

June 26, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Shepherd, Director
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:00 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Buffalo Wild Wings**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 10240 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Adrian Ramirez, Authorized Person, in place and stead of John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Scott A. Schwartz, Authorized Person.

(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Buffalo Wild Wings (Laurel)**, Class B(BLX), Beer and Wine, 14724 Baltimore Avenue Unit 112, Laurel, 20707, John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Adrian Ramirez, Authorized Person in place and stead of John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Scott A. Schwartz, Authorized Person.

(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Buffalo Wild Wings (Bowie)**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 10601 Martin Luther King Jr, Highway, Bowie, 20720, John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Adrian Ramirez, Authorized Person in place and stead of John A. Weiler, Authorized Person, Scott A. Schwartz, Authorized Person.

Applicant represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Adrian Ramirez stated that he is a resident of Illinois; that he is the Director of Operations for the 14 stores held under this franchise; that he is responsible for the training operations for the stores; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not held a license before; that he is aware of the rules and regulations; that he understands the responsibility of being on a license; that the application has not changed; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; he named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there will be no change in the operation of this business.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Rosa Mexicano National Harbor, LLC**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 153 Waterfront Street, National

Harbor, 20745, Christopher Westcott, Authorized Person, in the place and stead of Daniel Hickey, Authorized Person/Managing Partner.

Applicant represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Christopher Westcott stated that he is a resident of New Hampshire; that he is aware of the rules and regulations; that he understands the responsibility of being on a license; that he has held a license previously; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that the application has not changed; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there will be no change in the operation of this business

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Baldevbhai Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Allentown Liquors 1, Inc., **t/a Allentown Liquors**, 6321 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, 20748, transfer from Allentown Liquors 1, Inc., t/a Allentown Liquors, Kalubhai Patel, President/Treasurer, Zenash Tadesse, Secretary.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Baldevbhai Patel stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington; that he has been a resident for 3 years; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has never had a license revoked; that he has not held a license to sell alcoholic beverages before; that he understands the rules and regulations; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the information in the application has not changed.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Shaileshkumar C. Patel, Member-Manager for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Blue Sky Wine & Spirits, LLC, **t/a Blue Sky Liquors**, 6430 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743 transfer from Cinder, LLC, t/a Blue Sky Liquor, 6430 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743, Soyombo Enkhtor, Managing Member, Khaliynaa Tsog, Member.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Shaileshkumar C. Patel stated that he is a resident of Clinton; that he has been a resident for 3 years; that he is a permanent resident; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has never had a license revoked; that he has not held a license to sell alcoholic beverages before; that he understands the rules and regulations; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the information in the application has not changed; that he is a 100% owner; that he will work full time at the location.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of KC Himel Bikram, President/Treasurer, Sanu Bhandari, Secretary for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of H & H Liquor, Inc., **t/a Burke's Liquors**, 7541 Landover Road, Landover, 20785 transfer from CAS Liquor Corp., t/a Burke's Liquors, 7541 Landover Road, Landover, 20785, Chung Sun Chie, President, Herbert Corbin, Vice President, Steven Choi, Secretary/ Treasurer.

KC Himel Bikram stated that he is a resident of Herndon, VA; that his title is President/Treasurer/Secretary; that he will work approximately 25-30 hours; that he has not held a license previously; that he has no interest in any other business that holds a license; that he has no previous violations; that he has not had a license previously revoked; that he has not had any felony convictions; that he has not had any gambling violations; that he understands the rules and regulations; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the operation of the business will be a liquor store; that he is not affiliated with any wholesaler; that he was not aware of the state tax hold and is in need of a CR number; that he will work 6 - 12 hours in the store.

Sanu Bhandari stated that she is a resident of Catonsville; that her title is secretary; that she has not held a license previously; that she holds no interest in another business that holds a license; that she has no previous violation; that she has not had a license previously revoked; that she has not had any felony convictions; that she understands the rules and regulations; that she knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the information in the application has not changed.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Charanjit Singh, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Shady Oak One, Inc., **t/a Shady Oak Inn**, 6494 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747 transfer from Cheung & Lo, Inc., t/a Shady Oak Inn, 6494 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747, Pin Lung Cheung, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Applicant is represented Robert Kim, Esquire.

