



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

April 16, 2014

REPORT OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis M. Sullivan	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

Others present: John Long, Goran Smiljic, Jason Grossfield, Jaqueline Rossetti, Omar Boukili

Approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2014

RESULT: **APPROVED**

Public Hearing: 196408 - Top Gear Motor Group

Attorney Ann Vigorito spoke on behalf of the petitioner.

Public Hearing: 196487 - FUGU Foods

The applicant spoke on his own behalf.

195198 - New Mobile Food Vendor, Tenoch Mexican.:

RESULT: **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

195222 - New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods.:

RESULT: **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196219 - That the City Solicitor report to this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits, what measures are in place or could be put into permitting language to prevent businesses with A-frame signs on sidewalks from blocking pedestrian passage in the winter.:

Mr. Grossfield addressed this item.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

196238 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate Top Cars and ATS Towing at 438 Columbia Street for proper licenses.:

Mr. Smiljic reported that the business does not have a license to operate and that the owner will apply for one. Alderman Heuston stated that she wants the business shut down in the application is not submitted by the next BOA meeting (4-24-14).

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196304 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an update on the lack of proper licenses for all businesses at 495-497 Columbia Street.:

The business id licensed.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196401 - Public Event Permit, Vecna Cares 5K Robot Run, Davis Square area, Jun 29, 6:30AM-Noon.:

Ms. Rossetti and the applicant addressed this item.

RESULT:

APPROVED

196408 - New Used Car Dealer's License Class II, Top Gear Motor Group, 161 Linwood Street, for 20 autos stored outside.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

196453 - That the Clerk of Committees notify the owners of Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, to appear at a License and Permits Committee meeting to discuss the terms of the license.:

As complaints have been received from neighbors, the committee reviewed the terms of the license and made suggestions lower the number of vehicles allowed on the property. Mr. Smiljic will review the file for vehicle locations. The applicant spoke about his understanding of the license terms. Posting NO PARKING signs at Dilboy and towing vehicles from the Dilboy lot were also discussed.

Alderman Ballantyne's motion *that the permit for Alewife Automotive be amended for 90 days, as follows: 9 vehicles for garage, 20 vehicles for used cars*, was approved.

Alderman Heuston's motion *that the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (ISD) visit Alewife Automotive on a weekly basis to count the number of vehicles on the property*, was approved.

Alderman Heuston's motion that the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Licenses and Permits on the legality of parking vehicles with dealer plates, or no plates, at the Dilboy Field lot, and the city's ability to ticket and tow at that lot, was approved.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196484 - Public Event Permit, Charles River AlleyCats Meow Mile 5K Road Race, Highland Avenue-Summer Street and area roads, Oct 12, 6AM-12:30PM.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196486 - New Outdoor Seating License, Fortissimo Coffeehouse, 365 Somerville Ave.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196487 - New Mobile Food Vendor, Fugu Foods.:

The committee reviewed a map of requested locations and discussed concerns relative to brick and mortar businesses and issues of public safety.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196657 - Assistant City Solicitor responding to #196219 re: A-Frame Sign Permitting Language.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196686 - Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target Store T 1441, 180 Somerville Ave.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

196687 - Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Kmart #3486, 77 Middlesex Ave.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

196688 - Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

196691 - Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diva Indian Bistro, 246 Elm St.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE****196692 - New Outdoor Seating License, Union Sq. Pizza, 63 Union Sq., 4 tables, 8 chairs.:****RESULT:****APPROVED****196693 - New Outdoor Seating License, Broadway Eatery, 1157 Broadway, 3 tables, 6 chairs.:****RESULT:****APPROVED****196740 - Deputy Director of Communications responding to #196239, conveying a calendar of FY14 public events and providing information about the public event review process.:**

Ms. Rossetti discussed the process for public events and the committee discussed the fact that Somerville does not charge an application fee for public events.

Alderman Heuston's motion *that the City Clerk determine the amount of public event fees charged by other communities*, was approved.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE****196742 - Public Event Permit, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Sundays Jun 1-Oct 26, 7:30AM-5:30PM.:**

The applicant and Mr. Boukili addressed this item.

RESULT:**APPROVED****196760 - That the Administration create a process to evaluate public events for financial impacts on city resources, and use it for all public event applications.:****RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**