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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via ZOOM, an online video conference call system. Present on call were: Chairman Gary Barrett, members Deb Greel and Gary Santos, Jr., Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro and City Solicitor Elizabeth Rennard. Absent was Special Investigator to the Board, Sgt. Erik Manninen.

1. Application for a Store Fortuneteller's License and three sub licensees located at 1 Derby Square
Applicant: VampFangs and sub-licensees June Jennings and Kris Gurksnis.

City Solicitor recommended approval. All paperwork in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santos seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.
2. Application for a Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol License and an Entertainment License at 98 Washington St. Applicant: Huang Ting, Inc. d/b/a Koto Japanese Grill & Sushi Bar currently Baisha, Inc.

City Solicitor recommended approval. All paperwork in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santos seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.
3. Request to continue the Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol License at 94 Lafayette St. Applicant: MP Restaurant and Bar Corp. for license currently held by SKF Hospitality Group, Inc. d/b/a Stella's Restaurant & Wine Bar. Continued from previous meeting on November 23, 2020.

City Solicitor recommended approval of a continuance to January 11, 2021. City Solicitor recommended approval. All paperwork in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santos seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.
4. Discussion with the owners of a Lodging House at 10 Howard St., Reza Mojtabai.

Meeting continued until January 11, 2021.
5. Vote of the Board to renew 2021 licenses in the following categories: Lodging Houses

City Solicitor recommended approval of the renewal of lodging house licenses with the exception of 10 Howard Street which is renewed with the following conditions: TBD. The Board will approve 2021 licenses at the meeting on January 11, 2021. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santos seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.
6. Complaint regarding Open Meeting Law violation – failure to post meeting minutes as required.
Complainant: Heather Famico.

City Solicitor informed the Board that Ms. Famico had previously filed a complaint about meeting minutes not being posted timely and that included two sets of minutes from 2019. The Solicitor had informed the Board that they would be posted, but did not know at the time that the folder of the handwritten minutes was misplaced. It took quite some time to locate the folder that was filed incorrectly, but as of a few weeks ago, the minutes are up-to-date.

Ms. Famico's complaint of November 1, 2020, was that minutes for September and October, 2020 had not been posted. Complaint attached. Ms. Rennard informed the Board this has been addressed. The Board noted that minutes are to be posted within 21 days and directed the Clerk to do so. Solicitor was authorized to respond to Ms. Famico.

7. New Business/Old Business: NONE
8. Adjournment: Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santos seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.