

March 26, 2019
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
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: 11:00 a.m.

In the matter a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken**, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5810 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, Tracy L. Kirby to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Suttichai Raungtriphop, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Mark Dawejko stated that he is a resident of Pennsylvania; that he is the owner.

Tracy Kirby stated that she is a resident of Owings Mills; that she has been a resident for 13 years; that she is registered to vote in Baltimore county; that the company she works for a company that did work for Mark Dawejko when they first opened and that they remained friends; that the application is true and correct; that she understands that she is responsible for any violations that may occur; that she is confident in the training practices of the business; that she is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; 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 application, seconded by Mr. Miles.

Daphne Turpin Forbes stated that the application has an error; that they stated there had not been a violation at the business, but there was one in July 2017; that the application should be amended to reflect that.

The motion failed.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested the application be amended to reflect the violation.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Wolfgang Puck Catering**, Class B (BCE), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 137 National Plaza, Suite 200, National Harbor, 20745, John D. Currie to serve as Operations Controller in the place and stead of Deirdre A. Feely, Director of Operations.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

John Currie stated that he is a resident of Frederick; that the application is true and correct; that he will be on the premises approximately 25% of the time; that his office is in a museum in downtown Washington, D.C.; that he will be in regular communication with the staff; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that may occur even if he is not on the premises; 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 application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a The Flight Deck at The Capital Wheel**, Class D(NH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 151 National Harbor Blvd, National Harbor, 20745, Katrina D. Washington to serve as Member/Authorized Person in the place and stead of Michael E. Meyers, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Katrina Washington stated that she is a resident of Oxon Hill; that she is an employee of the Peterson Companies; that the application is true and correct; that she has confidence in the General Manager that the establishment will be run well and follow the Rules and Regulations of the Board; that she is familiar 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 she understands she is responsible should a violation occur.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application **t/a Bobby's Burger Palace**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8150 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Angela Himbrick to serve as Member in the place and stead of James W. Nickerson, Member.

Applicant is represented by Matthew Tedesco, Esquire.

Angela Himbrick stated that she is a resident of Bowie; that she has been at her current address for one year; that previously she lived in Hyattsville; that she is registered to vote in Prince George's County; that she is an employee at Bobby's Burger Palace; that she has been the General Manager since March of 2018; that she has prior alcohol experience with working at Universal Studios; that she is on the premises approximately 50 hours per week; that she is involved with the day to day operations; that she has her Alcohol Awareness Training Certificate; that the legal age to consume is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understands and accepts the responsibility for any violations that may occur; that they had a prior violation; that their policy is to card everyone that appears under the age of 35; that the employee involved in the sale was terminated; that there are daily huddles in the morning and evening; that they go over the proper identification acceptable and the correct minimum date for legal age to purchase alcohol.

Matthew Tedesco, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect the prior violation.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Benjamin Ricker, President/Secretary, James Ricker, Vice President/Treasurer, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of J and B, LLC, **t/a Maryland News Center**, 2912 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782, transfer from Maryland News Center, Inc., t/a Maryland News Center, Philip Ricker, President/Treasurer, Deborah Anne Skelly, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Benjamin Ricker stated that he is a resident of Annapolis; that the application is true and correct, but there needs to be an amendment; that there was a violation at the business seven to eight years ago; that he was an employee at the time, but not a licensee.

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

Benjamin Ricker stated that he will be at the establishment 40 hours a week; that it will be his full time job; that he will be involved in the day to day operations; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he will be responsible for any violations that occur; that he will be before the Board soon again in regards to a Substitution of Corporate Officer's application to add him to the current license while this license transfers; that it will take time to effectuate the transfer; that the current licensee is moving out of state; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that the business started as a newsstand that his grandfather opened; that they still offer a few newspapers from around the world, but now primarily just sell beer and wine.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of William B. Davenport, Authorized Person, Eldridge A. Burns, Jr., Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of TopGolf USA National Harbor, LLC, **t/a Topgolf**, 6400 Clipper Way, Oxon Hill, 20745.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect the correct hours of operation as Sunday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00a.m.

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

William Davenport stated that he is a resident of Texas; that he is the CFO; that he is a member of the executive team; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that none of the personal information on the application has change; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that the business is a golf entertainment facility; that there are currently 49 locations; that this will be the 51st; that it will be 65,000 square feet with 102 bays, three levels and food and drink; that the seating capacity will be well over 100 as per the requirements for this class of license; that he is also aware of the \$1 million investment; that there will be 550 employees; that approximately 200-300 will be involved with alcohol sales;

that all those directly involved with alcohol sales will go through state certification; that those indirectly involved will go through responsible alcohol training through the company; that approximately \$10 million went into the facility; that at least \$1 million has already gone into the kitchen equipment and seating; that Prince George's County is a great environment for this facility; that MGM and the convention center provide more customers; that most of their revenue comes from similarly set up places; that they expect to open on June 1, 2019; that they don't believe that it will negatively impact the community; that the Alexandria location is the same company, but the new facility will be bigger and nicer; that the Loudon county facility is much more indicative of what the new business will look like; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that may occur; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve. Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Johnny West, Operations Director, for a Class C, Fraternal, 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 has been a Maryland resident for 10 years; that he has never held a license previously; that he does not hold a financial interest in any other business that sells alcohol; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that he is the owner and curator for an arts collector; that the building is to attract artists; that it has been done all over the country; that he wants to bring it here; that he has done work with the military and in information with the government; that his work brought him here; that he still works for the military; that he has a list that was submitted electronically this morning for his list of members.

Tammy Norman asked what type of entertainment he intends to have at the facility.

Johnny West stated that it will be artists that will entertain; that primarily it will be comedy, poetry, spoken word; that the building is a converted warehouse; that they are currently open; that he needs to amend the application to reflect the updated address.

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

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 11:45 a.m.