

October 25, 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
Earl Howard, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioners – left early
Anuj Sud, Commissioner
David D. Son, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly E. Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Brittany Sawyers, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:00 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Brandywine Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Savita, LLC, 14121 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, 20613, Mukeshkumar Patel, Managing Member to serve in the place and stead of Kirit Purshottams Patel. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Mukeshkumar Patel stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring; that he is a citizen; that he is a registered voter; that he holds 25% of the stock in the corporation; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating any alcoholic beverage laws; that the facts on the application as filed are true and correct; that he will be on the premises 10 hours a week; that he was previously involved in Meadows Market; that he was the resident agent; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that they have completed the \$50,000 capital investment requirement.

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

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Champagne Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, BHAV Gosal Inc., 5611 Landover Road, Cheverly, 20784, Harjinder Singh, President/Secretary/Treasurer, to serve in the place and stead of Pardeep Kaur, Treasurer. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that Mr. Singh is already a licensee; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that there has not been a change in his situation.

Harjinder Singh stated that he has owned this business for four years; that the business was charged with a sale to a minor in 2012 and 2014.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the Substitution of Corporate Officer's application, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a J.B. Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Choda, Inc., 5842 Silver Hill Road, Forestville, 20747, Rakesha Kumar, Secretary/Treasurer, to serve in the place and stead of Judy Roach, Vice President. Applicants represented by Regis Johnston, Esquire.

Rakesha Kumar stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring; that he works at the business; that he is married to the President; that they have owned the store for 13 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating the gambling laws; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 18 to sell alcoholic beverages and 21 to consume; that they had a sale to a minor in 2012; that all the employees will be alcohol awareness certified.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the Substitution of Corporate Officer's application, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Cadillac Ranch All American Bar & Grill**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Granite City Restaurant Operations, Inc., 186 Fleet Street, National Harbor, 20745, Philip Costner, CEO/President, to serve in the place and stead of Robert Doran, CEO/President **and** Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Granite City Food & Brewery**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Granite City of Maryland, Inc., 200 American Way, National Harbor, 20745, Philip Costner, CEO/President, James Cook, Assistant Secretary to serve in the place and stead of Robert Doran, CEO/President, Kevin Keller, Assistant Secretary. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Philip Costner stated that he is a resident of Minnesota; that he has been in the hospitality industry for his entire life; that Granite City has 41 restaurants; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that the application as filed is true and correct; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he understands the responsibility of holding a license; that the wait staff will be alcohol awareness certified.

James Cook stated that he is a resident of Beltsville; that he is married to Linda Carter's paralegal; that he will be the resident agent; that the application is true and correct as filed; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he understand the responsibility of holding a license; that he will make regular inspections of the premises; that he will make quarterly visits; that he is the Operations Manager at the Cancer Institute at NIH.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the substitution of corporate officers application for Cadillac Ranch All American Bar & Grill, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the substitution of corporate officers application for Granite City Food & Brewery, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Srinija Chinchode, Member, Thomas Seering, Member for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of 7 Summers Liquors, LLC, **t/a 7 Summers Liquors**, 18811 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, 20772 transfer from t/a 7 Summers Liquors, Rebecca Poole, Owner. Applicants represented by Calvert Stewart, Esquire.

Calvert Stewart, Esquire stated that this license was transferred in May due to Bankruptcy; that they have been working with DPIE to close and retrofit the building; that they have spent \$297,000 in renovations; that they expect to receive a use and occupancy permit at the end of November; that they will spend over \$300,000 in renovations.

David Son stated that there have been tremendous improvements to the exterior.

Calvert Stewart, Esquire stated that he would like to request an additional 90 day closure to enable the renovations to be completed.

Mr. Sud moved to approve an extension of the closure until February 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

Srinija Chinchode stated that she is a resident of Ashburn; that he holds 75% of the stock in the corporation; that she worked for two years at Belpre Beer and Wine; that the application as filed is true and correct; that she is alcohol awareness certified; that she is using a bank loan to purchase this business; that she did not have any violations at Belpre Beer and Wine; that she has read the rules and regulations; that she understands the rules and regulations;

Thomas Seering stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he holds 25% of the stock; that the application as filed is true and correct; that he will be on the premises 20-30 hours a week; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that he has read the rules and regulations; that he is an electrician with Chesapeake Electric; that he does not have any previous alcoholic beverages sales experience.

