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LICENSING BOARD MINUTES

Monday, October 18, 2021
Everett City Hall, Room 27
484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149

Chairman Antonelli was not able to appear in person at the meeting but was able to call in. Chairman Antonelli opens the meeting and turns the meeting over to Phil Aloro as Acting Chairman.

Roll Call: Members Present: Chairman Phil Antonelli, Board Member, Phil Aloro and Mike Dantone
Also present Attorney Matt Lattanzi and Sgt. Detective Al Sabella

Motion made and Approved for the minute from the meeting of September 27, 2021

Minutes Taken By: Annette DeBilio Clerk to the Board

Minutes of the Meeting:

Motion to open Meeting 6:30 PM

1. Total Wine & More, 1 Mystic View Rd #1, - Attorney Trish Farnsworth appeared on behalf of Total Wine for a change of manger to Louis Trevor Lancaster and for a change of LLC managers.

A favorable motion was made by Mike Dantone to approve the change and a second motion was made by Phil Antonelli and the Board voted in favor of the change. This change was approved by a vote of 3-0

2. Gardy Fortune, 123 High St, request a Short-Term Rental License. The clerk reads the advertisement. Mr. Fortune explains his plans that he will be renting out the entire house and the back yard, for a 2-week minimum and not longer than 31 days. He will rent to local residents or people that are traveling. His intention is for vacation or work related. He has 2 tandem parking spots. Phil Antonelli says he would want a limited use of the back yard. The Board would like to see his agreement that he would have with his renters. The listing will be on the Airbnb. There are cameras on the property and there will not be parties allowed. Mr. Fortune does have another Airbnb in Medford that he has been renting for 10 months. Background checks are done by Airbnb. Acting Chairman is not comfortable approving the permit at this meeting. He would like to see the website that he is advertising on and see his application form along with the guidelines and restriction. Phil Aloro would like to table the application until the next meeting on November 22, 2021. Phil Aloro asked if anyone is in favor and opens the meeting to the public.

In Favor:

Aiyana Hedeem Garrett, Boston explains how Aifbnb checks the renters background, and how reviews the owner has to maintain high expectation to have a good business.

That portion of the meeting is closed

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Phil will now ask if anyone is against the permit.

Against:

Mike & Wendy Pritchard, Everett, she does not think the neighbor needs this

Richard Doherty, Everett, is concerned about parties in the back yards, would like details of how this works

Salvatore Laface, Everett, he doesn't think Everett is the place for an Airbnb

That portion of the meeting is closed

Phil Aloro explains this is new to the Board, that there is an ordinance in the city that does allow a licensed Airbnb to operate in the city but would like for information and would like to research this a little more. Attorney Lattanzi explains that all of the safety requirements have been approved by the EPD and ISD. It has been deemed habitable. There is no parking requirement for an Airbnb.

Mike Dantone makes a motion to table the application until November 22, 2021 and would like more information on who will maintain the property and the link to the property rental. Phil Antonelli seconds the motion. The Board votes in favor to table the application until November 22, 2021.

3. Winners Sports Bar & Grill, 355 Ferry St, Tony appeared in regards to a police report from September 14, 2021, that the Board received. Tony explained that the woman came in around 7 and ordered a Patron and then she kept on walking in and out, when she came back in, she ordered a Blue Moon, later she ordered another Patron. She started yelling and becoming aggressive, she was in the bar for about 45 minutes. Tony told the waitress to stop serving her. He spoke to her and told her he couldn't serve her anymore and she left the business and about an hour later he saw the police outside. He says that he feels like she was taking something else along with the drinks. Mike Dantone states that the police report states that she was highly intoxicated. Phil feels that Tony knew something was wrong with this patron and he should have called the police right then. Tony does not think that the incident is his fault. The incident that happened outside was 45 minutes after she left his business.

A motion is made by Mike Dantone to place Winners on probation for the remainder of the year of 2021 and to send a plan within 30-45 days, on contacting police if there is an incident and how to operate safely.

4. Karma Lounge, 355 Ferry St. Appeared in regards to a police report from September 14, 2021, that the Board received. Attorney Mark Rotundo, David Comeau, Security, Vannida Sanethong Manager, Rahul, Partner. Evelyn Walter door girl. Evelyn Walters spoke on behalf of Karma Lounge. Evelyn explains that when she got to work, she heard David speaking to another gentleman and to the woman that was in Winners, it was an aggressive conversation. The woman walked away and then a few minutes later she came back and started swearing asking for her phone, saying that they had her phone. Evelyn asks David if he had her phone and David states that he did not. The woman continued to insist that someone had her phone. The Lounge did not have any customers in there. Evelyn was telling the woman that she had to leave and the woman pushed her, Evelyn did push her back and then the woman attacked her and started hitting her and pulling her hair. David explains that when he was speaking with the woman prior to the incident with Evelyn she was saying to David that the Karma should allow white people to go in. David told her that they have all kinds of people that go in, that everyone is welcome. We were telling her that she looked like she was upset and that she should walk it off and go home. She was trying to get into the Lounge and David told her she could not come in. She then started screaming and that is when the altercation started with Evelyn. David went over to break up the fight and was about to call the police and they had just pulled up because he was in the area. The Police came over to get her she dropped her bag and a knife fell out. The woman was then arrested. Phil Arloro says that no one should have laughed at her because that could have triggered her reaction. He states there should be a protocol for situations like this. Rahul states they will in the future immediately call the police and the plan on putting more controls in place. He also says that right now they are still only at 35% capacity and they did not request a 1:00AM close time, that they are closing at 12:00 AM. Every night 11:30 is last call and 12:00 everyone is out of the building. The security is outside with flash lights trying to move people along. They are willing to receive recommendations from the Board. Phil Arloro states that if people are not moving along call the police. Phil Antonelli states that Everett Square does need to be cleaned up. Attorney Rotundo says they will assign two people to call the police if crowds are not dispersing. The Board does not find that Karma Lounge was at fault. Attorney Rotundo states that they will come up with a plan within the next 30-45 days of how they will handle dispersing crowds out front.

Motion made to Adjourn the meeting