

February 26, 2019

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:07 a.m.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Brews**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 15650 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, 20716, David Hansen to serve as Treasurer in the place and stead of Terry Harryman, President/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

David Hansen stated that he is a resident of Colorado; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that he has not been found in violation of any laws concerning gambling; that the information in the application is correct and there have not been any changes; that he is the Chief Accounting Officer; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the operation of the business is not changing; that he is on the license for other stores in Maryland; that he won't be on the premises much, but will be in contact with the stores through the licensing department.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a The Westin National Harbor**, Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 171 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Elizabeth Delens to serve as President/Director in the place and stead of Terri Ryan, President/Director.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Elizabeth Delens stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that there have been no changes to the personal information on the application; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that she has not been found in violation of any laws concerning gambling; that she is the Vice President of Operations for Crestline Hotel and Resorts; that her primary responsibility is in the daily operation of the

hotel; that the operation of the hotel will not be changing; that she has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that she will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understands she must appear before the Board if any violation occurs.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Levy at FedEx Field**, Class B, FBS, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1600 FedEx Way, Landover, 20785, Donte Hewlett to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Franz Alexander Shelko, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Donte Hewlett stated that he is coming on as a licensee; that he has worked for the company for three and a half years; that he moved to the area in July from Salt Lake City; that he is the Assistant Director of Operations in Maryland; that he ensures the employees are trained and follows the Rules and Regulations; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that the information in the application is true and correct; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations and implements them regularly; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he understands if there is a violation he must appear before the Board even if he was not on the premises when the violation occurred.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she is here as legal representation and as a licensee; that nothing in the application has changed; that she is the resident licensee; that Levy operates the concessions for the stadium.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Granite City Food & Brewery**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 200 American Way, National Harbor, 20745, Nathan G. Hjelseth to serve as CFO/Secretary in the place and stead of Jeffrey Rager, CFO/Secretary.

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In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Cadillac Ranch All American Bar & Grill**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 186 Fleet Street, National Harbor, 20745, Nathan G. Hjelseth to serve as CFO/Secretary in the place and stead of Jeffrey Rager, CFO/Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Nathan Hjelseth stated that he is a resident of Waconia, Minnesota; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or sale of alcohol laws; that he is the new Chief Financial Officer; that Jeffrey Rager left the company; that as a licensee he understands he is personally responsible for any violations that may occur and must appear before the Board; that he is responsible even if he is not on the premises when the violation occurs; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that

the application is true and correct; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers applications, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Narasimha M. Chappa, President, Ajay K. Gosain, Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of SDAS, LLC, **t/a North South Liquor**, 8861 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, transfer from C-Square Liquors, Inc., t/a Cipriano Square Liquors, Jenny Younghee, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Jason Deloach, Esquire.

Jason Deloach, Esquire requested to amend the application to show Narasimha M. Chappa as Vice President and Ajay K. Gosain as President.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

Narasimha Chappa stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 18 years; that he is a math teacher at Bowie High School currently; that he is a naturalized citizen; that he is a member of SDAS, LLC; that he is a 50% owner and the Vice President; that they have applied for a transfer, but are not changing the location of the license; that they will operate as a liquor store selling beer wine and liquor; that they will not change the operation of the business; that the hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. every day; that they have one other employee currently and plan to add another employee later; that he has gone through Alcohol Awareness training; that he will be there every day in the evenings; that he wants to be involved with the community; that they plan to support fundraisers and try to help teens; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any sale of alcohol or gambling laws; that he intends to obey all laws; that he believes the license is necessary to accommodate the public; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations even if he is not present at the time; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he believes community service is important; that the hours will be 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. every day except Friday, that they will be open until 11:30 p.m. that day; that they are still working out the hours; that they will notify the Board of any changes.