Calvert Steward, Esquire stated that he would like to amend the application to reflect 0 feet of on sale service.

Mr. Sud moved approval of the amending the applications, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

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

In the matter of Raj Patel, Member/Manager, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Triplestone Restaurants, LLC, **t/a B&G Tavern**, 14602 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 20607, transfer from Malomar, Inc., t/a B&G Tavern, Estel Rickett, Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Warwick, President. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Raj Patel stated that he is a resident of National Harbor; that he is a citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for six years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had a license denied for revoked; that he is the sole member of the LLC; that he will be on the premises 15-20 hours a week; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that he has a manager for the business; that the staff is alcohol awareness certified; that he is keeping the existing staff; that he has requested John Murray to provide training for the staff; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that he does not have any changes to the application; that he understand the responsibility; that he is involved in hotel management; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that the business holds a special entertainment permit; that he hasn't spoken with the Prince George's County Police; that they will be going to closing in a few weeks; that they have seven employees; two cooks and five bar staff.

Mr. Sud moved to change the hours of operation from 10:00 am – 2:00 am seven days a week, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

Raj Patel stated that he intends to do cosmetic changes to include the floor, the bar and painting.

Mr. Myers stated that he is a resident adjacent to the business; that the only notice he received of the hearing was the sign posted in the window; that this license is located in the residential neighborhood; that it was originally a country store; that he is concerned about the noise and the trash; that the business is not responsive to the community; that the business is open until 2 am; that they are even growing and changing business.

Mr. Howard stated that the complaints should be done at protest during renewal time.

Mr. Mwalimu stated that the community should work with Mr. Patel.

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

In the matter of Selvaraj Jayaraman, President/CEO, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Great American Italian Restaurants, L.L.C, **t/a Mamma Roma**, 15908A Crain Highway, transfer from Mamma Roma at Brandywine, Inc. t/a Mamma Roma, Rino Di-Santillo, President/Secretary, Bruno Di-Santillo, Vice President, Teresa Di-Santillo, Treasurer. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that this business opened six years ago; that having two businesses was too much for two people; that they have another restaurant in Piney Orchard.

Selvaraj Jayaraman stated that he is a resident of Potomac; that he is a citizen; that he is a registered voter; that he is spend 10-15 hours a week on the premises; that he has managers to run the business; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that everyone will be alcohol awareness certified; that the application is true and correct; that this is a casual dining service restaurant; that they do not have any interments; that he has read the rules and regulations.

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

In the matter of Martha Moscoso, Managing Member, for a Class D(R), Beer License for the use of El Rodeo Restaurant Bar, LLC, **t/a El Rodeo Restaurant**, 6258 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, 20737, transfer from El Rodeo Restaurant, LLC, t/a El Rodeo Restaurant, Jesus Perea, Member/Resident Agent. Applicant represented by Matthew Gorman, Esquire.

Matthew Gorman, Esquire stated that this is an old Class D license; that they have utilized both the on and off sale since the 1970s; that the previous owner died; that he son took over the operation of the business.

Martha Moscoso stated that she is a resident of Rockville; that she owns 100% of the stock; that she is the sole owner; that she has been a resident of Maryland 20 years; that she is a citizen; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been charged with violating any gambling laws; that she has not had a license denied for revoked; that she will be on the premises 60-80 hours a week; that she is familiar with the rules and regulations; that you must be 18 to sell and 21 to consume alcoholic beverages; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Sud moved to amend the application to reflect for on sale 10:00 am to 2:00 am and for off sale 10:00 am to midnight and further to amend the application to reflect 420 square feet of off sale and 2500 square feet of one sale, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu, Mr. Miles and Mr. Caldwell.

