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LICENSING BOARD MINUTES

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Meeting called to order. Present were Chairman Phil Antonelli, Board Member Phil Arloro., Attorney Keith Slattery, Christopher Roberson, Everett Advocate, Seth Daniels Everett Independent, Councilor Michael McLaughlin

1. Jarod Kiraly Bone-Up Brewing appeared for a Halloween party on October 26 and would like to rope off the parking lot area for patrons and food services. A police detail will be hired. The Board voted and approved the request.
2 yays - 0 nays
2. Tres Gatos was called up for noise complaints that were made to the Mayor's office, stating that on Sunday nights it has been very bothersome with people hanging and being loud out on the street when leaving the business. Councilor Michael McLaughlin spoke and said that he has received complaints also in regards to the crowds leaving the business on Sunday nights. People did not have complaints about the other nights. Chairman Antonelli made recommendations to have the patio closed with no more service immediately and to roll back the hours on Sunday to 11:00 PM and the hours will remain the same Monday to Saturday till 12:00 AM. The Board voted and approved the recommendations. 2 yays - 0 nays
3. Karma Lounge was called up to review the business plan that was presented 2 years ago. Present were Varun Punj, Attorney Mark Rotondo, the manager and security from Karma Lounge. Also present was the Building Commissioner James Soper. The Chairman states that this meeting has nothing to do with the incident that happened 2 weeks ago. The Chairman states that this meeting is in regards to the bottle service, advertisements

on Facebook and DJ's. He says that DJ's/Promoters and bottle service were not to be allowed. The plan was that was given prior to opening was to have a cigar and 2 drinks with more of a sale of tobacco than alcohol. Attorney Rotondo asked for clarification about the entertainment part of the business plan. He states that dance hall, hip hop and afro beats are genres of music types. Member Arloro states that not all people know that they are different genres. The advertisements on Facebook are reviewed and the Board feels they are advertising more alcohol than they are cigars. It was also told to the Board that customers would have to wear sports coats to get in. Chairman Antonelli states they do not want a club but were happy to have a cigar bar/lounge. Varun was told in the past not to have bottle service and he continues to do so. The Chairman explains that there is not a current Occupancy Permit issued. There was a problem with the exchange handler and to date it still has not been fixed. The building department was by the business today and saw that a step in the rear was broken and the rear egress was blocked. Phil also explains that Varun has a 7 day license and should be open the 7 days. Phil Arloro has concerns that the way things are advertised is not bringing in a good cliental and feels that the environment is getting hostile. Attorney Rotondo reviews meeting minutes about pricing for bottle service. Chairman explains he was told no bottles on the table. Now there is to be no bottle service at all and the Board would like to see the quarterly tobacco reports. The Chairman then has Commissioner Jim Soper speak in regards to the Occupancy Permit. The Commissioner states he would like the Board to put restrictions such as a deadline on when the repairs have to be done and to see a trash contract. Phil Arloro states there is a trash contract in place. Attorney Rotondo states he will send a letter to Winners stating that he is not in compliance with the city's trash ordinance. He clarifies that there will not be any more bottle service and they will review the advertising procedures. Phil Arloro states he does not like the directions that the business is going in. The Chairman opens the meeting for the public to speak. Councilor Mclaughlin states he has been contracted by several residents in regards to loud noise, excessive traffic outdoors on the sidewalks, the way that the trash is put out. Several seniors live on Ferry St and walk over to Walgreens and trash is blocking the sidewalks. He recommends that Varun take all of this into consideration and to work with his neighbors. The building is a mixed use and there are residents that live around there. The Chairman asked when the heat exchanger can be done. Attorney Rotondi state they are having a problem

because they were told it doesn't exist. It does in a residential but not for commercial. He will work with the Building Commissioner to come up with a solution. The Chairman says that he wants an update by December 1. Member Phil Arloro makes a recommendation to roll back the hours to 12:00 AM and for the stairs to be repaired. He would also like them to come back before the Board to show how things will be changed to go back to what the business plan stated. The Chairman repeats the recommendation and states the quarterly reports also have to be given to the Board to review and the hours rolled back to 12AM indefinitely. He also goes on the record to state that if there is another police involved incident the hours will be rolled back to 11:00 PM and the plan that was presented to the Board 2 years ago is the plan that the Board had agreed to. The Board will review once all police reports from Everett and the State police are in from the investigation. Attorney wants it noted that the police report was mentioned twice and that the decision of the Board was not based on what happened. The Chairman states the decision was not based on what happened and that this was based on advertisements. If the air handler is not repaired the license will not be renewed for 2020.

Meeting Adjourned