

March 27, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Brittany Sawyers, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:10 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a University of Maryland Alumni Association**, Class B(BCE), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, College Park, 20742, Jessica Roberts, Associate Executive Director/Resident Agent, in the place and stead of Janice McMillan, CFO.

Jessica Roberts stated that she works in College Park; that this is a Substitution of Corporate Officers application; that this license is just for the Alumni Association.

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

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a The Hotel at the University of Maryland**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Linda Carter, Authorized Person in place and stead of Anthony Izzo, Member/ Authorized Person.

Linda Carter stated that she is a resident of Millersville; that she was requested to be on the license; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she is familiar with rules and regulations; that she understands the responsibility of being on a license; the there is no change in the application as filed.

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

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a MGM National Harbor**, B(EF), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 101 Harborview Avenue, Oxon Hill, 20745, Melonie Johnson, Authorized Person in place and stead of William Boasberg Authorized Person.

Melonie Johnson stated that he is the Property President and Chief Operating Officers; that she has worked in the gaming industry for 20 years; that the applications is true and correct; that she works 80 hours a week.

Max Fisher stated that he is a resident of Falls Church; that he is the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; that he has been in the gaming industry for 20 years; that the application is true and correct as filed.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the substitution of corporate officers, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Seven-Eleven Store**, Class D(R), Beer and Wine, 7206 Sheriff Road, Landover, 20785, Andre Fields, Assistant Recording Secretary in place and stead of Jordana Simmons, Assistant Recording Secretary. Andre Fields stated that he is a resident of Landover; that he is the manager of the business; that he works 48 hours a week; that the application is true and correct as filed.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the substitution of corporate officers, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Dany Nguyen, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Manokeek Liquors, Inc., **t/a Manokeek Liquors**, 7091 Berry Road, Suite B, Accokeek, 20607 transfer from Manokeek Liquors, Inc., t/a Manokeek Liquors Dany Cong Nguyen, President, Johnny Nguyen, Vice President, Suzana Wong, Secretary/Treasurer. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Dany Nguyen states that he is a resident of Beltsville; that he has been a licensee at this business since 2002; that he is the sole owner; that he owns 100%; that he works 24-30 hours a week. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Conrado Alfaro, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of C H A Restaurant, Inc., **t/a OMG Restaurant and Lounge**, 1401 University Boulevard, E Unit G-12, 13 & Part of 14 Hyattsville, 20783 transfer from Matthew Group, t/a Omega Lounge, Jorge Menendez-Colocho, President/Treasurer/Secretary. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Conrado Alfaro stated that he is a resident of Beltsville; that he is a permanent resident; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 36 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violation any alcoholic beverage laws; that he has not had a license revoked; that this is his first license; that he owns 100%; that he will work 40-50 hours a week; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he will comply with the rules and regulations; that his employees will be alcohol awareness certified; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; that he understands the responsibility of holding a license.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of David Jones, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Woodmore Restaurant Holdings, LLC, **t/a Copper Canyon Grill**, 9300 Taj Lane, Lanham, 20706 transfer from Woodmore Restaurant Holdings, LLC, t/a Copper Canyon, David Jones, Managing Member, Matthew Verney, Member. Applicants represented by Matthew Tedesco, Esquire.

David Jones stated that he is a resident of Clarksville; that he understands the rules and regulations; that he accepts the responsibility; that he has been on the license since 2012; that he is the authorized person; that all the information on the application is correct; that he is alcohol awareness certified.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Valery Azeh, Member, Njukang Asong, Member for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, for the use of Holmes Lounge, LLC, **t/a Holmes Lounge**, 10601 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705. Applicants represented by Sean Morris, Esquire.

Njukang Asong stated that he is a resident of Middle River; that he is the co-owner of the business; that he is the managing partner; that this is an upscale West African restaurant; that he is catering to young professionals; that they have a menu; that the menu is unique; that there are not any restaurants like theirs in the area; that they will offer mostly sit down; that they have good spicy African food; that they have already invested \$85,000 and anticipate spending \$120,000 on the restaurant; that their funds was personal money; that they do not have any loans; that they hired a chef; that the people are happy about them opening; that they have 29 letters of support; that there are no other restaurant like this in Beltsville with West African food; that they will feature food from Cameroon; that both of the owners will be onsite; that his background is finance and human resources; that they have previously worked with the owners of a restaurant in Silver Spring; that his partners family had a restaurant; that he understands the responsibility to comply with the laws; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that a person must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that everyone appearing under 35 will be carded; that they will not accept vertical identification; that they emphasize food at the restaurant; that he has not been convicted of a crimes; that there are no changes to the application; that the restaurant is not open; that they plan to open in two to three weeks; that they will have eight tables; that the menu has four items.

Valery Azeh stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that he has been a resident of Maryland for nine years; that he is owner of the business; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that there are no changes to the application; that he will work as needed; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he agrees with the policies; that they will not offer entertainment.

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In the matter of Helen Kumbumbara, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Afrique Arts and Cultural Establishment, LLC, **t/a Prime Restaurant**, 5126 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781. Applicants represented by Abigail Bruce-Watson, Esquire.

Helen Kumbumbara stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that she has been at that address for one year; that her previous address was in Riverdale; that she is a citizen; that she is a registered voter; that the application is true and correct; that she is currently the licensee; that this is an African restaurant; that they offer Cameroon food; that she started the restaurant business to bring people together to enjoy their native food; that this is a family restaurant; that they are open for lunch and dinner; that they have been open for two years; that they have four employees; that they have had a significant increase in customers; that they have over 100 customers; that there

are over 2000 people from West African and West Indies in the area; that the area is in the revitalization district; that she has had a lot of growth; that she is the general manager; that she is alcohol awareness certified; that she has read the rules and regulations; that she understands 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 she will train the employees; that they have 100% identification checks; that they have plans to offer entertainment; that they will add entertainment in the next 5-6 months; that they want a DJ to play African music for the customers; that they will talk to the community about volunteering; that they had a violation in December 2017; that they have a sign above the window; that the violation was not related to sales of alcoholic beverages; that the violation was related to entertainment; that they want entertainment; that they want a DJ.

