of New England (ACEDONE), 15 Green Street, for a Lodging House License with 24 rooms and 30 beds.

Present: Natalie Logan; and Clare Louise Okalany.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This used to be a lodging house for the New England School of English. This lodging house will not have a d/b/a. They stated they have a certificate of inspection but not yet uploaded. They failed to notify abutters.

Decision: Moved to 4/8 to allow applicant to notify abutters.

10. Application #255582 Meetacross Investment LLC, 24 Union Street for a New Lodging House License with 24 rooms and 18 beds.

Present: Christopher Murray, attorney; and Lin Lin, owner and manager of record. Members of the public/abutters: Copper McDonald and Marcia Hern.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and correspondence received regarding the application.

Summary: Lin Lin purchased the property about 7 years ago and has been using it as an owner occupied rented property. About 2 years ago they made improvements to the property. It is a three family home type of premises. Lin Lin continues to reside in one of the premises and then rents out the other two. Lin Lin has hotel experience and will implement house rules that regulate the occupants. They also intend to hire a full time house keeper. The intention is to rent mostly to students of Harvard and MIT. Each unit has 2 floors and 5 bedrooms each. The d/b/a will be The Residences at 24 Union.

The maximum number of persons they seek to rent to are six people, although unclear whether that was 6 people per rental unit for a total of 12 people. The leases would be one year leases. Lin Lin did state that the home used as a residence is too big and they may rent the additional rooms in that house too (maybe 2 of the rooms). Lin Lin testified they have been renting the property for the last 7 years and have never had any issues.

Although the renovations were done through permits, and the building has been inspected, the permits were sought as multi family residential not lodging houses. There are different requirements in the code for residential units versus lodging house units, including as to sprinkler systems. The occupancy approved is different from the occupancy that was presented to building and fire.

The Board received correspondence as to the application, both in favor and against. Some of the issues raised in the oppositions were discussed by the applicant and their representative. At the meeting, two persons who also submitted written comments spoke in opposition of the application.

Decision: Continue, there will be a follow up hearing on April 30. Applicant must: provide a more complete business plan, including providing a concrete answer as to the total number of lodgers sought at each of the three houses; become aware of the requirements and provisions of the law with which they will need to comply with to run a lodging house; and address issues raised as to Fire Code, including but not limited to submitting any required permits to ensure the property is up to code for a lodging house.

11. Application #250155 Cambridge Weston Academy, LLC, 14 Wendell Street, for a New Lodging House License with 17 rooms and 17 beds.

Present: Kevin Kerr, attorney; and Liya Rong.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This was previously operated as a lodging house by Lesley. It was bought and they intend to continue to operate it as a an innholder/lodging house with no changes being proposed. There is a Certificate of Inspection already issued and uploaded.

Decision: Granted.

[Note: Matters 12 & 13 were called together.]

12. Application #257703 North Point Café, Inc., d/b/a Lingo, 8 Education Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11346, for approval of a management agreement with Aramark Services, Inc., and change of manager to Patrick Ford.

Present: Elizabeth Pisano; Patrick Ford; and Martha Doyle.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The management agreement, North Point Café, Inc. remains in control of the license. Aramark will manage the food and alcohol. Licensee continues to have the right to fire and hire employees, and is the only one that receives proceeds of the alcohol sales. Aramark will have access to payroll and finances but the profits all go to the licensee. The management agreement complies with all the provisions of the law.

Patrick Ford has experience in the food and beverage industry. Has not been the manager of record on a liquor license before and has been the Director of Operations for Aramark. Fors is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Ford will provide a TIPS Certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted.

13. Application #250980 Hult International School of Business, Inc. d/b/a Hult Student Lounge/Little Lingo, 1 Education Street, All Alcohol Educational License, for approval of a management agreement with Aramark Services, Inc., and change of manager to Patrick Ford.

