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MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and member Deborah Greel, Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board and City Solicitor, Beth Rennard. Absent was: Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball and member Gary Santo, Jr.

1. Application for a One Day Liquor License on December 2, 2022 for 100 people from 6-10pm form a Holiday Celebration for Sport Medicine North at ROOTS 35 Congress St. Applicant: A La Cart Parties & Catering.

Mr. Machado presented the application. He said this is the 2nd year for them catering this event and there have been no issues. Mr. Barrett asked if the paperwork was in order. Ms. Rennard said that it was. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Rennard said they would need to check in with Salem PD regarding a detail. Roll call vote: 2-0

2. Application for a Transfer of an Annual Wine and Malt Package Store License and a Change of Location at 111 North St. Applicant: EKS Corporation d/b/a Salem Shell.

Attorney Moorodian presented the application. He said this was a Beer & Wine Package store license from 109 New Market at 109 Bridge St. He has the business has been run as a gas station with a convenience store. He said he has a signed petition from 80 residents supporting the application. Ms. Greel asked if this is the Shell that is across from a full alcohol liquor store. Attorney Moorodian said it was. He said they do have the petition and this license is for beer and wine only and on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Barrett asked Ms. Rennard for past precedent. Ms. Rennard said that years ago there was an application for the Speedway on Derby St that was the first denied for many factors such as need and police calls already to that area, etc. Ms. Rennard said this applicant also applied for the full license package store through the RFP as well, but it was better served on Bridge St. She said the difference is volume and that it is a Wine and Malt license and not full alcohol. She said the ABCC doesn't get involved in location issues. She said the local board determines that. Mr. Barrett said he was just curious about who signed the petition. Attorney Moorodian said he did not read them all but there is a mix of neighbors and customers of the Shell. Ms. Greel said she would be interested in the Ward Councilors input. Ms. Rennard said she did receive an email from the Ward Councilor asking about the application but that was all. Mr. Barrett asked if there was anyone in the gallery that would like to speak. Alicia Bears asked to speak on Congress St. Ms. Rennard said that was different matter and to hold on for the date. Attorney Moorodian said they are not expecting a big uptick in foot traffic and that there is plenty of parking on site at that location. Ms. Greel asked if there were questions from the liquor store across the street or if the owner was on the call. There was no one present on the call. Mr. Moorodian said all employees will be TIPS certified and they will have a scanner as well. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0

3. Application for a Change of Category from and Annual Wine and Malt Package Store License to an Annual All Alcohol Package Store License at 109 Bridge St. Applicant: Maruti Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a New Market.

Attorney Truwax presented the application with owner Drew Patel. He said they were granted the Annual All Alcohol Package Store License through an RFP process. He said that Mr. Patel purchased the license and the property over a year ago. He said the property was an eye sore and he has transformed it. He said his customers have a demand for a one stop store. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0

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

Ms. Rennard requested a date to continue this Hearing in the next few weeks. She also said she was able to speak with the manager and explained about not hooking DJ equipment up to televisions and explained decibel levels. Ms. Greel motioned to continue. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0

5. Approval of the 2023 Liquor Licenses, Common Victualler Licenses, Auto Dealer Licenses, Lodging House Licenses, Entertainment and Automatic Amusement Licenses.

Ms. Rennard suggested renewals based on all licensees also following requirements of Building, Health and Fire Departments. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0

6. Approval of Meeting minutes from September 12 and September 26, 2022. Ms. Rennard said she reviewed and Ms. Mojica made suggested changes to 9/12/22 minutes. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0

7. Old/New Business/Adjournment:

*Mr. Barrett said he would like to have copies of applications. Ms. Greel said police reports come in via email sideways and are hard to read. Ms. Rennard explained how to flip the layout. Ms. Greel spoke again about applications and suggested that maybe there would be interns from the college that could help translate forms. Ms. Rennard said the City is looking into a translator and that she would look into an intern. Ms. Greel said there is a level of importance regarding this.

*Ms. Greel asked about Ocean's Edge Restaurant. Ms. Rennard said that there is a lien on the license and the owner needs to sign the renewal so that the license can be marketed.

8. Adjournment: 6:37pm. Ms. Greel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.