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BOH: Minutes from the Board Meeting on June 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 PM. The Members in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Fr. Fiske, James Doucette (Code Enforcement Officer), and myself, Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio).

Other Attendees/Guests to this meeting: Attorney Phil Nessralla, and his client, including Ms. Vanessa Gumbert

Procedurally, I welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. Dr. Brophy called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fiske so moved and Dr. Brophy seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Dr. Brophy introduced the next agenda item to be presented by: Inspector James doucette who represented the BOH on 2 Code Violation cases against the General Dollars Stores that are Non-compliant with the regulations on Dumpster:

Inspector Doucette reappeared before the Board and stated that the management of the 2 businesses have not complied with the City ordinances. He updated the Board by informing that he sought the assistance of the City Solicitor's Office to proceed with the matter to Court. asked for the Board to grant him permission to seek further actions against these violators.

The Board moved to approve Inspector Doucette's plan to take the matter to Court, and Mr. Fiske seconded.

Next Item: Attorney Nessralla was called present the cases on behalf of his clients who are seeking New Tobacco Licenses:

Attorney Nessralla presented the cases to the Board. Then, at the end, in an interactive manner, the Board asked questions to Nessralla. After listening to attorney Nessralla, the Board mentioned that these requests are for new Permits, and not the business owners who originally held permits for these locations. The Board has stated to the attorney that there have been restrictions in place in the City not to issue new tobacco licenses.

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Mr. Fiske, Board Member intervened:

He stated that he was on the dissent several years back when the vote was taken to cap the total number of tobacco license that would be granted in Brockton.

Mr. Nessralla further argued that Tobacco Permits would best serve businesses in the City if they were given to the Landlords, or the property owners instead of the Convenience Store owner (s).

The Board heard Attorney Nessralla's arguments, but in the end concluded that BOH issues Tobacco permits to Business owners and not to the landlords or property owners. At that, the Board agreed to seek further guidance from the City Solicitor's Office.

COVID-19 Update: I, Eno Mondesir provided the latest COVID-19 Statistics to the Directors. I spoke of the prevalence of COVID-19 in Brockton, including various aspects of COVID-19 data: MAVEN, Wastewater sample from Brockton sewer. Then, I highlighted for the Directors the ongoing vaccination campaign in the City by the BOH Public Health Nurses.

Mr. Fiske has asked natural immunity plays a significant role in helping people fight COVID-19 Infection. Both Dr. Brophy and I clarified for Mr. Fiske that natural Immunity does vary from one individual to the next. Overall, some individuals who are relatively healthy, and fewer or no preexisting medical conditions fair better.

Dr. Brophy: after I provided the COVID-19 update, Dr. Brophy asked if there were any questions from other Directors. At that, Mr. Fiske answered that the information presented was valuable, and that he did not have any further comment or questions.

On the Brockton Hospital closure due to the Fire in February: I summarized for the Board the initiatives undertaken by the Hospital Personnel and various stakeholders to tackle the problem. The Hospital Administrators continue to remedy the situation, but a date to reopen the Hospital is still pending.

Miscellaneous:

I reminded the Directors about the Executive Order signed by Governor Healey, extending the authorization for Public Meetings to continue virtually until March 31, 2025. Unless there a very critical issue that would require a special session in July, the next BOH meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023

Closing the Meeting: As the meeting draws to an end, Dr. Brophy made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fiske seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.