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MINUTES JULY 15, 2021

Approved 3-0

1. Special Licenses:

- **Darren Farrington** **Approved 3-0**
One Day Alcohol Licenses, Wine and Malt, for Opera/Concert Series
440 Talcott Avenue (Commander's Mansion), July, 2021

Mr. Farrington appeared in support of the application. He explained that this a series of events at the Commander's Mansion property, Boston mid-summer opera. The event would typically be held at the Mosesian Center, which is currently under renovation. The Center will sell concessions, similar to what was done for its own events and as described for the concert events license request presented at the Board's June meeting. The dates are July 22, 23, 24, and 25. Mr. Farrington stated that attendance will not be restricted, but it is expected that patrons will be 21 and over based on past experience; and id's will be checked for anyone looking to be under 30. Sgt. Swift stated that the application documents appeared to be in order, and requested that there be clear signage regarding procedures for alcohol service. The Board voted to grant the requested licenses, for the events as proposed, subject to the requirement that clear signage be posted.

- **Darren Farrington** **Approved 3-0**
One Day Alcohol Licenses, Wine and Malt, for
Concert/Comedy/literary Series
440 Talcott Avenue (Commander's Mansion)
July 28 and August 4, 2021

Mr. Farrington appeared in support of the application. He explained that this a continuation of the Wednesday evening series for which special licenses were approved at the June 17 Licensing Board meeting, for two additional dates. Seating will be at tables of 2, 4 and 6 persons, and patrons are being asked to purchase a full table. For the August 4 event there may be a need to add 25 seats at the rear of the tent, the location and outline of which are shown in the sketch and overhead photo overlay submitted with the application. The event times are 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., and the requested license hours are

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. There will be food for purchase, but it will all be pre-packaged. Sgt. Swift stated that the application documents appeared to be in order, and requested that there be clear signage regarding procedures for alcohol service. The Board voted to grant the requested licenses, for the events as proposed, subject to the requirement that clear signage be posted.

2. Chikama Phase 2 LLC
d/b/a Nzuko Restaurant
20 Apple Ridge Drive
Natick, MA 01760

Continued to August 19, 2021

All Alcohol Common Victualer License

3. Condesa Watertown, LLC
d/b/a Condesa Restaurant and Tequila Bar
35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 401
Braintree, MA 02184

Continued to August 19, 2021

Transfer of All Alcohol Common Victualer License

3. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Town Clerk's office head clerk, Noelle Gilligan, inquired regarding a remote or in-person session for the Board's August meeting. There was consensus that, based on present conditions, the meeting could be held in-person.

Start: 7:15PM
End: 7:35PM


Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas

Chikama Phase 2 LLC
d/b/a Nzuko Restaurant
20 Apple Ridge Drive
Natick, MA 01760

The Watertown Licensing Board continued its hearing on the application of Chikama Phase 2 LLC d/b/a Nzuko Restaurant for an All Alcohol Common Victualer License to be exercised at 60 Howard Street. The hearing was originally scheduled for June 17, 2021, and was continued to July 15, 2021 because the applicant had not completed the abutter notification

process at that time. At the Licensing Board meeting of July 15, the Board acknowledged receipt of a request from the applicant for a further continuance, in order to complete the notification process.

The continued hearing was scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Condesa Watertown, LLC
d/b/a Condesa Restaurant and Tequila Bar
35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 401
Braintree, MA 02184

The Watertown Licensing Board continued its hearing on the application of Condesa Watertown, LLC d/b/a Condesa Restaurant and Tequila Bar for a transfer to it of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License held by Mount Auburn Club Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Café on the Charles for exercise at 57 Coolidge Avenue, with the transferred license to be exercised at 80 Arsenal Yards Boulevard. The hearing was originally scheduled for June 17, 2021, but no one appeared on behalf of the applicant and the Board continued the matter to July 15, 2021. At the Licensing Board meeting of July 15, the acting clerk reported that there had been a problem with the posting/publishing of the hearing notice for this application, so that it could not be heard that evening.

The continued hearing was scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021.