Present: Elizabeth Pisano; Patrick Ford; and Martha Doyle.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The management agreement, North Point Café, Inc. remains in control of the license. Aramark will manage the food and alcohol. Licensee continues to have the right to fire and hire employees, and is the only one that receives proceeds of the alcohol sales. Aramark will have access to payroll and finances but the profits all go to the licensee. The management agreement complies with all the provisions of the law.

Patrick Ford has experience in the food and beverage industry. Has not been the manager of record on a liquor license before and has been the Director of Operations for Aramark. Fors is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Ford will provide a TIPS Certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted.

14. Application #261263 Caissie Niles, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 6/7/24 – 9/6/24 (No alternate specified), at 290 Binney Street, from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on weekdays only, for an extension to an existing application to deliver, shakeout, and install steel using hand and welding tools, cranes, trucks, generators, and hoisting equipment. The variance is sought in the interest of limiting impacts to and from vehicular traffic.

Present: Caissie Niles; and Investigator Joseph Kelley. Heather Hoffman, resident.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: They previously applied for this variance and work and due to schedule constraints they were not able to start the work. The intent is to have a shift extend so they can work 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Question as to whether abutter notifications were properly sent was resolved in the affirmative.

Decision: Granted, with the condition that cannot be exercised on any legal holiday or eve thereof.

15. Application #262431 Susan Ciulla, M.I.T. for a for a Special Noise Variance from 3/27/24 to 12/31/24, (No alternate dates), to operate leaf blowers on Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The variance is needed to clean areas of MIT for Commencement, Campus Events, Freshman Orientation and Convocation.

Present: Michael Seaberg; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and previous variance requests.

Summary: Reviewed the previously approved variances and they were different in that some were more limited in scope and time/period. Another was granted but with significant conditions. When questioned as to the undue hardship which would substantiate issuing the variance, MIT stated they have a lot of events, community events, VIP guests and they need the variance to clean the areas for the events.

This variance seeks an exception to operate during a prohibited period from June 16 – September 14 – for, according to the testimony, moving dust and debris to get through it and would only be limited to certain campus areas where there are no dorms (it is either offices or classrooms). It was discussed how this would then be a request to operate during a prohibited period and also to not comply with the ordinance general use provisions and the rules and regulations which specifically state that leaf blowers can never be used to move dust and debris.

The variance also seeks to start operating at 7 a.m. on weekdays (rather than 8 a.m.) and on Saturdays at 7 a.m. rather than 9 a.m., including holidays. The testimony was that this is necessary as events are not consistent and the hours to get the campus ready may vary. MIT is not saying they are going to use it, but rather that they want to have it in case they need it.

Decision: Denied, no undue hardship shown.

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.

16. Application #261964 Luxor Corporation, 2 Putnam Gardens, #19, for a new livery license. Mohamed Elsayed as owner, manager and sole driver.

Decision: Granted.

17. Application #26426 Sean Flynn, Beacon Piping Company, for a Special Noise Variance on 4/6/24-4/6/24 (Alternate dates 4/13/24 – 4/13/24), at 52 Oxford Street, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for a crane set up and hoisting mechanical equipment to the rooftop using delivery trucks and a crane. The variance is needed to extend the workday to accommodate the full scope of work.

Summary: The complete number of the application is 262426.

Decision: Granted.

18. Application #261258 Caissie Niles, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 4/12/24 – 5/21/24 (No alternate specified), at 290 Binney Street, to work continuously from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until the following Monday at 7:00 a.m., on three (3) weekends to assemble and disassemble a crane to install a transfer truss steel shell using hand and welding tools, generators, cranes, trucks, and heavy equipment. The variance is sought in the interest of extending the day to accommodate the full scope of work, minimize impacts to vehicular/pedestrian traffic, and for public safety.

Summary: The first weekend sought is Marathon weekend, and the work cannot be allowed to happen during that period.