Charanjit Singh stated that he is a resident of Burtonsville; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 6 years; that he has held a license previously; that he has had one violation previously in 2014 for an underage sale; that he has no interest in any other business that holds a license; that he has not had a license previously revoked; that he has not had any felony convictions; that he has not had any gambling violations; that understands the rules and regulations; that he knows the legal serving age is 18 and the legal drinking age is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the information in the application has not changed; that he will work 40-60 hours; that he has 100% stock as the President, Secretary and Treasurer; that the operation of the business and the menu will remain the same; that he does not have plans for alterations; that he is aware the state request for a CR # must be met before the effectuation of the license.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Guillermo Bustamante, Member, Rosa Bustamante, Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Bustamante Hospitality Group, LLC, **t/a T.J's of Calverton**, 11607 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, 20705 transfer from TJM, Inc., t/a T.J's of Calverton, Timothy Murray, President/Treasurer, Karen Murray, Secretary.

Timothy Murray stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he owned the business for 33 years; that he and Mr. Bustamante have had a managing agreement since March; that the establishment is a full service restaurant; that the beer, wine and liquor sales are approximately 5% of total

sales; that they have had one violation on their license in the entire time they have been license holders; that the violation was an underage sale.

Karen Murray agreed to the information and statements provided by Mr. Murray.

Rosa Bustamante stated that she is a resident of Beltsville; that she will be at the establishment approximately 5-6 hours a week; that she has full time employment elsewhere.

Guillermo Bustamante stated that he is a resident of Beltsville; that he will be at the establishment 50-60 hours a week; that he has not held a license previously; that he does not hold an interest in any other business with a license; that he had one violation of a sale to a minor in Maryland in 2012 or 2013 at a restaurant in Montgomery county and only had one violation in the seven years he worked there; that he has not had a license revoked; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had any gambling violations; that the restaurant will be comfort American food; that the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; that he is aware of the rules and regulations; that he will abide by the rules and regulations; that he is aware he must inform the Board of changes; that the legal drinking age is 21 and the serving age is 18; he named the five acceptable forms of identification; operations since March under the operating agreement are going well; he is not affiliated with any wholesalers.

Timothy Murray stated that he is aware of the issues with the state holds and has taken care of them; he said that also has confirmation numbers.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Rajendra Maharjan, Member/Manager, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of PMPB Enterprises, LLC, **t/a Gee's**, 3415 52nd Avenue, Cheverly, 20781 transfer from G & E Enterprises, LLC, t/a Gee's, Geneva Curry, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Applicant represented by Linda Carter who stated the applicant's attorney was unable to attend due to an emergency.

Rajendra Maharjan stated that he was a resident of Rockville; that he has experience working in a liquor store and a restaurant; that he has been a resident for 13 years; that he was naturalized in 2009 in Baltimore, MD; that he has no felony charges; that he owns no other business; that he has never held a license; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he is able to abide by them; that he will have training for employees; that 3-4 employees besides himself have Alcohol Awareness certifications; that he also plans to implement a scanning machine; that he is aware the legal drinking age is 21 and the age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Susan Cook, Authorized Person, Steven Cesinger, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, for the use of Greenbelt Beverage Management, LLC, **t/a The Greenbelt Hotel**, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, 20770 transfer from Courtyard Management Corporation, t/a Greenbelt Marriott Hotel, Dorothy Ingalls, Assistant Secretary, Margery Breneman, Assistant Secretary, William Long, Assistant Secretary. Applicant represented by Linda Carter.

Steven Cesinger stated he is a resident of Georgia; that he is an employee of Valor; that they hold 10 businesses within the U.S. and 35 globally; that this would be the first business in Maryland;