Ajay Gosain stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he has been a resident for about 4 years; that he is currently a self-employed cab driver in Prince George's County; that he is the President of the company; that he owns 50% of SDAS, LLC; that they are here to transfer the license; that he will work in the store most of the time; that he will be there from about 9:00 a.m. until about 7:00/8:00 p.m.; that he is President because he is there most of the time; that he will be dealing with the vendors; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations even if he is not present at the time; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he will discuss their community involvement with his partner; that community service is important to them; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any sale of alcohol or gambling laws.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of James J. Zenni, Jr., Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of FM Restaurant Chevy's Opco, **t/a Chevy's Mexican Restaurant**, 7511 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, transfer from RM Chevy's, LLC, t/a Chevy's Mexican Restaurant, Susan Cook, Authorized Person, Mustafa N. Alasaad, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Kenton Hooge stated that he is a resident of Greenbelt; that he is the General Manager for the restaurant; that he is responsible for the day to day operations; that he is to ensure the operations comply with the license and to take care of guests; that he is there 75-80 hours per week; that half of the employees at the restaurant are involved with the alcohol in some way; that he ensures all employees are Alcohol Awareness trained internally; that their policy is to ask for identification for any that appears to be under 40 and that they do not accept vertical driver's license.

James Zenni stated that he is a resident of Florida; that there has been no change to the personal information on the application; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any laws concerning the sale of alcohol or gambling; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible if a violation occurs even though he is not on the premises and must appear before the Board; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Richard J. Kelly, Jr., President, Cindy L. MacIntyre, Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Abell, Assistant Secretary, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Capital City Chili, Inc., **t/a Hard Times Café**, 4738 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, 20740, transfer from Capital City Chili, Inc., t/a Hard Times Café, William Swint, President, Jennifer Swint, Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Abell, Assistant Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Richard Kelly stated that he is a resident of Arlington; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any laws concerning the sale of alcohol or gambling; that he holds licenses in Northern Virginia; that he has not had a license revoked or had any violations; that he does not have an interest in a business that holds an alcoholic beverages license in Prince George's County; that he has 37.5% interest in the business; that he is the President of the business; that he will be on premises 10 hours a week; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that he has completed his Alcohol Awareness training; that he will ensure the employees will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that he understands he is obligated to appear before the Board should a violation occur; that he is responsible for the license; that they used to also have a location in Waldorf and they lost the lease; that it closed recently.

Cindy MacIntyre stated that she is a citizen of the United States; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been found guilty of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that she does not have an interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County; that she owns 37.5% of the interest in the business and will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that she understands she is obligated to the Board to appear should there be any violations.

Robert Ryan stated that he is the Director of the Department of Public Services; that he is here on behalf of the city council in support of the transfer; that he wants to ensure the property use agreement continues in the operation stated in the agreement as before and that there continues to be a 35% limit on alcohol to food ratio.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Andrew Labetti, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of WDC Concession Partners, LLC, **t/a Sheraton College Park North**, 4095 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, 20705, transfer from WDC Concession Partners, LLC, t/a Sheraton College Park North, Joy C. Villa, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Paul Jackson, Esquire.

Thomas Dwyer stated that he is the court appointed receiver for t/a Sheraton College Park North; that this was court ordered on September 7, 2018; that after six months they are able to transfer the license without the licensees' consent if they are not cooperating; that they are using this authority.

Andrew Labetti stated that he is a resident of Millersville; that he has been a resident since May 2016; that he has a 25% interest in the business; that the layout of the business has not changed; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws regarding gambling or the sale of alcohol; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverages license in Manager; that he has been the manager of the hotel since September; that he has completed TIPS training; that he has been in hotel management for 30 years; that he had his TIPS certification renewed recently; that he believes his patrons will be travelers, people visiting University of Maryland, people who work for government agencies and those doing business in Beltsville; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he is familiar with the type of license the hotel has and understands there cannot be any off sale.

Paul Jackson, Esquire requested to amend the application from WDC Concession Partners LLC to College Park Bev LLC and to reflect Andrew Labetti as having a 25% interest and College Park Bev LLC having a 75% interest.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Nicola Davis Bobbitt, Authorized Person, Dwight Hall, Authorized Person for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of HOT POT GRILL LLP, **t/a HOT POT GRILL**, 7931 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire requested to amend the application to the changes outlined in his letter to include changing the corporation; that they are not a Limited Liability Company but two general partners.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

