

December 17, 2019  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector  
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:09 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Texas Roadhouse**, Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 6011 Highbridge Road, Bowie, 20720, Thomas Burkhart to serve as Authorized Person, in the place and stead of Jeffrey Ziccardi, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Thomas Burkhart stated that he is a resident of Pennsylvania.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire stated that they are here to apply for a Substitution of Corporate Officers; that Jeffery Ziccardi left the business and has been replaced by Mr. Burkhart.

Thomas Burkhart stated that there are no changes to the application; that he has never been convicted of an alcohol or gambling violation; that he is taking the position of Authorized Person; that the mode of operation will not change; named the acceptable forms of identification; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21 to, 18 to serve; that he oversees multiple stores; that he will make store visits and oversee the operations; that he will take care of any issues; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that may occur.

Ms. Norman stated that Mr. Burkhart said he will visit the stores two to four times a month; that who will be there when he is not that has alcohol awareness training.

Thomas Burkhart stated that there will be many people trained in alcohol awareness at the store. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Geetika Sharma, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Burke Liquors, LLC, **t/a Burke's Liquors**, 7541 Landover Road, Hyattsville, 20785, transfer from H&H Liquor, Inc., t/a Burke's Liquors, Himel Bikram KC, President/Treasurer, Sanu Bhandari, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Geetika Sharma stated that she is a resident of Clarksville.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that they are here for a transfer of the license.

Geetika Sharma stated that she is in the process of buying the business; that the application filed is true and correct; that there are no changes to the application; that she is making this purchase with personal savings and financing the rest through the current owners; that she will work there 10-20 hours per week; that she is also a home maker and that is her primary job; that her husband works in a warehouse; that the store will be run by a full time manager; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that she is familiar with, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Norman asked what the business was purchased for.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated they can provide that information, but would like it off the record; that she would like to amend the application to reflect Ms. Sharma working at the business 10-20 hours per week instead of 40 hours per week.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, second by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Geetika Sharma stated that she is registered to take the Alcohol Awareness Class but has not actually taken the class yet.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Amy Zhang, President/Treasurer, Haiyan Weng, Secretary, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of PG Longxin, Inc., **t/a Olde Fitzgerald's Liquors**, 7701 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772, transfer from Olde Fitzgerald's LLC, t/a Olde Fitzgerald's Liquors, Sun Jae Lee, Managing Member.

Applicants are represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Amy Zhang stated that she is a resident of Glenn Dale.

Haiyan Weng stated that she is a resident of College Park.

Amy Zhang stated that she has grown up in the alcohol industry; that her father owns a liquor store, Palmer Liquor; that her mother owns a restaurant, Golden Pavilion.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she has filed an amended stockholder affidavit; that Amy worked at Golden Pavilion and there was a violation while she was there, but she was not involved; that there are no changes to the application besides amending the application to show that she works there full time; that she has not gotten the Alcohol Awareness certification yet.

Amy Zhang stated that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations, named the acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested to amend the time spent on the premises for Amy Zhang's affidavit be changed to 40 hours.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Haiyan Wang stated that she will work on the premises 40 hours per week, full time.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she would like to request that the application be amended to reflect the number of hours spent on premises to 40 hours.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Haiyan Weng stated that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Tushar Vadadoriya, Member-Manager, Rakesh Kumar, Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of JB Red Rose, LLC, **t/a J.B. Liquors**, 5842 Silver Hill Road, Forestville, 20747, transfer from Choda, Inc., t/a J.B. Liquors, Sunita Kumar, President, Rakesh Kumar, Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Tushar Vadadoriya stated that he is a resident of Bryans Road.

Rakesh Kumar stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring.

Tushar Vadadoriya stated that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he is a permanent resident; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that he has not had a license revoked; that he has not held a license before; that he does not have an interest in any other business that holds an alcohol license; that he is a member/manager for the business; that he will work there full time; that he will be there 60-75 hours per week; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he will ensure the employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; that he has received his Alcohol Awareness certification; that he has experience in managing; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that he understands he must appear before the Board should they have any questions or violations with the license.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that Mr. Kumar is currently on the license; that he will hold a 50% interest in the business and be a silent partner; that he will assist and mentor. Mr. Vadadoriya; that he has had no violations; that there are no changes to the operation of the business since the renewal.

Rakesh Kumar stated that his Alcohol Awareness certificate is up to date.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of James Coleman, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 250 Texas BBQ, LLC, **t/a 250 Texas BBQ**, 4700-4704 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, 20737, transfer from GEMIS, Inc., t/a Dumm's Pizza and Subs, Georgia Sotiriou, President, Mike Sotiriou, Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

James Coleman stated that he is a resident of Riverdale Park.

Debbie Portilla stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that her clients have purchased the business and pursuant to the management agreement have been running the business; that this will be a family business; that they can't be on the license currently with their resident status.