Decision: Granted with amended start date of 4/19/24, and the conditions that: must obtain Sunday work permit, and must notify via email to noise@cambridgema.gov at least 24 hours prior to exercising the variance and once the variance is used 3 weekends, it is moot and cannot be further exercised.

19. Consideration of Waiver of Hearing Disciplinary - Sancta Maria Nursing Facility, 799 Concord Avenue, admitting violations of CMC 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours, at 6:14 a.m. on February 28, 2024, and 6:30 a.m. on March 8, 2024.

Summary: Adam Chambers, administrator, filed a waiver on March 13, 2024.

Decision: Violation (2 counts), \$300 fine per violation for total fine of \$600.

20. Board Vote [Matter Heard March 26, 2024] Application #257794, Arrow Street, LLC d/b/a Arrow Street, 2 Arrow Street, for a new Entertainment License for indoors and outdoors to include: Recorded music above conversation level with amplification; Dancing by Patrons; Live music with amplification; Theatrical Exhibitions; Floor Shows; Light Shows; Dynamic Audio/Visual Show; DJ; Comedy Show; Karaoke; Acrobatic Show; Beauty Contest; Wrestling; Talk Show; Magic Show; Readings of Poetry; 4 TV's; Theatrical Stage; and 2 Stages. Board deferred vote to ensure abutters were provided sufficient notice and to consider any comments sent in by the abutters as to the application; none were received.

Summary: No comments or input received after the hearing.

Decision: Granted.

21. Board Vote [Matter Heard March 26, 2024] Application #253901, Overlind Industries, LLC d/b/a The Red House, 98 Winthrop Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #111650, to Remove Entertainment Conditions of license: *While live entertainment (limited to no more than five (5) acoustic performers and/or musicians with no amplification except one microphone) is operating, the windows and doors must be closed to contain the noise from emanating outside of the indoor licensed premises.* Board deferred its vote to consider all testimony heard.

Summary: We received additional correspondence in support and in opposition to the request. In its determination as to the matter, the Board did not consider any correspondence received since the close of the hearing. The Board was concerned this came before it since the conditions were just placed. The original application for the live music was reviewed and reheard. It was not clear that the entertainment was in an outdoor area. In fact, the way it was originally presented was that this was an amenity that would be used to help with winter hours, the street being dead and dark and to bring people in. On the flip side, the business is requesting a limited type of entertainment and one that is generally supported as it is an amenity that serve the public need. Notwithstanding the Board needs to consider the existing surrounding businesses and the impact this may have on them. The Board also considered that since the amenity has been approved and used, the abutting business has had no issues or complaints and that the noise complaints as to this location pre-date the current operation/ownership. The Board debated a happy medium.

Decision: Granted, in part. The condition of *While live entertainment (limited to no more than five (5) acoustic performers and/or musicians with no amplification except one microphone) is operating, the windows and doors must be closed to contain the noise from emanating outside of the indoor licensed premises,* stands except Thursday – Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to closing time.

22. Review of Board Vote [Matter Heard and Decided October 12, 2023] Application #242185, Guanlan, Inc. d/b/a Lanner Noodles & Bar, 24 Pearl Street, for a transfer of the Malt and Wine license issued to Rangzen Tibetan Restaurant, at the same location. Board granted the application, the ABCC returned the application no action because the minority holder had a pending criminal case, which came about after the Board heard and granted the application. The case has been dismissed. The applicant's attorney has asked for the matter to be resubmitted to the ABCC for reconsideration.

Summary: Criminal case has been dismissed and there is no statutory bar to the application.

Decision: Vote of October 12, 2023 ratified – granted. Application will be resubmitted to the ABCC for final approval.

