



**COMMISSIONERS**  
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**CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**  
**City Hall, 215 Pleasant Street, Boardroom**  
**Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 5 PM**  
*This meeting was recorded.*

<b>Committee Members in Attendance</b>		
√	Nelson Miller, Chair	Bldg. Commissioner
√	Ron Hogan	Finance
√	Glenn Cronin	Chief of Police
√	Diana Jeong	Mayor's Appt.
√	Deano Summers	Council Appt.
√	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>Non-voting mem.</i>

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call of Committee members.** Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
2. **Approval of May 2, 2023 Minutes.** *Motion by Ron Hogan to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023; seconded by Diana Jeong. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
3. **Presentation of CLEC Applicant Dris Corporation at new location of 28 Broadway (formerly 53 Broadway).** Chris Fevry and his team were in attendance. The only change in their application is the location of the business, across the street at 28 Broadway, currently a car dealership. Chris has spoken with community members who approve of the location. There will be a separate entrance from the shopping plaza, will have 24/7 security footage, is in the highway business district, and the location will have more parking.
  - a. Commissioner Miller noted that the building looks like a residential home. It will be vacated, gutted and restructured to look more like a business and the dispensary will occupy the whole space. They have the funding to continue going through the process and also have investors. They will present a design, along with analysis of what it will cost to get up and running.
  - b. There may be a social consumption element at some point if/when the state approves.
  - c. Landlord spoke about area neighbors being in favor. They also have the support of Ward 7 Councillor Chris Simonelli.
  - d. The footprint is 1,700 square feet and the lot is 18,000 square feet. They will do a formal site plan, but initial analysis showed they have all the required space.
  - e. Dris's Team members have not changed. Building owner, Abe will have solely a landlord/tenant relationship. There is currently a LOI in place that they will send to us. They will move forward with obtaining a variance request with the Board of Appeal.

- f. Dris's delivery business is moving forward as well. They distribute to the Cape, Great Barrington, do home deliveries – the market is now more competitive. They are hoping that the MA Cannabis Commission will change its current rules to allow one driver instead of the mandatory two. Chris has also served as a buyer for a dispensary in the last six months and the dispensary is doing very well.
  - g. They believe that the Cannabis market will do very well in that location as it is in a prominent retail location. It is not necessary to spend astronomical amounts to build a business. Some towns have too many dispensaries such as Northampton.
  - h. Commissioner Hogan reiterated that the CLEC found the team favorable and likes the general location. He would like to ensure that the CLEC has their complete application on file, with lease agreement, and all the materials, costs and business plan before approval is granted to move forward. Dris will send the package to Kathleen and once the CLEC reviews, will schedule another meeting to make a motion to approve. Next steps:
    - i. At next meeting, Motion of CLEC to approve;
    - ii. Motion to approve to the Building Commissioner, he will deny;
    - iii. Motion to Board of Appeal;
    - iv. Come before City Council for Special Permit.
4. **New Business:**
- a. Discussion from May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting: Currently there is no rule that states (1) a deadline for which an applicant's meeting must be held by; or (2) how many neighborhood meetings the applicant may hold. This is not fair to applicants waiting to apply as the approved applicant may continue to hold public meetings indefinitely. At the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting Nelson suggested a 60-day maximum number of days in which an applicant must hold their neighborhood meeting from approval of CLEC. On the 61st day, the applicant has not met the requirement. At this point, applicants would be required to go back before the CLEC. Nelson and Ron will work on tightening up the rules.
  - b. No updates on other applicants other than litigation for one of the applicants is still ongoing.
5. **Next Meeting:** Will be scheduled within a month or so contingent upon No. 3 above.

*Motion to adjourn at 5:51 PM by Deano Summers and seconded by Chief Cronin. All in favor, meeting is adjourned.*