

**City of Somerville  
Licensing Commission**

**Senior Center  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Tufts Administration Building  
167 Holland Street**

***DRAFT OF THE  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting***

**Regular Meeting  
Monday  
May 20, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
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***The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, McKenna and Allen, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Sgt. Chaille a member of the Police (arrived at 6:04pm) and Lt. MacLaughlan a member of the Fire Dept., applicants and members of the public.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm***

1. Minutes of April 8, 2019 Meeting

*The Commission instructed the Secretary to include Lt. MacLaughlan's Letter of apology for Pepe Bocca in these minutes and to post them online. The Commission Approved these minutes*

**Communications**

- 1a. Letter from Josiah Lee Auspitz to the Somerville Licensing Commission requesting procedural improvements, received May 16, 2019

Josiah Lee Auspitz appeared for this Communication. Mr. Auspitz states there is a discrepancy between the occupancy of this board and the occupancy certificate dated in 1972 for Pepe Bocca. He indicates that at the time of Pepe Bocca's application, another address was combined with this business. He states that the lower occupancy pertains to 414 Broadway only and in 1979 when John Sessa took over the premises, they merged

the next door premises. He indicates that the premises went from 1400sq. ft. to 2800 sq. ft. Mr. Auspitz states that he knows it is not this boards' problem, but wanted to bring it to the commissions' attention. Commission Lynch stated that was correct and we should discuss the 3 items in his communication. Mr. Auspitz has 3 suggested procedural recommendations 1. If a business is closed, due to illness, renovation or other causes, it should be standard procedure for the city inspector to leave a card with contact information, to arrange to enter the premises. 2. The clerk who issued the new and renewal certificate of inspection should prior to the renewal day have an updated list of businesses that inspections are incomplete so that certifications are not issued prematurely. Businesses on that list should be given due notice before the renewal date. 3. Lt. McLaughlan's Letter should be referenced in the minutes and made available. Commissioner Lynch stated, #3, Lt. McLaughlan's letter should appear in the April minutes, not the March minutes. #1, If a business closes, it is incumbent upon the license holder to notify the City Clerks Office. Pepe Bocca changed their hours of operation and did not notify the City. Their hours were erratic. This goes back to health issues and some issues the proprietor had with other departments. Inspectional Services stopped him from doing work that hadn't been permitted. Pertaining to #1, Commissioner Lynch will not speak for Inspectional Services, but stated we have 2 representatives from other departments as what their procedures are. Sgt. Chaille stated businesses are contacted by sending a letter, keep going back or make contact with a telephone number they have on file. Lt. McLaughlin stated Citizen Serve provides telephone numbers and emails for contact. He states he has left numerous cards on business doors and he is not contacted. He works with ISD for 304 Inspections for closed businesses prior to the expiration date of the certificate. Mr. Auspitz inquired as to the procedure employed for Pepe Bocca. Lt. McLaughlan replied that at least 2 possibly 3 attempts in November, knocking on the front door, leaving business cards for inspection prior to the end of the 2018 license. He received no call back and drove by many times during the day to see if there was any activity. There was none. It wasn't until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year that he gained entrance through the back door. He stated this is authorized if a hazard exists. No permits were issued except for 1 that was ultimately cleared up. He brought the building inspector back in January or February when this started to transpire. Mr. Auspitz stated he did not hear of any correspondence from Lt. Maclaughlan. Lt. Maclaughlan replied he sent several emails without receiving a response. Commissioner Lynch stated one of the reasons he has been back before the commission many times is that each city department has had their own issues with his responsiveness. With trying to get him to be at the premises or to notify us that he is doing something on the premises. This goes back to July of 2018. Commissioner Lynch stated it's a matter of public record if Mr. Auspitz would like to request this documentation. Mr. Auspitz asked as part of #1, if these are already the procedures in place. Commissioner Lynch replied he cannot answer for other departments, he could ask Sgt. Chaille and Lt. MacLaughlan to represent their procedures, and feels Lt. Maclaughlan indicates email is the most expedient process. Commissioner Lynch stated the commission has a responsibility to ensure the safety of the public. Mr. Auspitz stated Commissioner Lynch assured him there was no improper communications between the landlord, his sister and Commissioner Lynch. He stated he is not sure that is the case city wide. Mr. Auspitz accepted the explanation. Commissioner Lynch stated Mr. Auspitz can send a public information request to show