James Coleman stated that he runs the Riverdale Farmers market; that he will serve as what was previously called the resident agent.

Debbie Portilla stated that her family has had a restaurant since 1963 in El Salvador; that they started at a farmer's market; that the food will be El Salvadorian; that her husband is a pit master; that they also make pizza; that she will be there over 60 hours per week; that they will have ten employees; that some of the employees have their Alcohol Awareness certificate; that she has received her Alcohol Awareness certificate; that she is not a licensee; named the acceptable forms of identification; that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations.

James Coleman stated that he is actively involved in the farmers market; that he is there every Thursday; that he is familiar with the family; that he, along with the rest of the community, fell in love with their barbeque; that he understands as a resident agent for the license he is responsible for any violations; that he is sure the business will run in a professional manner; that the conversion from Dumm's will be good for the community; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Linda C. Carter, Member/Authorized Person, Susan S. Cook, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Hotel at 7401, LLC, **t/a Colony South Hotel & Conference Center**, 7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, 20735, transfer from Colony South Properties, Inc., t/a Colony South Hotel & Conference Center, Dorothy Chiaramonte, Owner.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Annette Brawner stated that she is a resident of Rockville.

Susan Cook stated that she is a resident of Beltsville.

Rodney Cheng stated that he is a resident of Rockville.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she is a resident of Millersville; that Medstar is building the hospital; that they owned the hotel and hospital; that they have a contract to purchase the hotel; that her client Medstar asked them to be a licensee; that once a manager is contracted they will become the licensee; that they have hired a company to run the hotel; that there will be no change to the operation of the business as of now; that HP Hotels will run the hotel and there may be changes later; that she understands they must bring changes to the Board; that Medstar has been great to work with; that the team that has been in place has been cooperative; that the Entertainment Permit will continue to be in use; that if there are any changes to the Security Plan they will contact Corporal Cicale; that Corporal Cicale said there have never been major issues with the hotel previously; that there were small problems and they were corrected immediately; that the application is true and correct; that Ms. Brawner and Mr. Cheng are there to handle any legal matters; that she understands her obligations and responsibilities as a licensee; that she will make regular visits and inspections; that she will be in communication with her client Medstar and HP Hotels; that she won't actually work there; that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that she wants to know where the check and balance is; that she wants to know who Parkway is.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that Parkway is a subsidiary of Medstar.

Annette Brawner stated that Mr. Cheng and she are from the legal department; that they will assist in ensuring all Rules and Regulations are abided by.

Rodney Cheng stated that they represent Parkway and Medstar.

Ms. Norman asked if any one present is going to actually work at the hotel.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the staff there currently will continue to work there; that HP Hotel just put in managers; that they will go to settlement in February; that she will ensure they are ready to go when the property is acquired.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Jay K. Singh, Member-Manager, for a Class DW, Beer and Wine for the use of 7-Ten, LLC, **t/a 7-Ten Beer, Wine and Grocery**, 3664 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, 20746, transfer from 7-Ten, LLC, t/a 7-Ten Beer, Wine and Grocery, Yogi Dumera, Member-Manager, Richard Solomon, Member/Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Jay Singh stated that he is a resident of Bowie.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that they have submitted an application to transfer the license; that the operation has not changed.

Jay Singh stated that he is a United States citizen; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that he has not held a license previously; that he has not had a license revoked; that he does not have an interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license; that he will have 100% interest in this business; that he will be there more than full time; that he has read, understands, and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that it is a small store; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he understands his responsibilities as a licensee.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that there are three licenses available for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor; that there are four applications; that one applicant will not receive a license today; that they will hear from each applicant and the community; that they will deliberate and rank their choices for the license; that the top three applicants will receive the licenses; that if they tie they will reconvene to break the tie.

In the matter of Daisy Dumera, Member-Manager, Helen S.K. Solomon, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Kettle Top, LLC, **t/a Kettle Top American Bar & Grill**, 3656 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, 20746. Continued from September 24, 2019.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Daisy Dumera stated that she is a resident of Virginia.

Helen Solomon stated that she is a resident of Rockville.

Richard Solomon stated that he is a resident of Bethesda.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that Mr. Solomon is a real estate developer and the husband of Mrs. Solomon.

Daisy Dumera stated that she is a United States citizen.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that before they proceed further that he may need to correct the affidavit for Ms. Dumera; that she has never held a license before, but her and her husband own a business in Northern Virginia; that in Virginia the license is issued to the corporation, not individuals; that they did list that she has worked there on the affidavit and that the company had received a violation, but that she had not been found in violation since she didn't commit the violation.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that just to be clear, Virginia licenses the entity and not the individuals like Maryland does; that then they need to amend the application to reflect that she has been found in violation of alcohol beverage laws.

