

May 2, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT: Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:05 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a Young Chow Restaurant**, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor, HWC Restaurant, Inc., 8900 – B Woodyard Road, Clinton, 20735 – Board request licensee’s presence to discuss an outdoor cigar lounge.

Chung Chen stated that he will proceed without an attorney; that he is a resident of Brandywine; that he would like to have a cigar lounge outside; that he will not serve alcoholic beverages outside; that this will be a smoking lounge without alcoholic beverages; that customer will not be allowed to take alcoholic beverages outside; that they will be no open counters allowed; that the lounge will be located in the area that was previously the drive thru window; that he no longer uses the drive thru; that security will ensure that no alcoholic beverage are taken outside; that the cigar lounge will only be on Thursday evenings from 9:00 p.m. to midnight; that he will have a cigar kiosk.

Mr. Camacho stated that because alcoholic beverages will not be served or consumed outside the Board is not involved.

In the matter of **t/a East Restaurant and Liquor**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, TYC Corporation, Inc., 6369-6371 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745 – Request to convert the alcoholic beverage license from a Class B+, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, to a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor. License represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Kwen Cheung stated that she is a resident of Oxon Hill.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that her client owns the shopping center; that there is a Save A Lot grocery store in the shopping center; that her client takes the responsibility serious; that she works seven days a week; that she is there every Sunday to ensure that only beer and wine are sold; that this location is surrounded by businesses with Sunday sales in both Maryland and Virginia; that her sales have decreased on Sunday; that she has to have the restaurant open when the liquor store is open; that because of the restaurant she can’t open the liquor store at 9:00 a.m.; that the restaurant figures are in decline; that previously this was the only Asian Restaurant in the area; that there are not seven Asian restaurants in the area; that she has tremendous food cost loss; that it is very difficult; that she would like to close the restaurant and make that area into part of the liquor store; that she anticipates spending

\$177,000 on the renovations; that she can't afford to keep the restaurant open; that she understands that she has to be closed on Sunday.

Ms. Kelsey moved to approve the conversion from a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor to a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of **t/a La Chiquita Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, JRE Corp., 1500 University Boulevard, E. Hyattsville, 20783 - Board requests licensee appearance to discuss renewal of appropriate license.

Jose Portillo stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he is here for the conversion to a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License; that he has an appraisal.

Ms. Kelsey moved to approve the conversion from a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor to a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of **t/a CHI'BAL Tequila Bar and Mexican Kitchen**, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, La Chiquita Corp., 14933 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel 20707 – Board requests licensee appearance to discuss renewal of appropriate license.

Jose Portillo stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he is here for the conversion to a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License; that he does not have the appraisal complete yet.

Ms. Kelsey moved to approve the conversion from a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor to a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor pending receipt of the appraisal, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Camacho.

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. Errol Thompson, Esquire.

Thomas Stephenson stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro.

Errol Thompson, Esquire stated that the Board has been notified of the status of the project; that he received notice of this hearing on Thursday; that he did not have an opportunity to prepare a package; that the business has had several obstacles on this project; that the project is not complete but not for a lack of effort; that there has been a number of revisions to the plans; that there were changes to the code; that Pepco approved the project and then required changes; that they are trying to do the right thing; that without a license the building will have no purpose; that they are so close to being finished; that they are almost there; that they have made missteps; that they have fired contractors; that the current contractor is licensed and bonded; that they would like the opportunity to finish the project; that the building was as a liquor store; that just about everything is done; that the engineer is not here tonight; that the building did not have sewer lines; that they did not know that in 2014; that they had to put in sewer lines; that they had watershed issues; that they had to install a retention pond; that they did not anticipate these issues; that he did not want this building; that he had to building it like this because the permit process has already started; that this was not an easy project; that the project is not complete because of issues; that they can't get the County to approve the permits; that money is not issued.

Thomas Stephenson stated that they do not have a structural permit; that they do have the electrical permit approved; that they are waiting for the close in permit.

Mr. Camacho stated that they Board will schedule a hearing to expire the license on June 26, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

7:50 p.m.