

June 28, 2016

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT: Charles W. Caldwell, III, Chairman
Shaihi Mwalimu, Vice Chairman
Kenneth J. Miles, Commissioner
Anuj Sud, Commissioner
David D. Son, Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly E. Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant

Time: 10:00 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Chesapeake Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Clinton Crossing Wine and Spirits, Inc., 8853 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Ho Shin to serve as the President/Secretary/ Treasurer, in the place and stead of Inyoung Choe, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that the applicant is the son of the owner; that the previous licensee was his aunt.

Ho Shin stated that he is a resident of Ellicott City; that he is a permanent resident of the United States; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 10 years; that he has not been charged with any alcoholic beverage violations; that he has not had a license denied or revoked; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that he is the President/Secretary/Treasurer of the corporation; that he holds 50 shares or 50% of the stock; that he has worked at the store for three years; that he recently graduated from UMBC; that he will work at the business 15 hours a week; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that he will comply with the rules and regulations; that you must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages and 18 to serve; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application as submitted; that he understands the responsibility of holding a license; that his father has owned this business for five years; that there was a sale to a minor violation in 2014.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the Substitution of Corporate Officer application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Chevy's Fresh Mex**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, RM Chevy, LLC, 7511 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, Dessislava Sarabosing to serve as the Authorized Person, in the place and stead of Paul Martin, Authorized Person. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that all the facts on the application regarding Susan Cook remain the same; that she is here today to answer questions if necessary.

Dessislava Sarabosing stated that she is a resident of Irvin, California; that she is going to the restaurant today; that they plan to invest \$300,000 in the restaurant; that she is the Senior Vice President for the corporation that owns the business; that the corporation has 105 restaurants of various types; that this is the only corporate owned restaurant in Maryland; that she understands the rules and regulations; that she is familiar with the rules and regulations; that she will abide by the rules and regulations; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that the application is true and correct as filed; that you must be

21 to purchase alcoholic beverages and 18 to serve; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the Substitution of Corporate Officer application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Sheraton College Park**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, WDC Hotel Partners, LLC, 4095 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, 20705, Joy Villa to serve as the Authorized Person, in the place and stead of Roney Trought, Authorized Person. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the license is issued to WDC Hotel Partners, LLC; that WDC Hotel Partners, LLC only has one member.

Joy Villa stated that she lives five minutes from the hotel; that she is on the premises 2-3 days a week; that she is the area comptroller; that she visits all the public spaces in the hotel; that the application as filed is true and correct; that she is familiar with the rules and regulations; that she understands the responsibilities of holding a license; that this is her first time as a licensee; that she stands in for the restaurant supervisor as necessary; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 18 to serve alcoholic beverages and 21 to consume.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the Substitution of Corporate Officer application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter Wing Chan, Managing Member, Xiao Zhang, Managing Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of SJ Spirits, LLC, **t/a 450 Drive In Liquors**, 7904 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706, transfer from King 450, Inc., t/a 450 Drive In Liquors, Chin Han, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Applicants represented by John Yim, Esquire.

Wing Chan stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he holds 50% of the stock in the corporation; that he has lived in Prince George's County for 14 years; that he is on the premises for 40 hours a week; that he has read the rules and regulations; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that he has not been charged with any criminal violation; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that the application as filed is true and correct; that you must be 18 to serve alcoholic beverages and 21 to consume.

Xiao Zhang stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he has lived in Prince George's County for 15 years; that he is a registered voter; that he holds 50% of the stock in the corporation; that he has read the rules and regulations; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that the applications as filed is true and correct.

Wing Chan stated that the business has two employees; that the employees will be alcohol awareness certified; that there will be no change in the mode of operation.

Xiao Zhang stated that the hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. until 12 midnight.

Mr. Sud moved to amend the application to reflect the hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. until 12 midnight, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

John Yim, Esquire stated that the bulk sales will be filed; that the proposed closing date is July 22nd; that the business will remain as currently operated.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the transfer application, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Yi Zhang, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Fuji Mountain Steakhouse, Inc., **t/a Fuji Mountain Steakhouse**, 4237 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748, transfer from Fuji Mountain Steakhouse, Inc., t/a Fuji Mountain

Steakhouse, Wing Lam, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Maria Schline-Watson, Assistant Recording Secretary. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the former licensee Maria Schline-Watson is deceased.