Martha Moscoso stated that she understands not to sell to minors; that they will display signs; that the staff will be alcohol awareness certified; that they will not accept vertical identification; that everyone who appears under 35 will be carded; that they will have weekly manager meetings; that there will be no change in the menu or the mode of operation; that they will not be doing renovations; that she has read the rules and regulations; that she understands the rules and regulations; that she does not have previous alcoholic beverage experience; that they will maintain the existing staff.

Matthew Gorman, Esquire stated that the stage is existing; that they don't use the stage; that they intend to request and exemption.

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

In the matter of Andy Kim, Managing Member, for a Class D(R), Beer License for the use of AK Beverages, LLC, **t/a Lucky Beer**, 6875 New Hampshire Avenue, Unit 5, Takoma Park, 20912, transfer of

location from China Dragon, Inc., China Dragon Restaurant, 7527 Landover Road, Landover, 20785, Yun Chen, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Bing Chen, Vice President. Applicants represented by Matthew Gorman, Esquire

Matthew Gorman, Esquire stated that this business is located in the shopping center where Shoppers previously held a license.

Andy Kim stated that he is a resident of Rockville; that he holds 100% of the stock; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 26 years; that he is a citizen; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating any gambling laws; that he has not had a license denied or revoked; that he worked at Langley Park Beer and Wine as the manager; that his father owns Langley Park Beer and Wine; that he will be on the premises for 60-80 hours a week; that you have to be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell; he stated the five forms of identification; that he has never held a license; that he will request conversion to a beer and wine; that all the employees will be alcohol awareness certified; that they intend to open in April 2017; that they will have a POS system that will require a date of birth to sell; that they will have a digital identification scanner; that the POS system will cost \$3,000 - \$4,000; that they will do a complete renovation; that the business is 1500 square feet; that it will be an open concept with the inventory on the floor; that they will have four employees; that they will not accept vertical identification; that they will have a digital calendar; that they have an agreement with the employees regarding sales to a minor; that there is a need for this store; that the business will not have a negative impact on the area; that his father gave him the money for this store; that his father will not have an interest in the business; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 26 years; that he has read the rules and regulations; that he understand the responsibly of hold a license.

Mr. Sud moved to amend the application to reflect 1,550 square feet, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the transfer of location, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Yue Lin, President, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Blow Fish House, Inc., **t/a Blow Fish Restaurant**, 11436 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, 20705. Applicant represented by Matthew Gorman, Esquire.

Yue Lin stated that she is a resident of Beltsville; that she is a 100% owner of the business; that she has been a resident of Maryland for five years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been charged with violating any gambling laws; that she currently holds a license with her son at this location; that her son transfer the license as part of a BL+ transfer.

Matthew Gorman, Esquire stated that the license at this location was transfer to Laurel to enable the license from Laurel to be transfer to the old Golden Bull location.

Yue Lin stated that she will remain at Blow Fish Restaurant; that she does not have an interest in any other business; that she will be at the business for 60-80 hours a week; that she has read the rules and regulations; that you must be 18 to sell and 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages; she stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that they will have monthly meetings; that they will not accept vertical identification; that they have 100% carding; that she is taking over the full operation of the business; that they can't stay in business without an alcoholic beverage license; that 60% of their sales are food with 40% alcohol; that she has a petition with approximately 30 signatures; that this is a sushi and seafood restaurant; that the rent is \$8,000; that Sake is hard liquors.

Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

In the matter of Mirna Alvarado, Owner, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Alvarados R. Kitchen, LLC, **t/a Comedor y Pupuseria San Alejo**, 1819 East West Highway, Hyattsville, 20783.
Applicant failed to appear. License Denied.