him what transpired. Mr. Auspitz stated he would take Commissioner Lynch's word for this. Commissioner Lynch stated it was incumbent of this commission to help Giovanni understand the magnitude of what was happening. Things were out of his control and we did the best we could for 3- 4 months. For Mr. Auspitz 2<sup>nd</sup> point for the commission to look at, Commissioner Lynch indicated each department is responsible for their own licenses. The licensing commission can only answer for our responsibilities for Alcohol and Common Victualler Licenses. There is no central location for all the licenses. Somerville Licensing Commission requires all signatures prior to a license being issued. Commissioner Lynch stated he would bring it forward as an issue that was brought before the Licensing Commission. He also stated The Licensing Commission's role is to protect the public's health and safety to the licenses we issue. He stated several safety issues.

Mr. Auspitz questioned the occupancy again and a technical problem with the address. Lt. Maclaughlan stated it is the engineers who determine this. He stated he works with ISD and the Building Dept. and he will speak with them about the usable space and will bring this in to them tomorrow to request a floor plan for the licensee to provide with the useable space and the correct address. The engineers' office determines the address. Commissioner Lynch will bring it up in front of Proakis, ISD and administrative personnel in the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Auspitz thanked the Commission

### **Common Victualler & Entertainment by Devices License**

2. Recinos Corporation  
d/b/a Recinos' Café  
85 Broadway  
Jose Recinos  
(AL19-000021)

*Jose Recinos and Joseph Garcia (manager of record) appeared for this application. Entertainment will consist of Televisions and Piped in Music. This is the first Restaurant for this applicant.*

*The Commission approved this Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices License*

### SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSE

3. David W. Neilson d/b/a Coastal Vineyards, 61 Pardon Hill Rd., South Dartmouth, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Wine produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Davis Sq. Farmers' Market to be held at Day Street & Herbert Street, on Wednesdays', May 22, 2019 through November 27, 2019, from 12:00pm-6:00pm  
(SFW19-000001)

*David Neilson appeared for this application. He has been in business for 16 years. First year in Davis Sq. Started out in 2011 at the Armory and Union Sq. for about 4-5 years. Commissioner McKenna says he is familiar with Coastal Vineyard and they have a sterling reputation with never an issue.*

*The Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License*

4. Daniel Clapp d/b/a 1634 Meadery, 3 Short St., Ipswich, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Mead, t-shirts, honey and tasting glasses, produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Union Sq. Farmers' Market to be held at 66-70 Union Sq., on Saturdays', May 18, 2019 through November 23, 2019, from 9:00am-1:00pm  
(SFW19-000002)

*Dan Clapp appeared for this application. He has been a special farmer winery for 4 years, for both the summer and winter markets, in Somerville. Sgt. Chaille reports no problems with this Special Farmer Winery. The hours are coincidental to the Markets' hours Mr. Clapp inquired as to the progress of these applicants not having to appear at the meetings (to be a Procedural Item instead). Commissioner Lynch stated the commission is trying to get this done, in between the procedures for Recreational Marijuana, the commission is trying to streamline this procedure.*

*The Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License*

5. Jonathan Carr d/b/a Carr's Ciderhouse, 295 River Drive, Hadley, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Hard Cider produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Union Sq. Farmers' Market to be held at 66-70 Union Sq., on Saturdays', May 18, 2019 through November 23, 2019, 2019 from 9:00am-1:00pm  
(SFW19-000003)

*Kait Stinchcomb, Program/Market Manager for Union Sq. Main Streets, appeared for this application. Jonathan Carr was unable to attend. Commissioner Lynch requested an email from Ms. Stinchcomb be sent to the Secretary, advising that she made the*

