



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Regular Meeting
November 15, 2018

42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Director; Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager; Benjamin Lipham, ISD/Health

Guests: Ellie Tiglao, owner Tanam

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green the meeting was called to order at 5:40pm and it was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the October 25, minutes were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Variance Hearings:

Tanam: Ms. Tiglao came in front of the board to request a variance for packaging time/temperature control for safety food using a reduced oxygen packaging (rop method. Mr. Lipham has reviewed their haccp plan and states it is all in order and recommended to the board to grant Tanam a variance for rop.

Dr. Green made a motion to grant a variance for rop to Tanam. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Lipham wanted to convey to the board members by the new food code does have an odd restriction when it comes to rop, fish you cannot freeze within the actual package that will be rop has to be frozen separately then you can put it in a container and then when it time to thaw it you have to take it out of the rop container and thaw it in the refrigerator separately, this is because fish is higher risks when it comes to rop.

Director Updates: Dr. Green made a motion to skip item #3, variance hearing and go to item #4 Directors Updates until Mr. Lipham arrives. A ramp is currently being installed at the Annex Building located at 50 Evergreen Avenue. The city is embarking on a new Somervision 2040 in about six (6) months. We are looking bringing the marijuana regulations forward the committees have reviewed and adopted different proposed languages and ordinances and will go to the board by December 31, 2018. The overlay districts have changed a bit in size more. The HHS division function when it comes to marijuana applications, HHS function will review and give feedback, and the licensing will have the final say on whether

an applicant is granted a license. Three (3) full time school nurses have been hired, which leaves two (2) vacancies left. Dr. Green made a motion to return to item #2 on the agenda.

Tobacco Updates: The city is proposes no selling of any flavored products cannot be sold in convenience stores, gas stations but tobacco, mint, and menthol will be allowed. No flavor products can be sold online. Increasing the age restriction. Bonny and Matthew have been working with DJ on new wording on the city's board of health restricting the sale of tobacco products regulations. The board wanted Mr. Mitchell to research and clarifies the definition on general retailers and qualifying adult only retail listed on page 8 of the regulations. Mr. Kress posed a question to Bonny and Matthew "can a general retailer still sell a juul device or we are only restricting the pods, so we should add this to the regulations.

The Board of Alderman is requesting that CHA come to a board meeting to discuss the unfortunate death of a woman who suffered an asthma attack outside their emergency room to address this issue and how they are working on modifying their procedures in the future.

Dr. Green and Mr. Ciccia are scheduled to meet the reappointment committee on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 165 Broadway, in East Somerville starting at 5:30pm
Public Tobacco Hearing will begin at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm. It was seconded by Mr. Machado.

List of Documents: Sign-In Sheets, BOH Requests for Action (1), October 25th Minutes, Regulations of Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products, Newspaper Articles on Juuls, E-Cigarettes, Marijuana Somerville businesses equity, FDA new proposed new steps to protect youth from favored tobacco products.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
November 20, 2018