Ms. Norman stated that she agrees; that if Ms. Dumera owns the corporation that is the same thing as being a licensee.

Benjamin Rupert, Esquire stated that Ms. Dumera is responsible as stockholder/officer; that he recommends the affidavit should be updated to reflect yes, she has been found in violation; that the corporation held the license; that they can add an attachment to reflect the explanation.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that she would like for Mr. Kim to provide an attachment with an explanation.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Daisy Dumera stated that she has never had a license revoked; that she had a violation two years ago by an employee at a business she owns in Northern Virginia with her husband; that she does not have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County; that she has a 75% interest in this business; that she will be at the establishment full time; that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations and ensure her employees do as well; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that she has completed her Alcohol Awareness training; that she will employ approximately 16 people; that there is no change to the application except the previously amended violation; that she understands that she must answer to this Board and is responsible should any violations occur; that everything is lined up for the business and they are waiting on the Board's approval to begin construction; that they believe the construction needed will take approximately six weeks; that they have a petition of those in support of the business; that they will have 98 seats; that there are not any fine dining restaurants in that area; that the restaurant will be family friendly with full table service; that they will not have entertainment; that they will not disturb the peace and quiet of the community; that it is a place for community; that they will close by 11:00 p.m.; that there are not any houses nearby.

Mr. Camacho asked what the proposed investment is.

Daisy Dumera stated that they have invested about \$100,000 already and believe an additional \$300,000 is needed.

Helen Solomon stated that she is a Maryland resident; that she is a United States citizen; that she has been a resident for over 45 years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that she has not held a license previously; that she does not have a financial interest in any other business that holds an Alcoholic Beverage license; that she holds a 25% interest; that she has received her Alcohol Awareness training; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable

forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application; that she understands that she has an obligation to the Board as a licensee.

Richard Solomon stated that he currently works in Real Estate; that he has been in the business for 12 years; that he believes the restaurant will accommodate the public; that there is not a sit down restaurant for 4 miles around the area where the business will be; that there will be a different style of food than what is typically offered; that people are asking for quality food; that the Prince George's County residents want better options for food; that the food will be good quality and reasonably priced.

Ms. Norman asked if the restaurant is on the Suitland Road corridor if it is in the Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Solomon stated that he is unsure.

Ms. Norman asked if they have received funding from the county for the business.

Helen Solomon stated that no they company has a program for landlords; that they did file an application, but they haven't received anything; that the business has been primarily funded by Ms. Dumer a primarily.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Kai Tang, President, Meng Wei Wang, Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cajun Crab Shack I, Inc., **t/a Urban Crabshack**, 15810 Crain Highway, Brandywine, 20613.

Kai Tang stated that he is a resident of Rockville.

Meng Wei Wang stated that he is a resident of Virginia.

Kai Tang stated that they are here to apply for a license; that the business is a seafood restaurant; that the restaurant will be high end; that they will serve Cajun style seafood including crawfish; that he has been in the restaurant business for ten years; that he has held a license in Maryland in Montgomery county; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol laws; that the restaurant will be unique; that there aren't many Cajun style seafood restaurants like them; that he has never had a license revoked or suspended; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that the hours of operation will be 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho asked if the hours are firm and if he can have them clarified.

Kai Tang stated that it will depend on the business they do; that they understand it may just be open for dinner; that they may extend the hours later.

Mr. Camacho stated that the application currently states opening at 10:30 a.m.; that they must have the hours accurate; that they can change the hours later, but they must have the anticipated hours for now.

Kai Tang stated that he would like to have the hours as Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application to correct the hours of operation, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Ms. Norman stated that she would like more information about the business.

Kai Tang stated that the restaurant will be beautiful that it is unique to the area; that they originally thought the initial investment would be \$250,000, but it will be closer to \$350,000; that they will be in the area where the Fuddrucker's was in Brandywine; that they saved some money since the previous tenants had a restaurant; that the dishes, design, and furnishings will make it upscale; that they hope to be open by February; that there will be 110 seats and 30-40 employees.

Meng Wei Wang stated that he has been in the restaurant industry for ten years; that he holds the alcoholic beverage license for an establishment in Virginia; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol laws; that he has never had a license revoked or suspended; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he understands that if there are any changes to the business they must notify the Board.

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Mr. Camacho moved to deny the application for the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license as a more qualified applicant was selected, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of William Martinez, Co-Managing Member, Carlos Alvarado, Co-Managing Member, Dionicio Montero Castameda, Co-Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of M & Amalia's Kitchen, LLC, t/a **Taqueria Habanero**, 8145 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740.

Applicants are represented by Wesley Japp, Esquire.

Glenn Walter stated that he is a resident of North Carolina.

Dionicio Castameda stated that he is a resident of Brentwood.

