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LICENSING BOARD MINUTES

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Meeting called to order. Present were, Chairman Phil Antonelli, Board Member Brian McCarthy, Board Member Phil Arloro, Detective Paul Durant, Attorney Keith Slattery,

1. Eight Ten Bar & Grill was up for the outside seating. Phil Antonelli was asking how it has been going. Richie Sasso stated the outside seating has been going very good. When the weather is good people have requested to sit outside. Phil Antonelli told Richie that he was happy to hear that.
2. Andrew Napolitano and Steve Supino appeared before the Board to review the details for Village Fest. The city will be serving alcohol with 7 oz cups; all the servers will be city employees and will be tip certified. Night Shift, Bone-Up Brewing, Short Path and Down the Road will be participating in the event. The idea right now is to have the breweries will buy the cups from the city. 10 oz cups for mixed drinks, 16 oz cups for beer. Each business will have to apply for their own Special Permits. Short Path has to serve on their property. A letter will be sent out to the businesses that are participating to come up to the meeting scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
3. Carol's Diner appeared before for an incident that occurred on July 23, 2018. Phil Antonelli goes over the police report. Two patrons were in the bar left and went across the street and purchased nips and then came back into Carols. They were intoxicated when they came in and were fighting with the bartender because she would not serve them. Phil Antonelli says that it would be a good idea to stop serving people at 12:15 and start disbursing the

client. Phil Arloro asked about subleasing the bar area. Tim explains that they always have security on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This incident happened on a Monday night. This does not ever happen on a Monday night. Phil Arloro asked what the security does when they are there. Tim says they ask for identification, they check for weapons or nips in bags. Kim says that the security will check ID's and the bartender will ask for an ID again. Tim tells his staff to check the trash in the bathrooms to make sure there are no nips there. Phil Antonelli is satisfied with the precautions that are in place.

4. City Clerk Sergio Cornelio swears in Board Member Brian McCarthy and Phil Arloro for a 90 day appointment to the Licensing Board.
5. Line Steak & Brew, appeared for an incident that occurred on June 16, 2018. Phil Antonelli states that it seems that the incident occurred outside by the table and chairs. Phil Antonelli says that he would like the table and chairs removed from the sidewalk. Frank states that it started from a car accident. The person that hit one of the patron's car would not exchange papers and Frank did not want a fight to start and he called the police. Phil Antonelli says he did the right thing by calling the police. The bar has been quiet and there have not been any problems and to make sure everyone is out by 1:00AM and everything will be fine.
6. Karma Lounge appeared before the Board due to the advertisements on Facebook and a police report from July 24, 2018. The owner Varun, head of security Jerry and Manager Taylor. Phil goes over the previous meetings where it was stated that this will not be a night club that it is to be cigar bar and a high end lounge with a cover charge. That there was not to be any dancing. It was said previously that there would be food and there is no food there. Phil Antonelli states that the business plan that was presented to the Board initially is not being executed. Brian states that when you do bottle services there are things you have to factor in, if there are only 4 people sitting at a table by law they can only have more than two drinks in front of them. If the bottle is 750 ml that would average out to about 25 shots and with 4 people that bottle should not be in front of them. They can only have two drinks in front of them or can't have more than two drinks in front of them. Also no patron is allowed to touch the bottle, they cannot pour their own drinks and you cannot

discount the bottle. He Police report stated that patrons were drinking from the bottle. If drink specials are advertised they have to be for the whole week not just on the weekends. Another thing on the report says that the door was locked and that would fall under fire safety. Varun apologized that the door was locked by accident. Brian also says that if there is a cover charge the signs have to be posted. Varun shows the Board members photos of the layout of the business. Detective Durant says that the detail officer that was on duty said that there was no dancing when he was there. The advertisements are brought up and the Board explains that the ads are promoting the kind of business of a night club environment and the ads do not say that it is a cigar bar. Varun says that the promoters are trying to promote DJ's and he has argued with them that this is not what he wants. Varun says they have a 300 capacity but stop at 220. They do not want a crowd of 300 in there. Phil Antonelli understands that he has been calling for details. Varun explains with the bottle service that the waitress will pour the drinks and then bring the bottle back to the bar area. Phil Antonelli says he does not want to have any type of bottle service at all. Bottle service was not in the original business plan and does not want to start it now. Varun feels that the building has a bad reputation from before and he feels that some people are coming in and thinking that it is the same as before and that it will take a couple weeks for people to realize that Karma Lounge is not the same as the previous business that was there. Phil Antonelli says that he wants Varun to come back up on September 10 with a new business plan. He will also be placed on probation for the rest of the year, if there are any problems the hours will be rolled back to 11:00 PM and no one wants that to happen. Phil Arloro says that he thinks this business could succeed and does not want to see him go down the wrong road. Detective Durant thinks that they are running a good business there and thinks he can do well but he cannot run it as a night club. Phil Arloro says you have to have control and cannot let promoter portray the business as something other than a cigar lounge. Varun asked if it would be ok to advertise an Indian night. Brian says if they are going to advertise an Indian night with Indian food that would be ok. But they cannot advertise anything with a DJ or a night club. Phil Antonelli says that the cigar bar in Boston

has TV's and cigars there is no dancing and that is what the Board wants for Karma Lounge.

7. *Winners Sports Bar & Grill* - Tony Pertillo came before the Board requesting that the Board grant him permission to reopen the downstairs. Tony says that the bar has been used more as a restaurant lately and he does not plan on having it as a bar. Phil Arloro wants to know how he is keeping track of the employees that are working in case the Board would like to see payroll records. Tony says that he has issued cards to each employee that has to punch in and out when they are working. He also says that by 1:00 AM everyone is out of the business. He now opens at 4:00 PM because it has not been busy in the morning. Phil Antonelli tells Tony that the change of manager that was sent in has not been approved and the bartenders have not come in to get bartender permits. Tony also asked if his hours can be put back to 1:00 AM. He is losing business when the fights or games are on. He says he has to turn people away. He says that he only has karaoke on Thursday nights. Phil Arloro says that before the Board makes a decision he has to bring in updated records of who is working there. Tony says that he will be in on the following day with the information. Phil Antonelli feels as though Tony has exhausted his chances already. Phil Antonelli says that he also needs to bring in his workman's comp policy and once all the documents are received and the Board has time to review it they will make their decision. Tony will come before the Board on September 10th, 2018 and a decision will be made then. Phil Antonelli states that there will be a last chance agreement when Tony comes back on September 10. Tony explains that he know that it is in his best interest to run the business the way the Board wants. He has a lot to lose and that he has a lot invested in this business.

Meeting adjourned