

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 20, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Barbara Beck called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck, Dr. John Straus, Dr. Carl Brownsberger, Kristel Pendleton and Steven Ward

Minute Review: The Board reviewed the minutes of May 14, 2007. Dr. Straus made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2007. Dr. Beck stepped down to second. Dr. Beck and Dr. Straus voted to accept the May 14, 2007 minutes.

Old/New Business: Steven Ward updated the Board on the status of the Electronic Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (eCEMP). Mr. Ward also reported on the status of the FY07 and FY08 budgets. Dr. Brownsberger asked several questions pertaining to agenda items on the May 14, 2007 Board meeting agenda.

New Ginza Restaurant, 63 Galen Street, Administrative Hearing (continued): Mr. Johnny Tong, owner of New Ginza Restaurant, represented New Ginza Restaurant (NGR) and he was accompanied by his consultant Mr. Samuel Wong of MD Consulting. Steven Ward stated that this hearing is a continuation of the May 14, 2007 administrative hearing. Mr. Ward gave an overview of the status of the hearing and reminded the Board that Mr. Tong and Mr. Wong were required to be before the Board for an update at the board's June 20, 2007 meeting.

Kristel Pendleton informed the Board that she and sanitarian Mark Waksmonski had conducted an inspection of New Ginza on June 19, 2007. Mr. Pendleton stated that she found numerous sanitary code violations including but not limited to, cross contamination, improper protection of food while being stored and accumulation of grease in the rear of the food establishment (outside disposal area). NGR consultant Samuel Wong stated that "old habits die hard" and that Mr. Tong would have to supervise the night staff to ensure that compliance with these food code provisions is achieved. Mr. Ward questioned whether Mr. Tong could be available during all hours of operation to ensure that proper food handling techniques were being followed and that compliance with the food code is achieved. Mr.

Ward also stated that NGR would have to petition the board for a new variance since the existing sushi variance requires the use of a pH meter where the proposed variance would use pH test strips in lieu of a meter. Mr. Wong stated that he agreed with Mr. Ward and NGR would request this variance from the board at their next meeting.

Dr. Straus made a motion the NGR appear before the board at their next meeting with an update from their consultant Mr. Wong and that they comply with the violations listed in the order letter dated June 19, 2007 and that there be strict adherence to the sushi HACCP variance. Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Molana Restaurant, 5 Spring Street: Ms. Pendleton informed the Board that Mr. Hadi Eghbalighahyazi, owner of Molana Restaurant, is representing Molana Restaurant. Ms. Pendleton informed the Board that the applicant has been instructed as to the format of comprehensive inspections and the rules and their responsibilities during comprehensive inspections. Ms. Pendleton reviewed the physical layout of the establishment and the menu with the Board. After a brief discussion Dr. Straus made a motion to approve the issuance of a 2007 Food Establishment Permit. Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fit Z's, 451 Main Street: Ms. Pendleton informed the Board that Mr. James Fitzgerald, owner of Fit Z's, is representing Fit Z's. Ms. Pendleton informed the Board that the applicant has been instructed as to the format of comprehensive inspections and the rules and their responsibilities during comprehensive inspections. Ms. Pendleton reviewed the physical layout of the establishment and the menu with the Board. After a brief discussion Dr. Straus made a motion to approve the issuance of a 2007 Food Establishment Permit. All were in favor.

BU/Biolab: Ernesta Krackiewicz, Lynn Klotz and James Stark, from Representative Gloria Fox's office, provided an update on the status of the proposed BU/Biolab. James Stark spoke at length in support of proposed legislation that would promote research and protect public safety and the environment concerning the site review process and operation of a BSL4 lab in Boston. Dr. Straus made a motion to request that Mr. Stark forward a draft letter of support for this legislation to the Board for their review and consideration. Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 PM