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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Members Gary Santo and Deborah Greel, Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board, Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball and City Solicitor Beth Rennard. Absent was: Chairman Gary Barrett.

1. Application for a Change of Manager. Applicant: Kernwood Country Club.
Mr. O'Connor presented the application. The Club submitted paperwork for a change in proposed manager. He said that Sue Detore retired from the Club. They are seeking the approval for Christine Rutherford to take over as manager. He said she has been there for many years and handles all of the applications. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.
2. Application for a Change of Manager to Corey Cimino. Applicant: 99 Restaurant, 15 Bridge St.
Corey Cimino presented the application. He said he is the new manager and Mike King is no longer at the Salem location. Mr Cimino said Mike was there for about four years and that Corporate moves them around every few years. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.
3. Application for a renewal of a Store Fortunetelling license at 272 Essex St. Applicant: Hermetic Arts and two sub licensee fortune telling licenses. Applicants: Charlotte Michaels and Jessica Langberg.
No representative was present for these applications. The Board voted to move them to next meeting.
4. Application for a blanket license for vendors and entertainment on July 15, 2023 from 8am to 8pm for the Annual Negro Election Day Picnic. Applicant: Salem United.

Judith Reilly presented the application and said this is her first time before the Board. Ms. Rennard said that this is an annual event that has happened for years and in the last several years has been organized by Salem United. She asked Ms. Reilly how many years it has been with Salem United organizing it, Ms. Reilly said eight. Mr. Santo confirmed there were no food vendors. Ms. Mojica said she didn't see any listed. Ms. Rennard said they are mostly all non-profits. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.
5. Application for a blanket license for vendors and entertainment from May 5-7, 2023 for the Mass Poetry Festival on the Essex St. Pedestrian Mall. Applicant: Ellen Talkowsky and MP Carver.

Ellen Talkowsky, special events coordinator for the City and MP Carver from MA Poetry presented the application. Ms. Talkowsky said this festival has been happening since 2012 and is always very successful and brings thousands of people into the City during that weekend. She said it includes over 95 workshops over that weekend. She said it is primarily held at the PEM but they have some areas set up within the pedestrian mall. Ms. Carver said they are trying to secure Old Town Hall to use as well in case it rains. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

6. Hearing with La Delicia, 75 Congress St. regarding violation of Entertainment License.

Continued until next meeting on March 27, 2023.

7. Discussion and vote regarding fees for One Day Liquor Licenses at two City function halls at Winter Island and Forest River Park.

Ms. Rennard said there is a small new function room at Forest River and an existing hall at Winter Island. The Director of Parks has asked to waive the one day liquor license fee if anyone rents the hall and applies for a One Day Liquor License. She said that the cost of the insurance for a One Day is costly and that between the fee for the rental of the room and the One Day License will be cost prohibitive. The hall occupancies are 50 and 80. Mr. Santo motioned to approve and waive the fee for anyone applying for a One Day Liquor License at either function hall. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

8. Approval of Meeting minutes from January 23, February 13 and February 27, 2023.

Ms. Greel motioned to approve with a correction and a name spelling change. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

9. Old/New Business/Adjournment:

New: Sgt. Ball said he sent a complaint from Ms. Rennard about Brodie's Seaport. Ms. Rennard said the report was from a customer who said she was told one price for a drink and her tab showed a different price. It looks like the cost of the drink was rounded up. Sgt. Ball said he would go out and speak with the manager to see why this is. Ms. Greel agreed.

Adjournment: 6:18pm. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.