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June 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2007
First Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:00pm

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

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Public Health, Natasha Thorne, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Secretary

- I. Postpone May 2, 2007 meeting minutes.

With permission from the Chair, the meeting proceeded with Item IV:

- IV. ARLINGTON YOUTH HEALTH and SAFETY COALITION UPDATE:

On Thursday, May 3rd a Community Forum was held in Town Hall with 110 people in attendance. The Forum went very well and a lot of input was received from the community with a concern as to what they see for problems in Arlington and what they hope to see happen in the future. The plan for the next few months will be to implement a model program called "Communities Mobilizing for Change around Alcohol (CMCA)". Several town departments will be involved in this program including the School and Police Departments working on a "Diversion Program" to guide teens into other programs. The Board of Health will be working together with all the departments to implement these programs as soon as possible.

- II. VARIANCE REQUEST: Manna Sushi-90 Medford Street owner Sung Jo Choe, Manna Sushi will be remodeling and opening at the former Bombay Classic Indian Restaurant.

The owner has requested a variance for the acidification of sushi rice and is presently working with Berger Consulting to develop a HACCP plan. Sung Jo Choe was present at the meeting. The Board approved the variance under the condition that all the requirements set by Natasha Thorne be strictly adhered to.

- III. VARIANCE REQUEST: Shanghai & Tokyo-669A Mass Ave-owner Yun G. Pan (Tony)

Yun G. Pan is opening a new restaurant (across the street from Robbins Library) and has requested a variance for the preparing sushi rice. He is presently working with Berger Consulting to develop a HACCP plan to prepare the rice along with the necessary procedures necessary to manage and operate the plan in compliance with the HACCP requirements. A pH log must be kept and the variance must be renewed annually. Yun G. Pan was present at the meeting. The Board approved the variance.

- V. Mosquito Control Updates 2007

In the struggle to keep Arlington free of disease carrying mosquitoes by mid-July every catch basin will be treated with Vectolex pellets which has been found to work very well. The DPW has a schedule and have been trained, and permits will be issued to perform this work.

- VI. Graduate Student Summer Intern

We are happy to announce that we will again have an intern from BU School of Public Health through the auspices of the DPH. Lynn Tran will do a study on indoor air quality at the Arlington schools, concentrating on Thompson School.

- VII. Restaurant Update

The restaurant scene in Arlington is active, with the following changes, openings: Menotomy Beer & Wine, 80 Broadway, is planning to open on June 4. Bagels by Us, 789 Mass Ave, is still in the process of enlarging and remodeling. Rio Brazilian, 473 Mass Ave (the former Punjab's) is still under construction. Tango Restaurant, 464 Mass is also enlarging and are in the process of construction. The Farmers Market runs from June 3 to November 1. The Little Brick Barn, 75

Summer St, opened on April 26 selling fresh fruits and vegetables.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 19.