

Minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

The meeting was held via WebEx video conferencing which did not record so below is a summary of the meeting.

Location: Chelsea City Hall Council Conference Room 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Rossi.

Commission members present via WebEx: Chairperson Mark Rossi, Mike McAteer, Gladys Vega and Emily Cherniack. Not present was Vice Chair Jim Guido.

Present in Council Conference Room: City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher Watson, Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran and Captain Keith Houghton.

Chair Rossi asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2020, Rossi motioned, McAteer seconded.

The City won the ABCC appeal on the nip ban. As of the meeting there were no appeal to court.

City Solicitor explained the process for allowing outdoor seating based on Covid-19. The Law Department will be seeking a designation of authority at the next meeting.

Public Hearing for Wings El Corral at 408 Broadway, was rescheduled due to Attorney John Dodge medical situation.

Public Hearing for Café El Dorado at 241 Broadway-Amusement and Entertainment License Application. Chair Rossi read the Notice in the record and opened the public speaking portion. Owners Jenny and Carlos Camacho appeared and asked for 1 TV and was voted and approved unanimously.

Chair called the public hearing for La Chula for an all kinds of alcohol license. Then it was recognized that there are two Licenses available for an all alcohol and three applications on the agenda. Chair asked the Commissioners as to process and it was agreed that they would hear all three petitions seek public comment and then vote.

La Chula represented by Jose Torres presented his application. Public speaking was allowed and Roy Avellaneda sought answers as to why the establishment closed prior to Pandemic and relationship with Bachatta Rosa. Damali Vidot supported the application.

Emiliana Fiesta represented by Attorney Silvia Guzman and the petitioners all stated and explained the use of the alcohol will be on both floors and potential two functions at the same time. Public speaking was Avellaneda, Vidot both supported the application.

Tambo 22 represented by Taylor and manager seeking an all alcohol mentioned specialty Peruvian drinks that their customers would like to enjoy. Avellaneda supported their application. Vidot stated that she felt they were new to the City and the prior applications are longstanding business owners.

Debate among Commissioners whereby McAteer questioned actual location of private quarters in Emiliana Fiesta, Vega mentioning the need for a function hall, Cherniak weighed the needs within the City and mentioned Tambo 22 already possessing a beer and wine.

Chair asked La Chula if they would accept a beer and wine only license. Guzman informed the Commission that she has a pending license for beer and wine. City Solicitor mentioned you cannot just transfer without an application before you. Chair asked Tambo 22 what they doing with their license and they agreed to turn it in to the City.

A vote was taken and the vote was as follows: Rossi – Emiliana Fiesta and La Chula; McAteer -- Emiliana Fiesta and Tambo 22; Vega – Emiliana Fiesta and Tambo 22; Cherniack – Emiliana Fiesta.

Commission granted the two full All Kinds of Alcohol License to Emiliana Fiesta and Tambo 22.

Chair continued the Public Hearing for Sabor Especial to July 16, 2020 after a question as to a signed lease.

Public Hearing – for change of hours application for Tambo 22 until 11:00 Vote Unanimous

Chair closed the meeting around 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting June 18,2020