Yi Zhang stated that she owns 100 % of the stock in the corporation; that the former licensee died in 2014.

Linda Carter stated that she believes there was a buy/sell agreement with Ms. Watson.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the matters regarding the estate need to be addressed before this hearing can go forward; that the application will be scheduled for July 26, 2016.

In the matter of Jinzhu Jiang, Owner for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of **t/a The Bottom Line Bar**, 9008 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735 transfer from t/a The Bottom Line Bar, Margarita Lazarou, Owner. Applicants represented by Richard Basile, Esquire.

Jinzhu Jiang stated that she is a resident of Clinton; that she is a resident of Prince George's County; that she is a tax payer; that she has lived in Prince George's County for 6 years; that she owns the real property at 9008 Old Branch Avenue; that her and her husband own the restaurant and the property; that she owns and operates a Chinese restaurant next store; that the Chinese restaurant does not have a liquor license; that she cooks at the restaurant; that the business is operated by a manager JC Williams; that he and Lee Williams manage the business at the Bottom Line Bar; that they run the day to day operations; that they have operated the business for 13 years; that she purchased the property and has gone to settlement; that the previous owner has a management agreement with Mr. Williams; that she have not had any violations; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that you must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages and 18 to serve; she stated the five forms of identification; that they will card anyone who appears under 30 years old; that she will be on the premises 20 hours a week; she stated the hours of operation; that they restaurant will sell food; that they currently hold a Special Entertainment Permit; that they have karaoke on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; that they have a band once a month; that she understands the responsibilities; that she understand she is responsible for any violation; that they are not going to change the mode of operation; that the business does not sell off sale of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Williams stated that the business is in good condition; that it was renovated prior to 2003; that they have purchased new kitchen equipment; that the offer no sales to go; that they do not want to be in that business; that the average monthly sales are \$37,000-\$38,000.

Jinzhu Jiang stated the she will be on the premises 20 hours a week; that she has not read the rules and regulations; that she has taken alcohol awareness training; that she understand the rules and regulations; that her attorney discussed the rules and regulations with her; that she is aware of the security plan; that she hasn't spoken to the office of secondary employment.

Mr. Williams stated that they have a current security plan; that the plan is attached to the Special Entertainment Permit.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the transfer pending receipt of confirmation for the paid taxes and notification of the police department that the security plan is valid, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Azeb Mesfin, Manager, Ana Rosa, Manager for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Rebecca's Ethiopian Café & Cuisine, LLC, **t/a El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout**, 7443 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, 20784. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that the following items on the application need to be amended, Ana Rosa's home zip code as 20784, the seating capacity as 35, and the on sale square footage as approximately 2200.

Mr. Sud moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

Azeb Mesfin stated that she is a resident of Lanham; that she is a citizen of the United States; that she is a resident of Maryland; that she has lived in Maryland for 14 years; that she has never been convicted of a felony; that she does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that she current holds a Class D, Beer and Wine license; that she had a violation of unauthorized alterations and paid the fine of \$1000; that she has not had a license denied or revoked; that she owns 50% of the stock; that she is the manager; that she will be on the premises 20 hours a week; that the restaurant has been open for six years; that they offer Honduras and Latino food; that they have petition with 80 signatures; she provided a menu; that they are located in a community shopping center; that she is alcohol awareness certified; that she works in the kitchen; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understand and accepts the responsibility to hold a license; that they have \$15,000 in weekly sales; that their customers request liquor; that the license will not be a threat to the peace and safety of the neighborhood; that they do not offer entertainment; that they may request entertainment at a later time.

Ana Rosa stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she is a permanent resident; that she has been a resident of Prince George's County for six years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not had a license suspended or revoked; that she had a violation of unauthorized alterations; that she owns 50% of the stock; that she works full time at the business; that she opens and closes the restaurant; that she will comply with the rules and regulations; that she is alcohol awareness certified; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understand the responsibilities to hold a license.

Dale Shama stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that he is in support of the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License; that he is a regular customer; that they have the best menu; that they offer the highest quality of food; that he cannot drink beer; that he wants Bacardi and Patron.

Board's Exhibit #1, map presented by Chief Liquor Inspector David Son.

Mr. Sud moved approval of a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License with a Sunday Sales permit, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 11:10 a.m.