William Martinez stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring.

Carlos Alvarado stated that he is a resident of Hyattsville.

Robert Ryan stated that he is here on behalf of the City of College Park.

Wesley Japp, Esquire stated that he is here on behalf of his clients to apply for a Class B, Beer and Wine license; that he has experience in the restaurant industry; that the restaurant is currently open; that the business is thriving; that the addition of beer and wine will enhance the dining experience; that customers have requested beer and wine; that they have signed a property use agreement with the City of College Park and gained their approval; that they are required to maintain a specific food/alcohol sale ratio; that they have gained unanimous support from College Park City Council; that they provide a 10% discount to police, military, fire and EMT.

William Martinez stated that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he was the first to have an ownership stake in the restaurant; that he was a General Manager previously; that the other two licensees are assisting in mentoring him; that they have been open for one year; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that the affidavit and application is true and correct.



Carlos Alvarado stated that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws.

Dionicio Castameda stated that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws.

Glenn Walter stated that he is here to provide testimony and support.

Robert Ryan stated that he is here as the Director of Public Services for College Park; that the mayor and the city council have authorized him to testify on their behalf; that the city council and mayor have given their unanimous approval for receiving an alcoholic beverage license; that the licensees have signed a property use agreement that ensures they will not sell an alcoholic beverage under \$2.00, will not sell pitchers, that they require additional security if there will be entertainment and that alcohol sales will not exceed 30% of the yearly sales.

Mr. Camacho asked if the hours of operation are current; that there are no changes to be made.

William Martinez stated that there are no changes; that he will update the hours with the Board if needed.

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Glenn Walter stated that he is currently employed by a nearby business as a Special Event coordinator; that he comes to testify as a frequent customer and fellow business year; that they have good food and run the business well; that they have business meetings there; that they appear to be law abiding citizens with no indication of any attempts to go behind the law; that the restaurant is frequented by students, faculty, visitors to the area and more.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Clifford David Parks, Vice President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Jaah & Bakar Associates, Inc., **t/a Mango Cafe**, 4719 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710.

Applicants are represented by Abigail Bruce-Watson, Esquire.

Andrice Spencer stated that he is a resident of Mitchellville.

Kim Bay stated that she is a resident of Mitchellville.

Doreen Poroi stated that she is a resident of Bowie.

Diana Fennell stated that she is a resident of Colmar Manor.

Kareem Abubakar stated that he is a resident of Cheverly.

Clifford Parks stated that he is a resident of Laurel.

Abigail Bruce-Watson stated that t/a Mango Café has been business for over 12 years; that they did not do what they needed to renew the license.

Clifford Parks stated that he is a United States Citizen; that he is a registered voter; that the application is true and correct; that he currently serves as a licensee for the Class B, Beer and Wine license; that the restaurant is free standing building; that it is 2,100 square feet; that they seat 110 people; that the bar seats 12 people; that they are in the process of getting wireless internet and add four flat screen televisions; that they serve African cuisine and mixed drinks with entertainment; that people miss have mixed drinks; that the drinks add to the island atmosphere; that adding liquor would accommodate the public; that he holds a 25% interest in

the business; that he has received his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that they will have 100% identification checks for serving alcohol; that the bartenders will all receive Alcohol Awareness training; that they will not accept vertical identification; that they agree to abide by all laws; that he has held the license previously in Washington, D.C.; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that they are involved with the community; that they provide food to the homeless during Thanksgiving; that they have letters of support and a petition.

Diana Fennell stated that she is the previous mayor for Colmar Manor; that she is here in support; that she has known the owners for years; that they participate in community events in the entire district; that the establishment is important to people of low and moderate income.

Kareem Abubakar stated that he is the manager for Mango Café; that he will ensure the business is run properly; that he will ensure the business does not miss the renewal period again.

Andrice Spencer stated that Ms. Bay and he are refugees from Hurricane Irma; that the owners of Mango Café donated money to the residents of the Caribbean's after the disaster; that they always offer to donate space, food, money and other donations they are asked for; that they have an annual Customer Appreciation Day where they provide a buffet to their customers with a DJ or band.

Doreen Poroj stated that they met Mr. Abubakar when Mango Café first opened; that Mr. Abubakar has been a father figure to her and her community; that she is from South Africa; that in August of 2017 there was a mudslide at her home in South Africa; that there were many people killed and many people lost their homes; that the owners of Mango Café stepped in to help; that they helped to assist the victims; that they assist as a meeting space, an event space; that she put on an event there to raise money; that they provided the facility and matched the money brought in at the door along with food, clothing and water.

Ms. Sparkman stated that she wants to have the name clarified since it is spelled differently on different forms.

Abigail Bruce-Watson stated that the correct spelling is t/a Mango Caffè.

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Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett  
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 12:41 p.m.