Meeting Minutes

City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Dates: Monday, January 29, 2024

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair

Michael Iudice, Commissioner

Kevin Cronin, Commissioner

Tanji Cifuni, Clerk to the Liquor Commission

Presenters: Michael Snow and Jason Taggart, owners/managers of Hannah's Brewery

6:00 pm Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

PUBLIC HEARING for HANNAH's Brewery LICENSE

Introductions

- Michael Snow and Jason Taggart introduced themselves again to the Board and any attendees.
- Presented a brief resume of their work history and professional accomplishments.

Overview of Operations

- Moved on to overview of the brewery business.
    - Operating Hours for the public will be Wednesday – Friday 1 to 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 10 pm.
    - Brewing Days will be Monday and Tuesday and the shop will be closed to the public on these days.
    - All staff will be tip certified.

Construction and Layout of the Space

- Construction on the building is coming along and they are waiting on sign offs from the local inspectors.
- The design and layout of the space was discussed. It is an open concept space. The tables will be placed throughout the space that will have a 67-person capacity. There will be large transparent doors that lead you to the brewing area. Patrons will be able to watch them brewing the beer through the glass doors because tours of the back door pouring facility will not be permitted.
- The bar will be horseshoe shaped.
- Parking – ample parking for 100 cars is adjacent to the space.

Product Offerings

- the goal is to have up to 10 Seasonal Beers on Tap
- Food Options – Pre-Packaged items will be on the menu. The Menu was presented to the Commissioners.
    - Nuts, Beef Jerky, Charcuterie Boards are some of the packaged items that will be available to purchase at the location.
- Water Station will be available for free to all patrons.
- Food trucks could be an option during the warmer months and if they choose this option, they will meet with the City to receive approval prior to the truck's arrival.
- There will be local restaurants menus on site allowing the patrons of the brewery to order food and have it delivered to the brewery.

Entertainment

- 1 Large TV for sporting events or any nationwide event airing on TV.
- Local musicians will perform. The applicants would like it to be an entertainment venue.

Presenters closed out their presentation to the Board and the public.

Questions from the Commission

Joe Nevin opened it up to the Commissioners to ask questions at this time.

- Commissioner Iudice questioned the applicants where they would place the Food Trucks and warned them that he was against the street being blocked or spaces being taken by the food trucks.
    - Michael responded that the food trucks would be parked on their patio and/or their loading dock.

Public Comments

Chair Nevin opened the meeting to Public Comments.

- Mayor Grigoraitis was in favor of the license

- Mayor Brodeur was in favor of the license
- Lauren Grymek was in favor of the license
- John Hassey, Melrose Resident was in favor of the license
- Finn McSweeney, Melrose Resident was in favor of the license
- Resident of Broaden Street was in favor of the license
- Alisa Gribbs, Melrose resident was in favor of the license
- Mike, Resident of Herbert St Melrose was in favor of the license

Chair Nevin wanted to point out that we also received correspondence from residents via email. There were 9 residents in favor and 2 residents opposed the license.

Public Comment Closed at 6:24 pm

Outdoor Dining and Drinking

- Outdoor Dining and Drinking regulations for the state have standards and the commission wants to make sure that the applicants are aware of them and in compliance.
- Mayor Grigoraitis mentioned that the Governor was making the temporary outdoor dining and drinking regulations now permanent.

Vote for Brewery License

- *Motion to Approve* Brewery License put forward by Commissioner Cronin
- *Seconded* by Commissioner Iudice
- **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR** of the Brewery License for Hannah's Brewery

Closing of Meeting

- *Motion to Adjourn* the meeting via Chair Nevin
- *Seconded* by Commissioner Iudice
- **All In Favor**

Meeting Closed at 6:44 pm