that they will transition the business from a Marriott, to simply Greenbelt Hotel, to a Crown Plaza; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he is able to abide by them; that he will at the business a few times a year; that he has not been convicted of any felonies; that he has never held a license that has had a violation; that he has never had a license that has been revoked; that he is aware the legal drinking age is 21 and the age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Emma R. Lim-Bioc, Member-Manager, Toni Rose Lim-Bioc, Member-Authorized Person, Antonio F. Bioc, Member, for a new Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Manila Mart, LLC, **t/a Manila Mart and Cafe**, 5023 Garrett Avenue, Beltsville, 20705.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Emma Lim-Bioc stated that she is a resident of Silver Springs; that she has been a resident for 31 years; they have had a previous location but not one with a liquor license; that they have had the restaurant in Beltsville for 13 years; that it is was just carry out; that it will be a sit down full service restaurant; that they would also like to add on the sale of beer and wine; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has no interest in any other business with a liquor license; that she has never been found in violation; that she has a 25% interest in the business; that she will be at the business 40 hours a week; that she has her Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that they are involved with the community in projects, fundraisers, and other events; that the legal age to serve alcohol is 18 and the legal age to consume is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Toni Lim-Bioc stated that she is a resident of Silver Springs; that she has been a resident for 24 years; that she has not had a felony conviction; that she holds no other license; that she has no interest in another business that sells alcohol; that she has never had a violation; that she has a 50% interest in the business; that the menu will be Filipino food; that she will be at the restaurant 40 hours a week; that she is aware the legal age to serve is 18 and the legal age to consume is 21; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that they plan to begin renovations in August once all catering contracts have been completed; that they will be closed approximately one month.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Nikole Bennett

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Maria Martinez Ponce, for a new Class B (DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Delicias La Chocita, LLC, **t/a Delicias La Chocita**, 4800 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710.

Maria Martinez stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she has been a resident for 28 years; that she has not had a license previously; that she does not have an interest in any other businesses; that she has had no violations; that she has not been convicted of any felonies; that food will be 100% authentic Mexican food; that she will work 60 hours per week; that she understands the rules and regulations; that she agrees to abide by them; that they will be able to accommodate the public; that it will not harm the public; that it will benefit the public; that the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday; that the legal drinking age is

21 and the legal age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the business will not be providing off sale.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application to reflect that they will not be providing off sale and there is no part of the business where such will be permitted, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Nikole Bennett

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Adam Greenberg, Member, Suzanne D. Hillman, Member, for a new Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 8321 College Park Hotel ABC, LLC, **t/a Cambria Hotel at College Park**, 8321 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740.

The applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Suzanna Hillman stated that she is a resident of Virginia; that she is aware of the rules and regulations; that she is able to abide by them; that she is a CPA; she named the five acceptable forms of identification; she is aware the legal age to consume alcohol is 21 and the legal age to serve is 18.

Adam Greenberg stated that he is a resident of Potomac Maryland; that he holds licenses in Montgomery County; that he is on the license for Potomac Pizza; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he is aware the legal age to consume alcohol is 21 and the legal age to serve alcohol is 18; that the restaurant portion of the hotel will be his responsibility; that the food served will be all American; that the restaurant will be a bar and grill; that there will be 12 taps; that there will be live jazz music, pending approval of the Special Entertainment Permit; that the city supports unanimously; that there will be 184 seats in the restaurant and that 46 of those will be bar stools; that there will not be any "drinking games" played at the establishment; that the restaurant will be the sole provider of food for the hotel; that they will provide room service which is set to be pickup only; that the room service for alcohol if they choose to permit is still in progress; that they will either still have to pick up or may deliver to room to ensure occupants drinking age; they will implement the double check process; server checks the identification as well as taking the ID to a manager for them to verify; they will also have ID scanners; that the hours for the restaurant will be 6:00 a.m. to midnight; that room service only available at dinner; that there will be approximately 40 employees; that anyone in contact with alcohol will have Alcohol Awareness Certification; that he is aware of the rules and regulations. Linda Carter, Esquire requested for the application to be amended for an omission made previously.

Adam Greenberg stated he previously omitted three violations on licenses he also held in Montgomery county; that they were on the license at Potomac Pizza; two were at the Potomac location and one at the Chevy Chase location; that they were all due to serving underage.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend application for the omission as well as to amend the hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to midnight to 6:00 a.m. to midnight, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

Robert Ryan stated that he was the director of Public Services from the City of College Park and that the City supports the application.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Nikole Bennett.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Patrick Davis, Owner, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of ExclusiveBlu, LLC, **t/a ExclusiveBlu Restaurant and Lounge**, 354 Main Street, Laurel, 20707.

