



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting

August 27, 2015

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipham, Ellen Collins ISD/Health Division

Guests: Mandon Lam (Red House) Jess Willis and Patrick Gilmastin (River Bar) Victor Duran, Ming Cao and Tony Liang (Fuji at Assembly)

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to called order at 5:07pm. It was seconded by Ms. Mello.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The June 18, 2015 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISD/Health Division Updates:

Violations Hearings:

1. **River Bar's** variance required them to transport their food from their secondary location in acceptable transport equipment and logs have not been properly maintained since March. River Bar has since corrected all of their critical violations. The mobile cart was redesign, with bigger wheels, handles on the side and a top was added. A smaller insulated container is being used for couple items. They will also maintain their log books more diligently. Dr. Green made a motion that at River Bar's next re-inspection; if they fail the inspection, their variance will be suspended for five (5) days. Ms. Mello seconded it. All were in Favor."
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2. **Red House –** This establishment is very dirty, and problems with rodents continue. The person in charge (pic) is not knowledgeable in food safety when questioned. The violations noted have not been addressed after many visits by the health inspector. It was recommended by the board that Red House shall have two (2) Safe Serve Certified Persons in Charge at their establishment. One will be required during the day shift and one during the night shift. at all times. Dr, Green made a motion that Red House be re-inspected within the next 30 days and if

there is not a person in charge (pic) and or they fail their inspection – their license will be suspended until they are in compliance. Ms. Mello seconded it. All were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Fuji at Assembly** – were found to be in violation of their variance. Food was found defrosting in their hand sink, chefs not were gloves while making sushi and upon another inspection, no hand soap found at the hand sinks. Log books were not being kept. Since their inspections, Mr. Liang, the owner, will be getting 4 of his employees serve safe certified and the chef who was not wearing gloves was written up. Training will take place on how to maintain their log books, wearing gloves. and following the variance as written. There were a total of 3 inspections, and Fuji is now in compliance. This company is being proactive with their employees. Dr. Green made a motion that a Fuji's next inspection, if they fail the inspection, their variance would be suspended for five (5) days. Ms. Mello seconded in. All were in Favor." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Other – There were 4 fail dumpster's inspections. The Green Line Extension is expecting to be delayed and will cost another billion dollars.

Review of Restaurant Inspections: Beacon Street Pizza had clutter issue, it has been resolved. Earls Kitchen & Bar – the hood was not working properly. It has been fixed and is now in compliance. Yak & Yeti has been shut down and was asked to come to the next Board of Health meeting in September.

911 Emergency Calls: The data was reviewed for June. It was noted that the ages are getting younger.

Health Department Updates: Rodent calls to ISD are still down from previous years. The calls that do come in seem to be in the Davis Square area. A brief update and summary of medical marijuana will be presented at the board meeting in September. Flu Clinics will be starting up soon. West Nile virus has appeared in mosquitoes and Middlesex County has received one case. On September 19, 2015, there will be a celebration of the ADA at the Somerville High Atrium.

Next Meetings: September 17, 2015
Location - Somerville Hospital - Conference Room – 1st Floor @ 5:00pm.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm. It was seconded by Ms. Mello.

List of Documents: Restaurant Inspections

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
August 10, 2015