Nicola Bobbit stated that she is a resident of Capital Heights; that she is a permanent resident; that she has been a resident of Maryland for 14 years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that she does not have an interest in any other business in Prince George's County with an alcoholic beverages license; that she is a 50%; that she will be on the premises 30 hours per week; that they have been open for six months; that she has negotiated with the landlord for additional space and will double the size; that she will have 80 seats; that she has been through Alcohol Awareness training; that the business is in a commercial shopping center; that she will ensure that her employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application other than those requested; that she understands she is responsible for any violation that may occur; that she will respond before the Board for any issues; that they are a full service restaurant specializing in Jamaican cuisine; that they have a petition in support of the license with them with 344 signatures; that they also brought the updated layout; that the area has fast food, but not any that are sit down restaurants; that she believes the license is necessary to accommodate the public; that they will be open 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. every day; that they don't believe they will disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Dwight Hall stated that he is a resident of Capitol Heights; that he is a 50% owner; that he is a permanent resident; that he has been a resident of Maryland for five years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that he does not have an interest in any other business in Prince George's County with an alcoholic beverages license; that he will be on the premises 60 hours a week; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that if the license is approved he will ensure the employees follow the rules and regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he understands that he is responsible should a violation occur.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a Class B, Beer and Wine license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Carl S. Williams, Managing Member, Russell Thomas, Member, Mark McCain, General Manager Member for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Elite Edge Athletics, LLC, **t/a Athletic Republic Capitol Region**, 6417 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that they can amend their license from a Class B, BLX to a regular Class B, but that there is a discrepancy in the measurement for the 500 feet requirement from a church; that her interpretation is that it is to the establishment and not to the building doors; that if it is to the main doors of the building it does not meet the requirement, but if it is to the establishment that would have the license inside it does.

Deputy Chief Inspector Cristian Mendoza stated that he did the measuring from the main doors to St. Paul's church it is 295 feet.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the food and beverage is not allowed to leave the restaurant area; that there is one entrance; that the space from the main door of the building to the door of the café should be included; that the law says establishment not building; that it is akin to putting

a restaurant in the mall and the mall itself is by a church but the restaurant inside is more than 500 feet away; that it is also similar to an open air shopping mall; that if they need two different addresses she can do so.

Carl Williams stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that there are two different electricity meters in the building that get checked, but there is one address; that the measurements were prepared by an architect.

Linda Carter, Esquire would like to amend to apply for a B, but if the Board does not agree with her interpretation of the measurement she would like to request for the matter to be continued to May; that St. Paul is moving, and it will be more than 500 feet.

Mr. Camacho moved to continue this matter to May, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Johnny West, Operations Director, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Artsgroup, Inc., **t/a StudioPlace By Artsgroup**, 4719 Stamp Road, Temple Hills, 20748.

Johnny West stated that he is a resident of Temple Hills; that he is here to apply for a Class C license; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had a license revoked; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverages license in Prince George's County; that he is the owner of StudioPlace by Artsgroup; that he appreciates the additional time given; that it is a veteran owned business; that he would like to amend the application to a Class C license.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Mr. Graham.

Johnny West stated that where the alcohol is to be served is a private location on the premises with members only; that it will be behind a separate door; that he moved in 2008; that he has worked in the military and in Washington, D.C.; that he began working for StudioPlace in 2013 as a photographer; that there is photography now, theatre, comedy, and local talent that he wants to bring into this space; that the bar will be for the sole use of the members and not open to the public; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that it is a converted warehouse space; that there were 17 automotive units and it was renovated to an arts center for photos, art and music; that a Class C License means that it must be for members only with a \$5 minimum dues and a minimum of 100 members; that they have offices across the country; that they will establish memberships going forward; that they are a 501(c)(3) organization and have received funding from grants that used the qualification of being a national organization and they met the qualifications; that they don't require people to be members currently to shoot weddings and events; that they do have a roster of employees; that they have reviewed how other places get members and have people sign up as they enter; that they have not finalized that yet; that he can also provide an artist list; that they do not have 100 members paying dues yet; that they also don't have the license yet; that they have associates and members; that some pay dues, but not in terms of monthly dues, but in working with them; that it is not feasible for them to have paying members currently; that people pay or they are paid a stipend for their work; that he requests a continuance to look more into the requirements and become better prepared.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a continuance, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Chapman and Mr. Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 11:36 a.m.