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Phil Antonelli, Chairman Brian McCarthy, Member Phil Arloro, Member Annette DeBilio, Administrative Asst.

LICENSING BOARD MINUTES September 10, 2018

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

Also present Adam Swift - Everett Independent Newspaper

- 1. Andrew Napolitano, Night Shift Brewing, Short Path, Bone-Up Brewing, Village Bar & Grill, Down the Road appeared before the Board to review the regulations for Village Fest. The City will no longer be using cups, people will be able to roam around and no bottles will be allowed outside, only cans or cups. Everyone has to be aware of who is coming into the businesses. The Board would like all the businesses to close down after Village Fest but the Board does not have the authority to do so but everyone should be caution of people drinking. If there are issues the Board will have to take the appropriate actions. There will be 12 police officers along with a supervisor. The road will be shutting down by 11:00 AM.
- 2. Oliveira's appeared for noise complaints from neighbors. Chairman Antonelli explains that there is a neighbor that is calling the Mayor's office and 311 about the noise and the back room is becoming a problem on the weekends. Wilton says that he has stopped the music on Sundays and closes at 11; 00 PM. Wilton says that the night club around the corner park all over the place. Chairman Antonelli says that the Karma is not a night club. He reads a report from the police department that shows how often the police are called to Oliveira's. Wilton wants to know who the person is that is calling and complaining. The Chairman tells Wilton that they do not have to leave their name. Wilton says they have been checking the noise levels all the

- time. They have been calling for police details on Friday and Saturday nights and they have been closing at 12:00 AM. That their sales have been down. Oliveira's manager states that there are 2 other places and their patrons are making the noise. Phil Arloro says that they should put some kind of a sign up with a phone number and email in order for the neighbors to reach him if they have a complaint. Chairman Antonelli that he has to call Wilton up before the Board when a complaint is made. If something was to happen the ABCC would want and explanation from the Board why nothing was done. He also says that maybe the music should be shut down at 11:00 instead of 12:00. Wilton thinks that someone wants him out of business and that's why they keep calling and complaining. Chairman Antonelli says to monitor the music and the patron more.
- 3. McCormick's Liquors for people drinking in the garage behind the store. Peter Petrantonio and Paul Petrantonio were present. Chairman Antonelli explains the Board Member Phil Arloro lives across the street from the store and has observed people drinking in the garage. He has also seen people coming out of the store and going into the garage and drinking. The Chairman explains that any building that touches McCormack's is part of McCormick's. Paul asked if he is a renter the law should not apply. The Chairman explains that they are coming out of his store and going in the garage. Member Arloro explains that he walked up to the garage and told the people in there that they could not be drinking in public. He observed and girl almost past out sitting in a chair. The garage is becoming a social club. The next day he observed the same thing going on. He then went to the store and left a message for Paul to call him. He says that if the door was closed he wouldn't see what was going on but the door is open. He says next time he will call the police. The garage is for storage it should not be used for and office. Peter says that he has had many conversations with the tenant and nothing has changed and they now plan on evicting them. Member Arloro also states that people are buying nips and coming outside drinking nips and throwing the empties on the ground. Peter asks how would they be able to police that. Member Arloro says to possible ad cameras out front. He also brings up that when he was in the store buying scratch tickets and he noticed that no one is being carded. Paul says that they are always carding people and he will talk to his employees. Chairman Antonelli asks to please have a conversation with the people in the garage.
- 4. Karma Lounge was in the review the previous meeting. Chairman Antonelli tells Varun that decision that the Board makes cannot be reversed by the

Mayor's office. That if he disagrees with the Boards decision it should be appealed to the ABCC. Chairman Antonelli also states that the plan that was originally portrayed to the Board is not the same as what is going on at Karma Lounge now. Varun states that if people are dancing around there table it is rude to go up to them and tell them to sit down. Chairman Antonelli say that the original plan was to have people come in smoke a cigar have 2 drinks and leave and there was an incident in the area of Karma Lounge last week and it was thought that I had started in the lounge but after reviewing the tapes it show that was not true. The Chairman said that he wants to make sure that security is searching the patrons before they come in. Varun says they have been doing that all along. If they find weapons on anyone they take them away or the person has to leave. Officer Dino D'Andrea was also present on behalf of Karma Lounge and state that he has done details in there and has seen security checking ID's searching people. Member McCarthy states that if we have a police report the Board has to follow up. As a result of the police report from the previous month was the reason Board put Karma Lounge on probation. Member McCarthy says that when he had walked through the lounge when it first opened he was very impressed. Board Member Arloro says he wants to see his business succeed. Varun says that the Board is welcome at any time to come in and see the place. They recently just added 5 to 7 new TV's and now it looks more like a lounge. They have done some changes and that he respects the Board and wants to work with them. Attorney Slattery states that last time Varun may have left with the wrong impression of the Board but as he can see now the Board wants his business to do well. Varun also asked about bottle service. Board Member McCarthy states that wine and champagne has different rules. If there are 2 people at a table they can order a bottle of wine or champagne. With spirits if there are 4 people at the table they can only have 8 drinks and they cannot pour the drinks the waitress does and the bottle has to be removed from the table. Spirits is stricter because of the alcohol content. Legally if there is wine left over the patrons are allowed to take the rest of the bottle with them as long as the cork is put back in and the bottle is put in a sealed bag and they have the receipt.

5. Winners was up to have Tony sign the Last Chance Agreement in order to return his hours back to 1:00 AM. Tony brought up tip certifications for his employees, workman's comp coverage. Tony filed the paperwork for the Change of Manager with the ABCC directly. Chairman Antonelli informs Tony that any changes to the license have to go before the Board prior to being

sent to the ABCC and Tony should bring copies of all the paperwork into the office. Also there is a balance of \$2300.00 that is owed for Police details that will have to be paid before he could open till 1:00 AM. Tony asked if he could open till 1:00 AM on Saturday because there is a fight on TV. He asked if the Board could give him 2 weeks to pay the bill. Chairman Antonelli and the Board members agree. Tony reads over the Last Chance Agreement. Attorney Slattery informs him that he can take the agreement to his attorney to review the document before he signs it. Tony also asks how long this agreement will be in place and Member McCarthy says that the Board can possible review this is 2020. Tony says he wants to do the right thing. He doesn't want to have any problems and asked if he can open the downstairs. Chairman Antonelli says no he cannot open downstairs at all because there have been many problems there in the past. There were pictures of people dancing on the bars downstairs and there are no windows and if there was a problem the police would not know what they were walking into. Tony asks if he finds someone to buy his business will they be able to use the downstairs. The Board informs him that it would depend on what it was going to be used for. Tony will review the agreement and bring it up after he signs it.

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