23. Board Consideration on Motion to Reconsider Vote Perennial Landscape Corporation filed a request for the Board to reconsider the fines imposed on February 1, 2024 for the December 1, 2023, violations of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.081 at 38 Carver Street: simultaneously operating multiple leaf blowers within the same 10,000 square foot area, 8.16.081.1(f); operating a non-compliant leaf blower, 8.16.081.2(e); and operating without a permit, 8.16.081.1(b) and 8.16.081.2(c). \$300 fine per violation, for a total fine of \$900. Notice of violations and fines to be sent to property owner as well.

Summary: Here we received an admission of the facts, and imposed fines on the violations that were accepted. The owner of the company is asking the Board to reconsider the amount of fines because they do not find them commensurate with the violations. The Board disagreed. This is a company that has been served a cease and desist letter, has been provided a warning and has been advised that they need to obtain a permit, and yet they have not obtained one. In their request for reconsideration, they say they have been operating without issues, which is in and of itself an issue since they do not have a permit, and have still not applied for one (a violation subject to \$300 fines per day/violation) . In addition, as stated in the statement of reasons issued, their waiver came in with an apology that employees improperly thought they could use the leaf blowers at that time. However, the infractions have nothing to do with use during a prohibited period. The business has been previously advised of the Ordinance, the need for a permit, and all other provisions of the Ordinance. To date, they have not sought to come into compliance with the Ordinance. They can appeal the fines to the Superior Court.

Decision: Request for reduction of fines/reconsideration, denied. The decision stands.

24. Consideration of Statement of Reasons

- [Corrected Version – Matter Heard February 1, 2024] Perennial Landscape Corporation, on December 1, 2023, at 38 Carver Street, violations of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.081: simultaneously operating multiple leaf blowers within the same 10,000 square foot area, 8.16.081.1(f); operating a non-compliant leaf blower, 8.16.081.2(e); and operating without a permit, 8.16.081.1(b) and 8.16.081.2(c). \$300 fine per violation, for a total fine of \$900. Notice of violations and fines to be sent to property owner as well. *Original Statement of Reasons improperly stated that the Board voted on March 11, when in fact it voted on February 1. No other changes were made to the previously issued Statement of Reasons.*
- [Matter Heard March 11, 2024] Shojo Cambridge, LLC d/b/a Shojo, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #193948, 425 Massachusetts Avenue, violation for operating over the licensed capacity on February 23, 2024, G. L. c. 138, §§ 12, 23 and 64, G. L. c. 140, and Board’s Rules 2.3, 2.5, 5.1, and 9. Issued – 2 days suspension.

Decision: Approved as to both.

25. Consideration of Meeting Minutes [Corrected – to show all votes 2-0, no other changes made] February 29, 2024; and March 11, 2024.

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.

26. Application #256364 Madeline Colker, Cambridge Public Library, for an entertainment license with live music for a concert at Joan Lorentz Park on 4/8/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Expected attendance 500.

Decision: Granted, no license fee.

27. Application #258233 Nuria Chimeno, Friends of the Morse School, for a hawker/peddler license at 40 Granite Street, on 5/19/24 with rain date of 5/18/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to sell food, snacks, and drinks.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #256364 Madeline Colker, Cambridge Public Library, for an entertainment license with live music for a concert at Joan Lorentz Park on 4/8/24 from 12:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. Expected attendance – 500. (continued from 3/11)

Decision: No vote/duplicate (see item #26).

29. Application #261272 Anju Thapa, Greater Boston, Nepali Community, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 4/13/24 with rain date of 4/15/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for Nepali New Year with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 350.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

30. Application #261264 Kate Silverman Wilson, MIT Museum, for an entertainment license at 314 Main Street, on 4/2/24 with rain date of 4/9/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a play reading with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 85.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #261455 Miguel Tejada for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 4/7/24 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 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, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

32. Application #261518 Alex Maciel, St John Holy Ghost, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 5/18/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and 5/19/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a feast with patrons dancing, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

33. Application #261521 Philip Chaves, Saint Anthony Parish, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 6/8/24 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and 6/9/24 from 12:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. for a feast with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance 600.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

34. Application #261495 Paul Clark for a malt and entertainment license at 64 Sidney Street, on 4/21/24 with rain date of 4/28/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a road race with recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 2500.

