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Board of Health Minutes 03/12/2008

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Ground Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:15pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Thorne, Health Inspector, Joseph Carabello, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Secretary

- Meeting minutes from January 23, 2008 were accepted as written.
- HEARING REQUEST: David Wilfert, owner: 60 Pleasant Street Unit 304

This hearing concerned damage done to the kitchen ceiling in Apt 304 because of water leak from the 4th floor and never repaired in addition to a complaint by the tenant of the bathroom light switch not working. Mr. Wilfert stated that his maintenance man has been on vacation and that he was unable to do much because of an injury to his shoulder.

It was recommended and approved that a 21-day extension be giving for the following improvements: kitchen ceiling scraped and painted to cover water stains, light switch repaired and a large area of debris cleaned up in the basement of the building.

- VIOLATION HEARING: Craig Muscato, Jam'n Java, 594 Massachusetts Avenue

There has been an ongoing problem with trash overflow from the dumpsters at the restaurant creating problems in the neighborhood with rodent, squirrels, birds, etc. After many complaints and 4 tickets issued totaling \$350 in fines, Mr. Muscato stated that he has engaged a new waste hauler and will have the entire area cleaned up by Monday, March 17. There will be a follow-up inspection

- HEARING REQUEST: Richard Saltzberg, tenant: 17 Egerton Road

Mr. Saltzberg was present at the meeting accompanied by Margaret Asanjai, a former tenant of 17 Egerton Road. As required at the January Board meeting, hole made in the living room wall of the apartment by Mr. Saltzberg has been satisfactorily repaired. However, a long discussion was held regarding housing codes that Mr. Saltzberg feels have been overlooked by the town; The Building and Fire Departments have performed an inspection of the house and found no violations. Therefore, the Board feels that all health codes have been met and no other action is necessary at this time.

- DISCUSSION: 2007 Arlington High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

Released

Copies of the survey results were sent to Board members prior to the meeting and the feedback was welcome. The survey will be conducted every two years and the middle school will hopefully be included in the next one. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey in Arlington has been very successful in bringing together parents, teachers, police, etc., working together to formulate a plan to help teenagers through this critical period of their lives. There will also be a widely publicized forum open to all on May 15 in the evening at the Arlington Town Hall.

- Restaurant updates

Tiki In – has hired a consultant and after many problems, the reports and inspections are satisfactory to date. Sweet Sue's – discussion regarding a dumpster complaint. Krazy Karry's problem with pricing has been corrected and the prices are now uniform. There had been a complaint about one price being advertised on a board and another priced actually charged at the register.

- Correspondence Received
 - Tobacco Sales violation complaint, Arlington Public Schools - Complaint received against Yerevan Market selling cigarettes to minors. BOH will conduct another compliance check in the near future. The Board agreed if he were caught selling to a minor once again, his license would be revoked for the rest of the year.
 - Request for review of Arlington Body Art Regulations, Svetlana Sharapova, owner, A-Skin Care Salon, 19 Mystic Street - This letter was tabled for a future meeting and a recommendation made by the Director Connolly that a license for cosmetic body art be denied at this time.

Meeting adjourned