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BOARD OF HEALTH

June 16, 2011
5:00 pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: Mr. Ko, Sushi by Jay; Jose Garcia, Ebi Sushi

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:10pm

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:

"The May 19, 2011 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Requests (2): Two establishments, Ebi Sushi and Sushi by Jay came in front of the board to request a variance for their establishments. Per the code the conditions of the variance are: 1.) lab testing of the rice is to be renewed every 12 months and 2.) as a result of an inspection, if the establishment is not operating in compliance with their HACCP plan a cease and desist order may be issued for the area effected (sushi bar) Dr. Green made a motion to vote on granting variances to Sushi by Jay and Ebi Sushi., seconded by Ms. Mello.

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Temporary Food Establishment Permits: A short discussion amongst the board members when should a temporary food permits be given. The Union Square Farmers Market made a request regarding clearer rules regarding outdoor markets, festivals, block parties, etc when would it be necessary for the Board of Health issue temporary food permits. Some suggestions were to provide a tip sheet on safe food handling. Issues of enforcement were discussed. What will be the requirements guidelines for temporary food establishment permits. What are other towns and cities policies on temporary food permits?

Food Establishments Violations for May 2011: A suggestions was made by Ms. Renault-Caragianes to create a spreadsheet showing restaurants violations instead of printing out each report.

Health Department Updates: Ms. Renault-Caragianes presented the FY12 Health Department to the Board of Aldermen and she is happy to say there were no cuts and should be in good shape for next year. The CDC is releasing Community Transformation Grants. There primarily focuses on health weight strategies. Flu vaccines were shipped to us already.

Director's Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms Machado, *“The Director’s May 2011 Reports were approved as circulated.”* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Dr. Green mentioned that the federal government came out with a new food plate. An article in the Boston Globe said in a nutshell that in terms of the environment the impact on the environment the denser the urban population is better. For example New Yorkers use a lot less energy per person than say Arizona.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2011 - Tentative

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm, seconded by Ms. Marchado

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
July 13, 2011