



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chair

Glenn Fossa

One vacancy

MINUTES OF MEETING

The special meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on July 25, 2019 in the Fitchburg Municipal Offices conference room, 166 Boulder Drive Fitchburg, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 10:34AM. Commissioner Fossa was present. FPD Chief Martineau was present in place of FPD liaison Lt. Howe who is on vacation. Richard Boscardin (Mayoral appointee to the Board expected to receive City Council confirmation in September) was present to observe the proceedings.

I. APPLICATIONS

William McSheehy for Special One Day Wine and Malt beverages license for Al Fresco Dining on Mill Street from 6P – 10P on August 28, 2019 and September 11, 2019 for 48 people at each of two seatings – one seating from 6P – 8P and one seating from 8P – 10P.

Mr. McSheehy was present. Commissioner Fossa disclosed that he is an interim Director of Fitchburg By Design. Mr. McSheehy stated that a police detail will be present. Chief Martineau spoke in support of the application. Commissioner Fossa noted that insurance should be obtained prior to the event.

Application APPROVED 2/0

William McSheehy for Entertainment Permit for Al Fresco Dining on Mill Street – Live Acoustic Music on August 28, 2019 and September 11, 2019 from 6P – 10P

As above.

Application APPROVED 2/0

United Hmong of Mass, Inc. – Train Wu for Special One Day All Alcoholic Beverages license for Religious and Cultural Celebration from 12P – 11P on August 31, 2019 and from 12P – 8P on September 1, 2019 for 200-300 people in the pavilion and function hall at 67 Scott Rd.

Mr. Wu was present. He stated that alcohol will be served during lunch and during the night-time entertainment. He stated that the clan leaders (14 of them) bring cases of beer and share them at the tables. Commissioner Sarefield advised Mr. Wu that all alcohol must be purchased through a licensed distributor. Mr. William McSheehy stated that he will work with Mr. Wu to obtain the alcohol from the same distributor being used for the Al Fresco Dining on Mill Street event. Mr. Wu stated that there will be a police detail on Saturday from 12P – 8P and Sunday from 12P – 5P; he has obtained insurance. Chief Martineau stated that he has no public safety concerns and that historically they have done an exceptional job.

Application APPROVED 2/0

United Hmong of Mass, Inc. – Train Wu for Entertainment Permits for Cultural Performances, DJ, Dancing: Saturday August 31, 2019 from 12P – 11P and Sunday September 1, 2019 from 12P – 8P

As above.

Application APPROVED 2/0

Carlos Andrade Silva-Ipanema Productions for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverages license for a Live Entertainment and Dancing event from 11AM to 9PM on September 15, 2019 for 1500 people nearby the stage at Riverfront Park, Commercial Street.

Mr. Silva was present. He stated that the alcohol would be served next to the stage, that patrons would be checked for ID by the bartenders and bracelets issued, that a fence around the area would prevent patrons from taking alcohol outside of the park and that they have crowd managers.

Chief Martineau stated that Mr. Silva does an exceptional job and that the shows he puts on are very well run. However, the Chief requested that the License Commission not approve the applications due to the following public safety concerns:

- 1. Mr. Silva is well-known for putting on exceptional events and he has a broad audience;*
- 2. Past events held on the grounds of Fitchburg Municipal Airport have been attended by 5000-7000 people;*
- 3. Common practice at past events is for attendees to set up tail-gating at their vehicles for hours prior to actually entering the event grounds;*
- 4. Traffic, parking and tail-gating concerns for that number of vehicles in the Riverfront Park area;*
- 5. Although Mr. Silva has stated that he would limit ticket sales, it is likely that those refused entrance due to capacity limit would congregate in multiple areas surrounding the park creating multiple sites of public assembly groups likely reaching into the thousands in number.*

Commissioner Fossa agreed with public safety concerns expressed by Chief Martineau. Commissioner Sarefield agreed that the proposed venue for this event is problematic. He noted that the Commission will be having another Special Meeting on August 20, 2019 so, if another venue in the City is secured, Mr. Silva could submit another application to be heard then.

Application DENIED 2/0

Carlos Andrade Silva-Ipanema Productions for Sunday Entertainment Permit – Brazilian bands and DJ's on September 15, 2019 from 11AM to 9PM at Riverfront Park, Commercial Street.

As above.

Application DENIED 2/0

II. DISCUSSION

Status of Hollis Hills Farm after fire in kitchen affecting food and alcohol service

Mr. James Lattanzi was present. He stated that he is working with his insurance company and hopes to re-open in late August. He stated that a full walk-through is being conducted by Building and Fire Depts tomorrow to assess damage. He stated that he spoke with Ralph Sacramone, ABCC Executive Director yesterday to confirm information provided to him by the Clerk pertaining to the destruction/disposal of alcohol claimed as a loss. He said he has not yet determined an inventory of the alcohol to be claimed as a loss. He stated that the fire melted the tap lines back to the kegs all of which popped and drained out during the fire; other hard liquor was stored in a cabinet outside of the fire area.

Information received and no action taken.

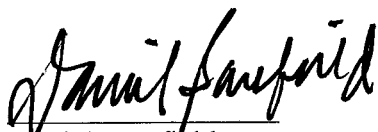
The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Anna M. Farrell
City Clerk

Approved:



Daniel Sarefield



Glenn Fossa