Decision: Granted, with the conditions that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way and police detail is to be requested by applicant.

35. Application #261477 Talon Flodman, Immediate Gratification Players, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 4/5/24 with rain date of 4/6/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a performance with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #261460 Philip Chaves, Saint Anthony Parish, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 5/3-5/5/24 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a feast with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

37. Application #261524 Tony Felicio, Brazilian Community Apostolate, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 7/13/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a festival with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 800.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

38. Application #261544 Madeline Colker, Cambridge Public Library, for an entertainment license at 449 Broadway, on 6/15/24 with rain date of 6/22/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for a performance with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted, pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein, no license fee.

39. Application #261701 Hridibrata Pal, Sangam, for an entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/6/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a concert with live music, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #261612 Paddy's Lunch Inc. d/b/a Paddy's Lunch, 260 Walden Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11694, for an entertainment license on 4/27/24 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a celebration of life with live music. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #261794 Erik Sarno, Central Square Business Improvement District, for an entertainment license at 877 Main Street, on 4/5/24 with rain date of 4/12/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a music event with patrons dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

42. Application #261822 Erik Pryal, MIT Department of Mechanical Engineers, and Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 50 Memorial Drive, on 4/6/24 from 4:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a gala with patrons dancing, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 6:30 p.m. per registration form, and condition that police detail is to be requested by applicant.

43. Application #261969 Kevin Ebert, Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, for an all alcohol license at 26 Oxford Street, on 3/28/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for an open house. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

44. Application #261924 Michael Jonas, Swing City Boston, for an entertainment license at 680 Huron Avenue, on 4/6/24 with rain date of 4/27/24 from 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a swing dance with patrons dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance – 125.

Decision: Granted.

45. Application #261947 Jane Finn-Foley, Black Policy Conference, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 79 JFK Street, on 4/5/24 from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for a conference kick-off with recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 4:00 p.m. per event approval form.

46. Application #262074 Cindy Spungin, MIT Sloan MBA Program Office, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 4/9/24 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a movie night with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 85.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. per event registration form.

47. Application #262119 Raesia Straker, The Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 3/28/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Summary: Did not receive response to question as to whether there was a cannabis component to this event.

Decision: Granted, with conditions that there cannot be any cannabis component to the event (no sale, service or consumption) and police detail is to be requested by applicant.

48. Application #262087 Raesia Straker, The Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 3/30/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a concert with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 325.

Summary: Received confirmation no cannabis component to this event.

Decision: Granted, police detail is to be requested by applicant.

49. Application #261325 Tsiyon Geremew, Harvard African Students Association, for an entertainment license at 52 Oxford Street, on 4/5/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a cultural event with performers/entertainers dancing, DJ, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 5:00 p.m. per event approval form.

50. Application #262519 Gissell Chapa, Harvard Radcliffe Collegium Musicum, for a one day hawker/peddler license at 45 Quincy Street, on 3/30/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to sell flowers.

Decision: Granted.

51. Application #262373 Robert Kelly-Morgan, Putinwork, for a one day hawker/peddler license at 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/30/24 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to sell merchandise, clothing and art.

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

Matters Considered at Meeting – Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

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.

52. Application #262912 Sarah Syed, MIT South Asian Association of Students, for an entertainment license at 410 Memorial Drive, on 4/6/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a Fundraiser and Market with performers/entertainers dancing and recorded music. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

53. Application #263097 Ellen Gitelman, Belmont World Film, for a wine license at 168 Alewife Brook Parkway (Apple Cinemas), on 4/8/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a film screening with wine sampling. Expected attendance – 130.

Decision: Granted with the condition that the alcohol must be sold, and applicant must provide proof of 501(c)(3) status otherwise the alcohol cannot be donated to them for the event.


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