Patrick Davis stated that he has been before the Board previously; that he plans to be open by September; that he has not completed construction; that he still has plumbing and electrical to complete; that his architect told him he should be completed by September; that since he was last here he has gained unanimous approval from the city of Laurel and that they have even updated bylaws to allow him to build; that the building is historical; that he plans to make this establishment a restaurant, lounge and rooftop.

Mr. Camacho questioned the opening date; he stated he did not think it would be possible due to work that would need to be done for a building that old; he believes there is more work involved in renovating the building than was mentioned.

Patrick Davis insisted architect said they will be completed by September; he stated that he has not done work since his last appearance on the actual building; he stated that most of his work has been on gaining further support and approval.

Ms. Kelsey requested more information on his projected timeline.

Patrick Davis stated that plans and drawings have been completed; that the building demo was scheduled for today and that the construction company for the renovations has not yet been contracted.

Mr. Camacho suggested continuing rather than issue the license; he stated the building was previously office space; he stated in his opinion the renovations will take much longer and more extensive; he stated the Board would need actual evidence of the schedule and that none was brought; he stated that they would need witnesses, pictures, etc. for testimony of opening date.

Mr. Camacho moved to continue this matter to the August 25th hearing when there has been more work done on the building and a more concrete timeline may be able to be produced, Ms. Kelsey seconded, made unanimous by Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Jock's Liquors**, licensee requested to appear before the Board to discuss the status of the renovations and pending transfer of the license.

Applicant is represented by Errol Thompson, Esquire.

Thomas Stevenson stated he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that in 2016 he had come before the Board about the property; that he purchased the property and license in horrible condition; that he needed to obtain the permit to demo the property and rebuild; that the property was built in the 1930's or 1940's; that there was no sewer line previously just a water line; that he had to put in a new sewer and water line; he stated that he had a delay due to WSSC; that he had to make a new plan for lines; that he had to provide DPie with a bond of \$107,000 to cut streets for lines; that his previous construction company had been dismissed for overcharging; that he had to submit an "As Is Permit" to approve the remaining construction because the previous construction company deviated from the approved plans; stated that DPie presented him with comments on remaining work to be completed and problems to fix; he stated that these comments were addressed; that every time he completed a set of requests a new list would be

produced; that he requested all comments be combined for a master list of work needing to be done.

Bill Edelen stated that he is an inspector with DPie; that he is familiar with the case; that DPie uses a third party inspection program; that engineers inspect all aspects; that they monitor paperwork, schedules, work, etc.

Kevin Green stated that he is an inspector/code officer; that he has been with DPie for 19 years and was a fire inspector for 13 years before; that he does quality assurance checks; he stated that Mr. Stevenson had received a permit in October of 2014 to begin demo; that there are quality assurance checks; that they were short staffed in this time period; that in November of 2016 he was able to get back with third party inspectors; he was informed at this meeting that Mr. Stevenson wasn't calling for inspections and that the project was moving slow; he stated that November 18, 2016 was the last date they had received a call for inspections; that they still required inspections for electrical mechanical, parking lot, and that the handicap was not finalized; he projected the project was about 80% completed; he also advised he was serving a notice to Mr. Stevenson today regarding work still needing to be done and if he is unable to comply the matter will be taken to court and the building could possibly be torn down.

Mr. Camacho stated the license was originally transferred in 2014; that Mr. Stevenson was given 2 years to finalize; that this is now 4 years later; that he told Mr. Stevenson when last appeared in January that he needed to produce a U & O in order to continue the matter again; one was not brought in; that he believes the license needs to be retired.

Kevin Green stated that a mechanical, retaining wall, 5 electrical, ceiling close in and a raise permit have been issued.

Thomas Stevenson stated that they have been waiting on an as built permit to close in walls; an "As is Permit" is needed because the contractor deviated from the approved plans and permit; that he's been waiting 6 months for the permit; that he asked the contractor for small deviations.

Mr. Graham stated that the delay was self-inflicted.

Thomas Stevenson stated that the deviation was minor; that they still need to submit final permits and requests to have the license continued so that they may submit the plans.

Mr. Camacho moved to have the license expired, Ms. Kelsey seconded, and Mr. Graham made it unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourn 12:57