*appearance for this applicant. Kait is the new representative for Union Sq. Main Streets. Jessica Eshleman is the Executive Director. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year for this Farmers Market.*

*The Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License*

6. Far From The Tree – awaiting application, payment and workers comp. Far From The Tree Cider, 102 Jackson St., Salem MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Hard Cider produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Union Sq. Farmers’ Market to be held at 66-70 Union Sq., on Saturdays’, May 18, 2019 through November 23, 2019, from 9:00am-1:00pm

*Removed from the Agenda. Application incomplete.*

*The Commission duly Noted this matter*

### **Special Alcohol License**

7. Merlin Entertainments, 598 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Adult Night at Legoland Discovery Center Boston, to be held Indoors at Legoland Discovery Center Boston on the following Wednesdays: May 22, 2019 and June 19, 2019 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm (PEL19-000061)

*Joe Botsch, Operations Manager appeared for this application. This is the 3rd or 4th year for these events. Approximately 120 people will attend. Sgt. Chaille reports no problems at these events.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License, for both dates*

8. The Smoke Shop, 325 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Silent Disco at Assembly Row, to be held Indoors and Outdoors in the space between The Smoke Shop BBQ and Café Nero in Fenced in Area on Friday, June 7, 2019 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm with a Rain date of 6/22/19 (PEL19-000079)

*To avoid any impropriety, Commissioner Lynch recused himself from this application, primarily because the Commissioner (who serves as President of the Board of Directors*

*Somerville Media Center) and F.R.I.T. (Assembly Row) have a joint venture this summer at Assembly Row. He didn't know Ms. Vanessa Martinez was coming tonight.*

*Ian Grossman and Vanessa Martinez appeared for this application. Commissioner Allen asked how 400 people would fit in this area. Applicant provided a map of the area for the service of alcohol and food, with a street closure. Smoke Shop employees will be vending the event.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

9. Portuguese-American Civic League, 26 Springfield St., requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Holy Ghost Feast at 26 Springfield St, to be held Indoors and Outdoors, upstairs at the Bar and in the Parking Lot on Friday, July 12, 2019 from 8:00pm – 12:00am, Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 8:00pm – 12:00am and Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00am  
(PEL19-000086)

*Amended Sunday Hours To Start Time of Service of Alcohol from 9AM to 10AM  
Joe Vasconcelos Festival Chairman & Treasurer and Vasco Cunha Bar Manager, appeared for this application. Festival started in 1904. Fruit Baskets help the needy. This is Joe Vasconcelos 2<sup>nd</sup> time as Chairman of this Festival.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License as Amended*

10. Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Brazilian Festival 2019 (Festa Junina 2019) to be held Indoors and Outdoors in Saint Anthony's Church Parking Lot on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 5:00pm – 12:00am  
(PEL19-000088)

*Valdemiro Castro appeared for this application. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year for the Brazilian Festival. Parking Lot entrances will be blocked. 8000 people are expected to attend. All Bartenders are Tips Certified. He has spoken with Scott Whalen regarding Police Details. Will be scheduling a final meeting with Police for final procedure for these Details. Fire Detail is scheduled and Lt. Maclaughlan will be sending Tent Permits and BBQ permits.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

11. Walnut Street Center, Inc., 291 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Taste of Somerville to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park – State property on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm with Rain dates of 6/19/19 & 6/26/19 (PEL19-000089)

*Carolyn Guffey Executive Director of the Walnut St. Center and Stephen Mackey of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce appeared for this application. Baxter Park is directly in front of Legal Seafood. About 60 Vendors will be at this event. This is the average number of vendors from the previous years' event. They expect approximately 1400 people. They will coordinate parking and traffic management with Federal Realty. Applicant will contact Scott Whalen in the Police Department for Details. Lt. MacLaughlan has confirmed there are no charcoal grills. Commissioner McKenna asked why this event is being held at Baxter Park instead of Powderhouse Park. Applicant stated this is due mainly to access, due to the street and bridge closures.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

