



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2018
42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145

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

Absent: Paula Machado, Board Member

Staff Members in Attendance: Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Director; Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager; Aaron Jennings, Doctrinal Resident @ Harvard;

Guests: George Georgouloupoulos, Owner of OPA Greek Yeeros; Solange Borges, Owner; Kate Kollars, Harvard Intern; Catie Barr and Sarah Stevens, Harvard students

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green the meeting was called to order and it was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the August 23, 2018 and September 20, 2018 minutes were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

Restaurant Hearing:

OPA Greek Yeeros: Mr. Georgouloupoulos came in front of the board for a hearing. Mr. Georgouloupoulos has been operating without a license. He has applied for a new license but additional paperwork is required and as of today's date, the owner has not supplied the necessary paperwork. Ms. Collins recommended to the board that the business be closed until his application for the license is completed. Mr. Georgouloupoulos was concerned that if he has to close his business would hurt him financially and asked if he could pay a fine instead of closing the restaurant. Dr. Green made a motion to accept the recommendations of ISD to have the establishment voluntary close its business on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 9:00pm until all his paperwork with ISD/Health Division is completed and finalized. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio. All in Favor

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Variance Hearings:

Dragon Pizza: The variance request to us TCS for holding pizza with toppings was cancelled. Under the new food code which just recently passed, it is no longer required to obtain a variance for TCS.

Body Art: Ms. Borges came in front of the board to request a variance to accept her previous courses and experiences that were obtained and completed outside the US. The address of her shop is located at 294 Broadway. Ms. Borges provided the necessary documents to show proof of her experience in body art particularly permanent makeup and microblading. Dr. Green made a motion to accept and grant Ms. Borges a variance. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.



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Tobacco Updates: We are in the process of updating the Definitions of the City of Somerville's' Board of Health Restricting the Sales of Tobacco Products, on page 5 and 6 of the current regulations – the regulations were handed out with the changes. 1.) Characterizing flavor: A Distinguishable taste of aroma (page 5) and on (page 6) the wording was added "Tobacco flavor shall be considered a Characterizing Flavor for any product that relies on vaporization or aerosolization". The Board of Health will look into doing a public hearing on December 13, 2018 @ 6pm, location to be determined and letters will be mailed out to local businesses to inform them about the upcoming hearing.

Kate Kollars, an intern working with the HHS Department presented a summary of the YRBS 2018 data trends on e-cigarettes and marijuana use.

A short survey is being develop to administer to the middle and hs students to see the trend and use of e-cigarettes, marijuana and menthol cigarettes.

The percentage of students using tobacco products has risen from 6% to 11%.

Mr. Mitchell provided the board with what goes into a juul (source juulsfacts.com) A juul contains 90% propylene glycol & glycerine, 5% nicotine, 4% benzoic acid, and 2.5% flavor. A short discussion on the definition and different types of nicotine was discussed amongst the group in attendance.

Director Updates: The 350 Market went to court and Ms. Bonny Carroll was unable to present her case and evidence on October 15, 2018 and the owner's legal representative went in front of the clerk and pleaded her case and the decision went into their favor. The city is looking into installing a ramp at the Annex building. The food code was adopted.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018, 2018 – Location – to be determined

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccia.

List of Documents: Sign-In Sheets, BOH Requests for Action (3), YRBS 2018 Data Trend Summary, MDPH Memo (West Nile Virus updates)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
October 30, 2018