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Gary Christenson, Mayor

CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
 Senior Center Auditorium, 7 Washington Street, Malden
 Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5 PM

√	Ron Hogan	Finance
√	Kevin Molis	Chief of Police
√	Nelson Miller	Bldg. Commissioner
√	Diana Jeong	Mayor's Appt.
	<i>Vacancy</i>	Council Appt.
√	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>Non-voting mem.</i>

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call of Committee members.** Meeting was called to order at 5 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
2. **Review and approval of April 24, 2019 Minutes.** Motion by Diana Jeong to approve the Minutes of April 24, 2019, seconded by Chief Molis and approved unanimously.
3. **Review and discuss Applications received.** By the May 20th deadline, the CLEC received eight applications for retail licenses in Malden with an additional applicant seeking a cultivation license and one seeking a wholesaler license. Three applications were for locations in Ward 1 and the rest in Ward 8. Ron Hogan was impressed by all the time and effort put forth by the applicants in the application process. A power point detailing the applicants was presented. Eight separate locations were proposed as one applicant applied for retail, wholesale and manufacturing licenses and each of those applications will be handled separately. Proposed sites were preliminarily observed to confirm that zoning requirements are met. Although not prohibitive, two of the proposed locations appear to require a variance: one location abuts residential property and one is within 130 feet of a football field. Mr. Hogan reminded the committee and public attending that the initial roles of the CLEC is to screen applicants and vote to approve those that will be permitted to move onto the next step of having a community meeting, applying for a special permit, and executing a host community agreement. Following that, applicants may apply to the state.

Applications were received by:

- a. **Misty Mountain Shop**, 323 Commercial Street (Ward 1). Seeking retail license; leasing building. In compliance with the buffer zone; It is a 6,000 sq. foot

building. There are 37 parking spots for customers, and they are currently working with a neighbor to obtain additional parking.

- b. **DMS Trinity LLC**, 36 Charles Street (Ward 1). Seeking retail license; lease contingent on permitting (across from former Ryan Family Amusements). It is a 2,800 sq. foot site and appears to be in compliance with the buffer zone. Number of parking spots unclear.
- c. **Center Harvest Corp.**, 65 Commercial Street (Ward 1). Seeking retail license; former Midas Store; letter of intent to lease/purchase. At first glance location appears not to be in compliance with the buffer zone – football field behind it. A variance may have to be submitted. It is a 6,200 sq. foot building and there are approximately 36 parking spaces.
- d. **Keltic Green**, 75 Broadway (Ward 8). Seeking retail license; former KFC site; lease is contingent upon licensing. Appears to have issue with buffer zone – residential; It is a 3,500 sq. foot building with approximately 32 parking spots.
- e. **Standard Naturals**, 7 Linehurst Road (Ward 8); Seeking retail license; proposed location to be built next to Kappy’s Liquors on Route 1. Proposed 3,000 sq. foot store on a separate parcel; appears to be 16 parking spots. No zoning issues.
- f. **Mass Medicum**, 616 Broadway (Ward 8); Seeking retail license; former Bay State Motors; binding letter of intent to lease. No zoning issues. It is a 2,500 sq. foot building; nearly 20 parking spots onsite.
- g. **The Frosty Nug**, 639 Broadway (Ward 8). Seeking retail license; former pizza/sub shop; lease contingent on licensing; It is a 4,500 sq. foot building. Number of parking spots unclear.
- h. **Craft Cultivation Group**, 1130 Eastern Ave. (Ward 8). Seeking retail, wholesale and cultivation licenses; former JRM Building; binding letter of intent to lease; It is a 12,600 sq. foot parcel, not clear on parking capacity.

4. Evaluation process:

- a. As important as it is to keep the process moving, the CLEC is a five-member board and currently the City Council is in the interview process with their appointee. Once the new CLEC member is named, they will need to be brought up to speed. Deliberations and interviews will not commence until the City Council member joins the committee.
- b. Once we know where the City Council is in their appointing process, Kathleen will work to schedule interviews of two applicants per week for one-hour appointments (½ hour of presentation, ½ hour of questions). Wednesdays at 5 PM will be targeted date/time. It is anticipated that interviews will begin on June 12th.
- c. CLEC members are encouraged to compile questions for applicants.
- d. The appropriate Ward Councillor will be invited to participate in the interviews.
- e. As Ward Councillor feedback is an important part of the process, Ron will reach out to the Ward 1 and Ward 8 Councillors on an informal basis to get initial feedback about each proposal, location, etc.

5. Other New Business. No new business.

6. Next Meeting: It is anticipated the next meeting will be interviews, which will begin on June 12th.

Motion to adjourn at 5:27 PM by Nelson Miller and seconded by Chief Molis. All in favor, meeting adjourned.