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MINUTES MAY 30, 2023

Remote meeting held via ZOOM

1. Special Licenses

- Naveen Pawar Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol Licenses for Outdoor Beer Garden
102 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
June 1 – 4, 6 – 11, 13, 14

Naveen Pawar, a co-founder of the Mighty Squirrel Brewery in Waltham, appeared on behalf of himself and the other individual applicants (listed below) for licenses in connection with the proposed beer garden. He presented a powerpoint outline and summary of the proposed beer garden at Arsenal Yards, similar to the beer garden that was approved and operated in 2022. It is proposed for a different location, but will be of similar size: 6,895 square feet. The new location is adjacent to a building where Mighty Squirrel is planning to open a brewery next year, and that will be the subject of a future application. For the beer garden, all service and seating will be outdoors. Days of operation will be Tuesday through Sunday and Mondays of long weekends. The garden will only serve Mighty Squirrel beverages, Mighty Squirrel being licensed as a farmer brewer. Last year's beer garden operated for five months, without any incidents. Beer will be dispensed from a truck/van on-site, the same as last year. The truck has a 20 keg capacity. Outdoor port-a-potties will be installed. During operating hours, there will be up to four employees at peak times: two bartenders, a busser, and a manager. Food will not be served, but the beer garden will partner with neighboring restaurants in a cooperative effort, including Chipotle and Sweet Green. The hours will be 11:00 a.m. to midnight.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Pawar stated that the van will be parked next to the building and pallets will be placed around the perimeter of the seating area. There is also some City-placed fencing at the back end of the site. Member Tsekrekas stated a concern regarding someone taking a beverage and leaving the beer garden area. Mr. Pawar answered that the entrance point is within sight of persons at the beverage service area, so staff can view it; and the entrance is at a lower elevation than the service area, which allows for better visibility.

There will be no minimum age for entry, but Mr. Pawar noted that a number of families visited the beer garden last year. He stated that it generated a different clientele from that of a bar setting. Persons who wish to purchase alcohol will have to present identification, and will

receive a bracelet, with different colors being used on different days. Also, staff will walk around the area regularly. Mr. Pawar noted that there will be fewer tables than last year, and the busser will walk around the area constantly. Beer will be served with plastic glasses, and the experience has been that most customers do throw their used items away. The maximum number of persons expected at one time is 200, versus 300 last year.

Tom Wilder, of Arsenal Yards, reported that the development now has a history with Mighty Squirrel and commented that last year's beer garden was a great amenity to Arsenal Yards. He noted that the Bond Square space is now in another use, so the beer garden had to be relocated to the River Green area.

The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Police, Building and Health Departments, and voted to grant the licenses requested, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building and Health Departments.

- Henry Manice Approved 3-0
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June 15 – 18, 20 – 25, 27 – 30; July 1 – 9, 11 – 16, 18

- Anna Manice Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol Licenses for Outdoor Beer Garden
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July 19 – 23, 25 – 30; August 1 – 6, 8 – 13, 15 – 20, 22

- Mariccor Pawar Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol Licenses for Outdoor Beer Garden
102 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
August 23 – 27, 29 – 31; September 1 – 10, 12 – 17, 19 - 24

- George Warren Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol Licenses for Outdoor Beer Garden
102 Arsenal Yard Boulevard
September 26 – 30; October 1, 3 – 15, 17 – 22, 24 - 28

- Adam Leibowitzr Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol Licenses for Outdoor Beer Garden
102 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
October 29, 31; November 1 – 5, 7 – 12, 14 – 19, 21 – 26, 28 -30; December 1 - 2

Start: 4:02PM



End: 7:32PM

Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Acting Chair

Present: Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas

Also Present: Licensing Board Clerk - Noelle Gilligan, Attorney David Doneski