In the matter of Patrick Davis, President, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Myecab, LLC, **t/a ExclusiveBlu**, 354 Main Street, Laurel, 20707.
Patrick Davis stated that he is a resident of Laurel; he presented an informational package; that he is the owner of an IT company in Laurel; that he is the sole owner of this business; that he has been a resident of Prince George's County for 28 years; that this is his first application; that Laurel is undergoing changes; that he is a volunteer fire fighter; that this will impact the changeover on Main Street; that he intends to open a restaurant; that he hopes to influence changes on Main Street; that the building will be renovated; that he expects to open in May 2017; he presented architectural renditions; that he a passionate small business owner; that this business will add to the curb appeal on Main Street; that he will get a security camera; that he owns the building; that he intends to spend \$650,000 in renovations; that the business is 4832 square feet; that there is a roof top area; that the roof top area is open; that he expects sales of \$300,000 annually; that the area is 650 square feet on the roof top and 650 square feet on the 1st floor.

Mr. Sud moved to amend the application to reflect 1300 square feet of on sale space and 0 square feet of off sale space, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

Patrick Davis stated that he does not have an interest in any other license; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating any gambling laws or alcoholic beverage laws; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he understand the responsibility of hold a license; that he understands that the inspection staff can inspect the entire premises; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; he stated the five forms of identification; that the is a resident of Maryland; that he is a registered voter.

Mr. Sud moved to amend the hours of operation to Sunday 10 am to 10 pm, Monday – Thursday 4 pm – 12 midnights and Friday and Saturday 4 pm to 1 am, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Caldwell.

Patrick Davis stated that he is working with the City of Laurel; that he is making changes to Main Street. Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

Mr. Mwalimu moved to issue the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License to t/a Blow Fish Restaurant, seconded by Mr. Sud and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of William Hanson, Managing Member/Authorized Person, Thomas Joyner, Authorized Person, James Lokoff, Authorized Person, for a new Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Milkboy College Park, LLC, **t/a MilkBoy & Arthouse**, 7416 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that this is the old Terp Station location; that the property was purchased by the University of Maryland.

James Lokoff stated that the name come from Milkboy Recording Studio a business in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

William Hanson stated that they will have four stages and an art gallery.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that they anticipate opening in March 2016; that they will spend \$1.2 million on the build out; that they will have egress from the back of the building; that the University of Maryland Foundation is excited by this business.

William Hanson stated that they have an agreement with the University of Maryland; that the University of Maryland does not have an ownership interest.

Thomas Joyner stated that they have had no violation at the two establishment in Philadelphia; that they opened for business in 1996; that he will open this business; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that scanner are available; that they have a professional management team; that there will be eight managers and 65 employees.

Robert Ryan stated that the City Council met and voted not to oppose this application; that they do not have a food to alcohol ratio in the property use agreement.

Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the new Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of Jonathan Vandegrift, Authorized Person, for a new Class B(EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Shake Shack Maryland, LLC, **t/a Shake Shack**, 101 National Avenue, #16, National Harbor, 20745. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Alan Ng stated that the application as filed is true and correct.

Jonathan Vandegrift stated that he is a resident of New York; that the application as filed is true and correct; that the hours are correct.

Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the new Class B (EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

In the matter of James Reyes, Member/Authorized Person, Andrew Masi, Authorized Person, for a new Class B(EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Clique Center Bar, DC, LLC, **t/a Blossom Cocktail Lounge**, 101 National Avenue, National Harbor, 20745 **and** In the matter of James Reyes, Member/Authorized Person, Andrew Masi, Authorized Person, for a new Class B(EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Clique Center Bar, DC, LLC, **t/a Felt Bar & Lounge**, 101 National Avenue, National Harbor, 20745. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire

James Reyes stated that he has 25 years of experience with 20-25 nightclubs; that the application is true and correct; that he moved to this area; that he lives in Fairfax.

Andrew Masi stated the he has 30 years of experience with 40 different business; that he lives in Las Vegas; that the application as filed is true and correct; that the patrons will be carded.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the businesses are upscale bars for an older crowd; that the hours for t/a Blossom Cocktail Lounge will be 24 hours a day and t/a Felt Bar & Lounge from 4 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Board's Exhibit #1, Cristian Mendoza presented the map.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the new Class B (EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for t/a Blossom Cocktail Lounge, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Sud moved for the approval of the new Class B (EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor License for t/a Felt Bar & Lounge, seconded by Mr. Mwalimu and made unanimous by Mr. Howard and Mr. Caldwell

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 2:05 pm