12. Bow Market Entertainment, LLC, 337 Somerville Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Bow Market Oyster Fest to be held Indoors and Outdoors at 337 Somerville Ave. on Sunday, June 9, 2019, from 12:00pm – 6:00pm (PEL19-000091)

*Zach Baum Manager of Record for Bow Market appeared for this application. Expect about 1000 for the entire event. 1<sup>st</sup> Oyster Event. 6 Different Oyster Farms will be providing the oysters. Prices will be presale \$20 per dozen, and on the day of the event 1/2 dozen and a dozen oysters, will be \$2 each*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

13. Ambisco, Inc. d/b/a Redbones Barbecue, 55 Chester St., requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Redbones Annual Bike Party to be held Indoors and Outdoors in front of the restaurant from Chester St. to Elm St. on Monday, June 3, 2019, from 5:00pm – 9:00pm with a rain date of 6/10/19 (PEL19-000092)

*Rob Gregory Owner appeared for this application. This is the 23rd Annual Bike Party. Have Tips Certified Bartenders with Police and Fire Details. Sgt. Chaille states this is a great event.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

14. Bow Market Entertainment, LLC, 337 Somerville Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Father's Day at Bow Market to be held Indoors and Outdoors at 337 Somerville Ave. on Sunday, June 16, 2019, from 12:00pm – 8:00pm (PEL19-000093)

*Zach Baum Manager of Record for Bow Market appeared for this application. This will be a much smaller event (than Oyster Fest), 400-500 people though out the day. Event will potentially include Hot Lather Shaves (through one of Bow Market Vendor), Vintage Vinal and old guitars.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant**  
**Assembly Row Area**  
  
**Change of Manager and**  
**Entertainment by Performers**

15. New England Neapolitan Assembly Row LLC d/b/a Midici, 463 Assembly Row requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Kevin Minghella to Yana Krasilnikova and an Entertainment by Performers License (ALM19-000007)

*Paul Cimino and Yana Krasilnikova appeared for this application. Entertainment will consist of 2-3, maybe at most 4 performers, generally 1-2 acoustic light jazz indoors as background music with Live performer.*

*Ms. Krasilnikova has been with Midici for 2 ½ months. Her experience as a manager is opening a restaurant in Russia and a restaurant in East Boston.*

*The Commission approved this Change of Manager and Entertainment by Performers License*



**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant**  
**Enhancement Area**

**Alteration of Premises**

16. Pepe Bocca Italian Specialty Market, Inc. d/b/a Pepe Bocca, 414-418 Highland Ave. requesting approval for an Alteration of Premises to reduce indoor seating from 33 to 20 and to include a Bar with seating (16 seats on floor and 4 at bar). A wall was also installed to enclose 2 tables with 6 chairs.  
(ALM19-000010)

*Attorney Mangalick requests this application be placed on the June 10, 2019 Agenda at the request of her client – 5/17/19*

*The Commission duly Noted this matter*

**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant**  
**Assembly Row Area**

**Alteration of Premises to Add an Outdoor Bar with Seating,**  
**Add Additional Seats to Existing Area**  
**to a Private Patio License**

17. Autowmz LLC d/b/a La Cucina, 400 Assembly Row requesting approval for an Alteration of Premises to increase outdoor seating from 40 to 69 and to include an Outdoor Bar with seating (2 seats in the current outdoor area, 18 Lounge Chairs and 9 at the Bar).  
(ALM19-000011)

*William Zoll Owner and William Joffrey General Manager appeared for this application. Originally approved for 40 outdoors seats. William Zoll states that arrangements were made with the landlord and a plan was provided to add some lounge chairs and 9 chairs at the bar. 10-14 additional jobs will be provided for kitchen and extra staff. William Joffrey stated a portable free bay for hand washing and sanitation are included on the plans. No items will be prep'd or prepared other than pre batched cocktails. Mr. Joffrey states he worked with Ben on the design and feels very confident that they can uphold the food and beverage sanitation laws. All plates, cutlery and glasses will be washed inside. The original 40 seats were permitted on Assembly Row. Additional seats would include the Foley St. side and the corner of Foley St. All the furniture is movable. The sidewalk will include 6 ft. egress. Lt. Maclaughlan and Sgt. Chaille were both o.k. with this application.*