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Helen Atagwe stated that she is a resident of Laurel; that she is a customer of the restaurant; that her friends want an establishment with entertainment; that they want hard liquors; that her friends don't want come without entertainment or hard liquor.

Gana Divine stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that they are working hard; that the customers want liquor; that the customers have requested liquor; that they have passed five compliance checks.

Denis Fubeh stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that he is a customer; that he is a fan of African food; that he would like wine and liquor with his meal; that he doesn't want to go there without liquor.

Wilfred Mbah stated that he is a resident of Hyattsville; that he wants to eat food from Cameroon; that the business doesn't have fighting; that he would like the license issued to them.

In the matter of Jiyeon Lee, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Ki Soon, Park, Assistant Secretary for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of TripleJ, Inc., **t/a South Pride Seafood and Soul**, 5201 Indian Head Highway, Unit A, Oxon Hill, 20745. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that his clients would be happy to accept the Class D, Beer and Wine license; that they opened the restaurant in July 2016; that this is a very popular restaurant in Eastover.

Ki Soon Park stated that she is a resident of Glen Burnie; that she is a citizen; that she has been a resident of Maryland for 13 years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has never held an alcoholic beverage license; that she owns 25% of the stock; that she is familiar with the rules and regulations; that she is alcohol awareness certified;

Jiyeon Lee stated that she is a resident of Annandale; that she is the citizen; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been charged with violating any alcoholic beverage laws; that she does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that she holds 75% of the stock; that she is familiar 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; she presented a petition of support; that she serve 300 people a day; that they serve 200 meals a week; that the restaurant opened July 2016; that they donate to the police department for local events.

Elvi Thomas stated that she is a resident of the District of Columbia; that she is a customer; that she has been a customer since 2016; that she is happy with the food; that she wants beer and wine.

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Mr. Camacho moved to issue a Class B (AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor License to t/a Prime Restaurant, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

Mr. Camacho moved to issue a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License to t/a Holmes Lounge, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

Mr. Camacho moved to transfer the Class D, Beer and Wine License from t/a Prime Restaurant to t/a South Pride Seafood and Soul, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Walter Andino, Member/Manager, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Cuscatlecos, LLC, **t/a Laurel Double-T Diner**, 14550 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Applicants represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she would like to amend the application to apply for a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license. Mr. Camacho moved approval of the request, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Mr. Camacho moved approval of the requested to amend the application to reflect Walter Adino owning 49% and Ioannis Korologos owning 51% of the stock in the corporation, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Walter Adino stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he worked at Double T since 1993; that this is a dream come true; that Mr. Korologos believed in him; that this is the old Silver Diner location; that they have spent \$800,000 in renovation; that they are renovating the interior; that they have a Greek interior designer; that he will work 60-85 hours a week; that his brother in law will help with the business; that there are no changes to the application; that the first Double T Diner opened in 1959; that the current owners bought them in 1987; there are currently eight diners with seven owned by the Mr. Korologos

Ioannis Korologos stated that he is a resident of Ellicott City; that the hours are as stated that they have 145 seats; that they make donations to schools, churches and sports.

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Mr. Camacho moved to approve a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Sil Mudsi, Member-Manager for a new Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Balkonie Restaurant Group, LLC, **t/a Balkonie**, 6323 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, 20740. Applicants represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Sil Mudsi stated that he is a resident of Olney; that this is the old Sir Walter Raleigh Inn; that he is a citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 10 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had a license revoked; that he does not have an interest in any other alcoholic beverage license; that he is the 100% member/manager; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that he is alcohol awareness certified; that you must be 21 to purchase and 18 to sell alcoholic beverages; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that they will have 40 employees; that the restaurant is 9,000 square feet; that they have an extensive menu;

that the renovations have started; that they anticipate opening early summer; that he understands the responsibilities; that they offer typical American cuisine; that there are no changes to the application; that they will donate to the police department.

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Mr. Camacho moved to approve a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Tao Li, President, for a new Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Everland, Inc., t/a **LATAO – Sushi Cuisine**, 6700 Baltimore Avenue, Suite A & B, College Park, 20740. Applicants represented by L. Paul Jackson, II, Esquire.

Tao Li stated that he is a resident of Frederick; that he is the owner of the restaurant; that he is a citizen; that he holds 85% of the stock; that he has a partner with 15%; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violation any gambling laws; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that Quing Huang holds 15% of the stock; that he will work on the premises eight hours a day; that they have 192 seats in the restaurant; that there is a bar without any seats; that the restaurant is 5300 square feet.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to change the number of seats on the applications, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Tao Li stated that the build out is expected to cost \$1.1 million; that they will have a full menu; that they will offer Southern Chinese cuisine; that Southern Chinese cuisine is spicy; that they will also offer Japanese food; that he previously owned a restaurant in Frederick; that he owned that restaurant for seven years; that he is opening this restaurant in College Park; that he anticipates his clientele being students and faculty of the University of Maryland as well as the community; that he has read the rules and regulations; that he understands the rules and regulations; that a patron must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that the servers and bartenders will be alcohol awareness certified; that he will comply with the rules and regulations; that the hours on the application are correct for now; that he will donate to the police, fire department and students; that parking is available; that he anticipates opening in August or September.

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Mr. Camacho moved to approve a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.