

Minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: Virtual Meeting via zoom. Meeting opened at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Emily Cherniack

Commission members present: Chairperson Emily Cherniack, Marnie MacAlpine, Mike McAteer and Gladys Vega.

Also Present in Council Chamber Room: City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher, Captain Keith Houghton, Officer Nicole McLaughlin and interpreter.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to Public Hearing to consider a Petroleum License application for JDC 65R Owner, LLC at 100 Justin Drive, Chelsea, MA Present at the meeting were Amanda and Don Distofaro who stated that the new owners purchased the property from Signature Breads who had a tank for the backup generator. They complied with obtaining Fire Department certification and informing the abutters. Chair opened up the public speaking portion and no one spoke. MacAlpine moved for approval McAteer seconded and all were in favor so License granted.

Chair opened public hearing on Tambo 22's application for an Alteration of Premises. Jose Duarte and Taylor were present. Tambo owners stated that they want to make the outdoor space they have been using permanent. McAteer asked about whether they started their bathroom renovations. Duarte is hoping the economic hardship will allow them to continue its use. McAteer informed them that they have to get permission from the Commonwealth. Chair moved to approve pending approval by the Plumbing Board. McAteer Second. All in favor so conditionally approved.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for La Economica Corp. d/b/a La Economica Meat Market at 164 Park Street, and the owners and Diana (representative) were present. Diana stated it was a family owned business and radio is for the customers and staff. They gave notice to the abutters. Vega stated that she had no problems with this application as long as the music was minimal and not heard outside of the establishment. Vega moved to approve, MacAlpine seconded, all in favor and license was granted.

Chair opened the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed change of acquiring New On Premise Liquor Licenses. The proposed subject matter will be to discuss the criteria for new applicants and the public need for new on premise liquor licenses. City Solicitor Fisher stated that the Licensing Department has recommended a different way to issue licenses instead of first come first serve. The Department has looked at how other towns and cities have handled licenses in the past and recommend a Request for

Proposals. Commissioners discussed needing more time, to discuss more options and ideas and the need to get it out to the public and outside of Chelsea to bring in more diversity and have Media Campaign around the new licenses. Chair tabled the matter for the next meeting.

Chair opened conference with GreenStar Herbals of 200 Beacham Street, Chelsea seeking to change the 90-day appointment requirement. Commissioner Vega recused herself based on the fact she is attempting to open a retail marijuana store in Chelsea. Tom Morey owner discussed how the operation has been going since it opened and that there is no need for the appointment only requirement since there is little traffic generated by the store. Captain Houghton agreed and has no problem removing the requirement.

Next meeting February 10, 2022

Approved on February 10, 2022

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Steph Vega

Michael McAttee

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