*The Commission approved this Alteration of Premises/Outdoor Bar with additional seating License*

**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant**  
**Assembly Row Area**

**Change of Officer/Directors/LLC Managers**  
**And Change of Manager**

18. Earl Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a Earls Kitchen and Bar, 698 Assembly Row# 102 requesting approval for a Change of Director from Stephen Andrews to Gabriel Katsimpas and a Change of Manager from Jason Sykes to Gabriel Katsimpas

*Attorney Scanlon requests this application be placed on the June 10, 2019 Agenda – 5/13/19*

*The Commission duly Noted this matter*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,**  
**Entertainment by Devices & Performers License,**  
**Outdoor (Public) Seating License and Sunday Hours Licenses**

**Enhancement Area**

19. Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine LLC d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Enhancement Area, an Entertainment by Devices and Performers License, a Public Outdoor Seating License and a Sunday Hours License  
*Currently has a CV license – AL17-0002196*

(AL19-000018)

*Attorney Anne Vigorito, Blanca Morales, owner and manager and Benjamin Argueta appeared for this application. Attorney Vigorito states the planning board has approved this a few weeks back. They have started with their building permits. Also (Mrs. Morales husband) owned Taco Loco and both owned Maya Sol. Mrs. Morales took a bartending course and is Tips Certified as well as the entire staff. They have a buffet and are adding wait service. The expansion is for 152 people. Current seating is 37. Attorney Vigorito states they received City Council approval for outdoor seating. Commissioner McKenna inquired about the buffet, will there be additional selections. He also stated he was “smoked out” the last time he was in the establishment. Attorney Vigorito states that Inspectional Services will be making sure they are up to code. Commissioner Lynch inquired what type of Entertainment by Devices and Performers will there be? Attorney Vigorito indicates TV’s and Brazilian entertainment amplified with a small stage and small performances. Parking is an issue. A 5% discount on food only will be offered for Ride Share, Biking and Walking patrons. 2 Parking spaces were granted by the ZBA.*

*There is limited hard liquor. Establishment would accommodate a customer request if they have the alcohol. Sgt. Chaille indicates this is a well run establishment. Lt. MacLaughlin states Crowd Managers Training will be required and to contact him. Attorney Vigorito indicates that Councilor McLaughlin is in favor of this application. Commissioner Lynch requested this email if one was sent.*

*Jen Atwood of East Somerville Main Streets spoke in support of this establishment. She has an email stating that Councilor McLaughlin is in favor of this and will forward it to the Secretary.*

*The Commission approved this All Forms Alcohol, Entertainment by Devices and Performers, Outdoor Public Seating and Sunday Hours Licenses*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**Wine & Malt Restaurant License,**  
**Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices License,**  
**and Sunday Hours Licenses**

**Enhancement Area**

20. Grainmaker 248 Elm St LLC d/b/a Grainmaker, 248 Elm St. requesting approval for a NEW Wine & Malt Alcohol Restaurant License – Enhancement Area, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License and a Sunday Hours License (AL19-000019)

*Attorney Adam Barnosky and Chris Freeman, owner, manager of record and operator appeared for this application. Attorney Barnosky stated this is an upscale, fast, casual, chef driven, contemporary menu. Location is the former Amsterdam Falafal Shop. Approx. 1100 sq. ft. with seating for 19. Chris Freeman has an MBA in Business Admin., has worked as a senior manager and director of operations for Burger King and b good. Mr. Freeman stated this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> location. A Boston location opened 2 years ago. He informed the commission that they only work with small businesses. For example Dovetail Saki and a gentleman working out of his garage. Most beers are Somerville based. Commissioner Lynch asked about the expiration of the Dovetail Sake license. Mr. Freeman stated that the founder has stepped away from the business and he has the recipe and is looking to revamp that product. It will open under a different name, but he owns the right to the name and will be reapplying. He has a manager for the Boston restaurant and will be spending most of his time at the Somerville location. Has received requests for smoothie's and may add these to the menu. Hours will be 10:00am-10:00pm seven days a week. Will have piped in music, no tv's. This will just be counter service, no table service. Will be pairing their food flavors with local breweries to create pairing beers, for example lemon grass and ginger. Commissioner Lynch inquired of Commissioner McKenna about the Full Meal requirement.*

