

October 27, 2020
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Court Reporter

Time: 10:05 a.m.

In the matter of **t/a De Ranch Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

On Thursday, August 6, 2020 at approximately 10:30 a.m. One underage operative (20-years old) of the Prince George's County Cadet Program entered the De Ranch Restaurant located at 3511 Maryland Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785 and was sold one 12-ounce bottle of Heineken beer. The sale was witnessed by an undercover police officer of the Prince George's County Police Department. Inspectors Glenn and Galato of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners contacted the server/manager, Iris C. Agubuzo, on the scene. Continued from October 7, 2020

The Licensee is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Mr. Camacho asked if there was a prior violation.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that a first violation occurred in March 2019 in relation to the renewal license application. And a second violation occurred within 24 months on August 6, 2020 with sales to an underaged minor. Ms. Turpin Forbes confirmed that an Offer and Compromise Letter was mistakenly sent to the licensee, but that does not affect the 2 violations occurring within 24 months.

Mr. Camacho motioned to find the licensee **t/a De Ranch Restaurant** in violation, as charged, and assessed a fine of \$4,500.00 payable in three (3) equal payments over 90 days, seconded by Mr. Miles and quorum reached with Ms. Norman. Ms. Turpin Forbes abstained.

In the matter of **t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 9626 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license.

The Licensee is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Brinda Patel stated she is a resident of Ellicott City, MD.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors**, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Earl's Super Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 833 Southern Avenue, Oxon Hill, 20745 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license. The Licensee is not represented by an attorney.

Dilbag Dhillon waived right to have counsel represent him, and proceeded without an attorney. Dilbag Dhillon stated he is a resident of Fort Washington, MD.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Earl's Super Liquors**, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a OMG Restaurant Bar and Lounge**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1401 University Blvd E, Unit # G-12, 13 & 14, Hyattsville, 20783 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license.

The Licensee is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Oscar Hernandez stated he is a resident of Silver Spring, MD.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a OMG Restaurant Bar and Lounge**, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Coco Night Club**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 2031 A University Blvd, Adelphi, 20783 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license.

The Licensee is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Celbin Diaz stated he is a resident of Rockville, MD.

Linda Carter, Esquire asked that an Exhibit Book, which was filed with the Board, be moved into evidence.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Coco Night Club**, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Alegria Food Court** Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1535 University Blvd East, Unit A1, Hyattsville, 20783 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license.

The Licensee is represented by Tarrell Calloway, Esquire.

Junwa Kim is working as an interpreter and stated he is a resident of Silver Spring, MD.

Viviana Song stated she is a resident of Potomac, MD.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Alegria Food Court**, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Tropicana Grill and Food Market**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3505 Maryland Avenue, Cheverly, 20785 is making a request for a new alcoholic beverage license.

Mr. Clark reported that there are no churches within 500 feet, no schools within 1,000 feet and

4 liquor establishments within a one mile radius.

Constance Ikechi waived right to have counsel represent her, and proceeded without an attorney.

Jason DeLoach, Esquire, recused himself from this matter.

3 opposition letters were submitted and entered into record.

Constance Ikechi stated she is a resident of Glenarden, MD.

Mr. Camacho stated that the city of Cheverly and several residents close to the establishment expressed concerns re: limited parking and capacity certificate of 55+ seats to limited capacity of only 6 seats.

Mr. Camacho stated that the Licensee must obtain an amended Use and Occupancy Permit showing use of property as a restaurant and correct seating capacity, before Board can proceed.

Ms. Carmen stated she is a resident of Landover, MD and opposes issuance of new liquor license to **t/a Tropicana Grill and Food Market** due to her home residence is less than 400 square feet to the property, and that there are 4 or 5 liquor establishments within a one mile radius of Licensee. Ms. Carmen also stated that once a liquor license is granted, the next step would be changing to a club, and reported an incident that occurred in February 2020 that a party occurred at this location without an entertainment permit.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that Licensee has a need to work with community regarding the opposing concerns raised, and to complete the matters stated by Mr. Camacho regarding obtaining an amended Use and Occupancy Permit and a corrected seating capacity certificate.

Mr. Camacho moved to continue the granting of a new alcoholic beverage license to **t/a Tropicana Grill and Food Market**, seconded by Mr. Miles and quorum reached with Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Via Roma**, a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4531 Telfair Blvd, Camp Springs 20746 is making a request for a new alcoholic beverage license.

Mr. Clark reported that there are no churches within 500 feet, no schools within 1,000 feet and 1 liquor establishment within a one mile radius.

The Licensee is not represented by an attorney.

Biagio Cepollaro and Peter Schwartz waived right to have counsel represent them and proceeded without an attorney.

Biagio Cepollaro stated he is a resident of Annandale, VA.

Peter Schwartz stated he is a resident of Fort Washington, MD and Washington, DC. Peter Schwartz also stated that **t/a Via Roma** is part of Town Center in Camp Springs, originally started developing 20 years ago and has 2,500 apartments with 5,000 residences and close to metro stop with 3,000 car parking. And that they have plans to make this area a family friendly neighborhood with only ethnic restaurants.

Board voted by consent that hours of operation were amended to 7:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Biagio Cepollaro agreed to submit Operating Agreement for Biagio Italian, LLC asap for completed records.

Mr. Camacho moved to grant the alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Via Roma**, seconded by Mr. Miles and quorum reached with Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of , **t/a Nando's Peri Peri**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 2700 Campus Way North, Suite 105, Lanham, 20706 is making a request for a new alcoholic beverage license.

The Licensee is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Mr. Clark reported that there are no churches within 500 feet, no schools within 1,000 feet and

8 liquor establishments within a one-mile radius.

Leslie Williams stated she is a resident of Fulton, MD.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire requested an amendment to change opening hours from 10:00 am to 10:30 am.

Application also amended to 85 indoor seating and 15 outdoor seating.

Mr. Camacho moved to grant the alcoholic beverage license of **t/a Nando's Peri Peri**, seconded by Mr. Miles and quorum reached with Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a El Charro Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 933 Fairlawn Avenue, Laurel, 20707 is making a request to transfer alcoholic beverage license. The Licensee is represented by Joseph Trevino, Esquire.

Baldomero Avalos stated he is a resident of Laurel, MD.

German Avalos is working as Interpreter and stated he is a resident of Laurel, MD.

Mr. Camacho moved to accept the transfer of alcoholic beverage license of **t/a El Charro Restaurant**, seconded by Mr. Miles and quorum reached with Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Adjourned 12:21 p.m.