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CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
City Hall, 215 Pleasant Street, Mayor’s Conference Room
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5 PM
This meeting was recorded.

Committee Members in Attendance		
√	Nelson Miller, Chair	Bldg. Commissioner
√	Ron Hogan	Finance
√	Glenn Cronin	Chief of Police
√	Diana Jeong	Mayor’s Appt.
√	Deano Summers	Council Appt.
ABSENT	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>Non-voting mem.</i>

MINUTES

Also in attendance from Eastern Cannabis: Michelle Foley, Scott Moore, Steve Selby.

1. **Roll Call of Committee members.** Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
2. **Approval of March 8, 2022 Minutes.** *Motion by Ron Hogan to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023; seconded by Deano Summers. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
3. **State Licensure of Eastern Cannabis – 7 Linehurst Road, Route 1 North.**
 - Nelson asked the Eastern Cannabis team about their experience during the process and if there are any changes we should be aware of. The process took longer than they thought due to COVID, their team is still the same, and there are no major changes. They added Michelle Foley to the team as a consultant. She has been in the industry for many years. Their General Manager also has a lot of experience in the business. Although the State process was cumbersome, they passed all their inspections. They have hired team of 19 who have been working for the past 6 weeks – they had no issues securing employees. Their hours of operation are 9-9 Monday-Thursday, 9-10 Friday and Saturday, and 9-6 on Sunday.
 - Chief Cronin toured the facility and said it was a quality building and very secure. Chief Cronin feels there is no need for a security detail which is required by the Community Host Agreement. *Motion by Ron Hogan to remove the requirement of the Community Host Agreement for a Police Detail on Site for the first 60 days; seconded by Chief Cronin; all in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
 - Chief Cronin asked if they would be willing to hand customers the recently created flyer regarding locking up edibles and they agreed. Kathleen will bring them copies.
 - The Grand Opening celebration is in the works, and they are working through Kevin Duffy.

- Nelson felt it was not necessary to review all the Special Permit Requirements but mentioned that the sidewalks still need to be inspected. He also requested to receive a copy of the agreement for 30 parking spaces offsite.
- Eastern Cannabis Special Permit is not transferrable.

Motion by Ron Hogan that the Malden Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement Commission grant Eastern Cannabis their license to open for business; seconded by Diana Jeong. All in favor; Motion passes unanimously.

4. Status Updates:

- Faded LLC Dris** – 53 Broadway – They have not moved forward with a Board of Appeal hearing for a variance. Chris will no longer pursue this location. He has reached out to Nelson regarding the feasibility of other locations in the city but has not selected another location. If they secure another location, they will need to start the process again. The CLEC needs to determine whether the “Dris” permit will now be open to future applicants. This is something to address at the next meeting as the CLEC never anticipated that a candidate would sit on a Special Permit past the deadline.
 - DMS Trinity** – 36 Charles Street – Their Special Permit was set to expire on 4/26. They have put forward an appeal to have their Special Permit extended. They went before the Planning Board which recommended extending it for one year. It is now before the City Council. If the City Council doesn’t extend it, it will be voided.
 - Benevolent Botanicals** – 926 Eastern Ave. Litigation continues – no update.
5. **New Business.** Nelson will draw up a list of items to address that the CLEC will work to come up with solutions that will apply to all applicants moving forward.
6. **Next Meeting:** May, date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn at 5:45 PM by Ron Hogan and seconded by Chief Cronin. All in favor, meeting is adjourned.