*City of Somerville, Rules and Regulations, promulgated in May 2018, rule 7.03 Service with Full Meal only.*

*a. Service of food is required in all areas where wine and malt beverages are to be serviced, and wine and malt beverages may only be served with a full meal ordered from the menu of the licensed premises. In no event may a patron be served a wine or malt beverage prior to having been seated and having ordered a full meal. Menus shall reflect the requirement that wine and malt beverages may only be ordered in conjunction with the consumption of a full meal. The foregoing rule shall not apply to theatres.*

*A discussion followed about what constitutes a full meal. Mr. Freeman assured the commission that his employees would be trained to ensure compliance. Commissioner McKenna stated he thinks they can figure it out. Commissioner Allen stated he doesn't think it's incompatible. Attorney Barnosky compared Oath Craft Pizza approved for Wine & Malt with counter service as a similar case. This would be ancillary to the food service. Commissioner Allen stated that it's a fair point that Oath is doing this and this is not out of the ordinary.*

*The Commission approved this Wine & Malt, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Sunday Hours Licenses*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,**  
**Common Victualler License and Entertainment by Devices & Performers License,**

**CORRECTION S/B CITY WIDE NOT Enhancement Area**

21. Somerville Comedy Group LLC d/b/a Union Comedy, 434 McGrath Hwy requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – **City Wide Area**, a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment by Devices and Performers License (AL19-000025)

*Attorney Anne Vigorito, Sara Teague, Member & LLC Manager and Ben Scurria, Manager of the Liquor License appeared for this application. The applicant started at the Improve Theater in Cambridge. This is a new building being built, they will be on the first floor and it will be soundproof. Will have 72 seats and 8 seats at the bar. Total occupancy will be 100, for standing room and the seats will be moveable. They have a small menu because it would be disruptive during a performance to receive a full meal. Classes will be onsite. They have not yet received planning board approval, due to a continuance. Attorney Vigorito states Ben Ewen-Campen supports this application. Ben Scurria is Tips Certified. They have a scanner ID to prevent any issues. Commissioner Lynch asked Attorney Vigorito to tell him a little bit about the kitchen and limited menu. Attorney Vigorito states this is not fine dining, it will be mostly microwavable foods. They have pizza on the menu. Applicant would like to get patrons requests when they open and adjust the menu. No grilling, just microwavable food. Attorney Vigorito states this is more of a theater. Hours will be M-Th 5pm-11pm, F-Sa 6pm-1am and Su 5pm-11pm. Commissioner Lynch reminded the Attorney of the one year wait to apply for a 2am license. Commissioner Allen expressed concern that a limited menu may mean out of stock items and this may lead to having no kitchen. Commissioner McKenna inquired when they will be ready to open. Attorney Vigorito stated, hopefully in the fall (after all permitting and construction are completed). Commissioner Lynch asked about the traffic impact. Attorney states a driveway will be available for drop offs. There will be parking for the commercial tenants of the building. Commissioner Lynch is worried about patrons safety with traffic and alcohol. Sara Teague stated most of their patrons take ride share, the bus and soon we will have the Green Line. Commissioner Lynch stated he has concerns with the limited menu and would like to request additions to the menu. The attorney and applicants discussed adding chicken fingers, burritos and hotdogs (non grilled items). They will be using plastic utensils. The applicant will go back to planning in a couple of weeks. Chairman Lynch was inclined to have applicant return in June with a revised menu. The commissioners had a discussion on this matter. Commissioners Lynch states they need to comply with the rules. Commissioner Allen stated that it won't be hard to bring this up to where it needs to be. Commissioner McKenna states he will go along with the board. Attorney Vigorito stated, they were hoping to receive approval at this meeting, because the ABCC takes a while to approve licenses. She would like to add to the menu tonight and proceed forward with the*

*Licensing Commissions approval so that the application can go to the ABCC. She also stated the secretary could be sent a new menu the next day. The commissioners expressed concern that they would not see the amended menu.*

*The Commission continued this application until the June 10, 2019 meeting, pending an expanded menu*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,**  
**Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices License**  
**and Outdoor Private Patio License**

**Assembly Row Area**

22. RCSH Operations, Inc. (parent company: Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.) d/b/a Ruth's Chris Steak House, 375 Revolution Dr. requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Assembly Row Area, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License and an Outdoor Private Patio License (AL19-000026)

*Attorney Joe Devlin, Matt Williams, Manager of record and Brian Nelson, Regional Vice President appeared for this application. Attorney Devlin states this is a full service, upscale dining establishment. Private rooms will be rented for meetings. 9049 sq. ft. with 3940 sq. ft. interior and about 900 sq. ft. on the patio. 299 seats with 306 occupancy and 52 seats on the patio. Hours of operation will be M-F 4pm-10pm, Sa 4pm-11pm and Su 4pm-9pm. Entertainment will consist of 8 tv's, 1 sound system, 2 projectors and 2 screens. Anticipates opening November 2019. Mr. Williams has extensive experience since 2006. He will serve as manager until a new manager is found and approved. Attorney Devlin states he spoke with Councilor Matt McLaughlin in March and he stated any upscale place in assembly row would never have a complaint with him. Lt. MacLaughlan states the occupancy requires 2 certified crowd managers at all times.*

*The Commission approved this All Forms Alcohol, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Outdoor Private Patio Seating Licenses*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,**  
**Entertainment by Devices License, and Sunday Hours License**

**Enhancement Area**

23. OGinger Davis Square, Inc. d/b/a O'Ginger, 263 Elm St. requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Enhancement Area, an Entertainment by Devices License and a Sunday Hours License  
*Currently has a CV License and a Wine & Malt City License – Enhancement Area - AL17-000284*  
(AL19-000027)

*Attorney Kemp requests this application be placed on the June 10, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting to comply with 3 day abutters notice – verbal request 5/16/19, email received 5/20/19*

*The Commission duly Noted this matter*

**NEW Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,**  
**Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices License**  
**and Sunday Hours License**

**Enhancement Area**

24. Joss Mgmt Co. d/b/a Jae's Café, 243 Elm St. requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Enhancement Area, an Entertainment by Devices License and a Sunday Hours License  
*Previously Meju – Enhancement Area - AL17-000284 – New Owners & New D/B/A*  
(AL19-000028)

*Attorney Scanlon requests this application be placed on the June 10, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting to comply with 3 day abutters notice – 5/15/19*

*The Commission duly Noted this matter*

## LATE ITEMS

25. Greentown Labs Inc. d/b/a Greentown Labs, 444 Somerville Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Greentown Labs 2019 DEMO Day to be held Indoors and Outdoors at 44 Somerville Ave., in private event space only on Friday, June 7, 2019, from 1:00pm – 8:30pm  
(PEL19-000105)

*Julia Travaglini, Director of Marketing and Chief of Staff appeared for this application. About 90 company's that work out of Greentown Labs, they are the largest technology circulator in the United States. Mayor Curtatone will be a speaker for this event. Jules Caterer they will be using and are Tips Certified. She believes the Fire Department has already been contacted.*

*The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License*

26. Commissioner Lynch to release additional City Issued Alcohol Licenses, to be voted on at the June 10, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting, for a July Advertisement Date.

*The Commission will vote on this matter at the June 10, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting. These will be duly advertised.*