## May 8, 2019 9200 Basil Court Largo, MD 20774

## THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman Kenneth Miles, Commissioner Tammie Norman, 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: 7:05 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a Los Antojitos Mexican Grill,** Class B, Beer and Wine, 9123 Riggs Road, Adelphi, 20783 – Special Entertainment Permit.

Moises Diaz stated that he is a resident of Hyattsville.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she met with them to go over the security plan; that she asked that they bring a copy of their Use and Occupancy Permit with them to ensure the security plan conforms; that the entertainment will end at midnight; that it will take place on Friday and Saturday; that the karaoke machine is attached to the wall; that she requested they remove the window tint and put up blinds for better security and to fix one of their cameras; that they are to have these changes made by June 21, 2019; that she has informed them that any adjustments to the security plan must be approved; that per the Use and Occupancy Permit the entertainment must end by midnight, but the business will stay open until 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday; that they will still have music after midnight, but it will be from a jukebox; that there are only 49 seats; the max attendance expected is 30; that they also discussed acceptable noise levels. Mr. Miles moved to approve the Special Entertainment Permit application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of **t/a OMG Restaurant Bar & Lounge,** Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1401 University Boulevard, Langley Park, 20783 – Special Entertainment Permit. <u>Conrado Alfaro</u> stated that he is resident of Rockville.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that they met approximately two weeks ago to discuss the security plan; that this is a fairly new establishment; that they have made renovations since the previous owner sold it; that it looks very nice and has a different level of clientele; that they are looking to have karaoke with a Disc Jockey; that it will take place on the weekends mostly; that there will be one civilian security guard and one part time Prince George's County Police Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; that they will close at 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:00 a.m. on Sunday and 1:00 a.m. every other night; that the security plan is adequate; that they will keep an eye on the establishment; that they understand there is to be no dancing without a Dance Hall Permit; that they can revisit the security plan later if they apply for a Dance Hall Permit; that she has no issues with the security plan.

Mr. Miles moved to approve the Special Entertainment Permit application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of **t/a Topgolf**, Pending Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 6400 Clipper Way, Oxon Hill, 20745 – Special Entertainment Permit.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost.

<u>Shawn Crofton</u> stated that he is a resident of Washington, D.C.; that he is the Director of Operations for the venue; that he oversees the operation of the entire venue; that he has been with the company for two and a half years; that he oversaw the location in New Jersey for two years.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she reviewed the security plan via e-mails and phone calls; that the establishment is not open yet; that they intend to have live music and a Disc Jockey; that they will have civilian security and part time Prince George's County Police officer; that she finds the security plan to be adequate currently; that she will do a walk through when they are ready to open; that entertainment will be on Friday and Saturday; that there will not be entertainment on the weekdays.

<u>Shawn Crofton</u> stated that they intend to be open mid to late June; that the music played on the weeks will be similar to the music during regular time; that they just want to mix it up.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she wants them to call prior to using the Special Entertainment Permit for her to do a walkthrough; that they will have two part time security every day; that they are in the process of determining the exact company they will use.

<u>Shawn Crofton</u> stated that the entire venue has a capacity of 14,000; that in the summer the rooftop terrace where the music will take place holds a little over 100 and the main bar that will be used in the winter has a similar capacity.

Mr. Miles moved to approve the Special Entertainment Permit application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Norman and Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of **t/a De Ranch**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3511 Maryland Avenue, Cheverly, 20785 – Special Entertainment Permit.

Paschal Agubuzo stated that he is a resident of Mitchellville.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u> stated that there is a substantial opposition to the Special Entertainment Permit application; that there is a couple here tonight to oppose the matter; that Mr. Agubuzo will probably need to meet with the community to work with them prior to the granting of a Special Entertainment Permit.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she met with the manager at the location; that they went over the property; that it is a small venue; that entertainment will mostly be Friday and Saturday until 2:30 a.m. which is closing time; that there have not been any significant calls for service; that she understands there is opposition, but is unsure of the reasoning; that the security plan is adequate as long as the

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hours are adhered to; that they will close at 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 1:30 a.m. every other night; that there will be civilian security and a member of the Prince George's County Police Department; that it is sufficient security for the number of people.

<u>James Carmon</u> stated that he is a resident of Landover; that he was at the hearing in August 2017 when they applied for the alcoholic beverage license; that he stated several reasons why they shouldn't be granted a license; that he doesn't feel they should get a Special Entertainment Permit either; that you can see inside the establishment from his house; that his house is across the street to the left; that his wife wakes him up when it's loud to go ask them to be quiet; that they said originally they were going to concentrate on food and not entertainment, but apparently that was a lie; that the building was originally a veterinary hospital and then a Chinese restaurant; that Aldi opened next door to them; that they were unloading all of their trucks at night; that when he told them the noise was keeping them up at night, Aldi fixed the problem; that when Mr. Agubuzo has parties they spill over to the other parking lots and people hang out there all hours and leave trash for the next morning.

<u>Sandra Carmon</u> wants to know what value having a Special Entertainment Permit brings to the community; that it is a congested area with one way in and one way out; that it will be disruptive and noisy all hours; that they don't want to hear the loud music; that they have experienced this before they got their Alcoholic Beverages License; that there are documented complaints; that she has a copy of the letter sent out about the noise; that a task force was sent out and the noise went down; that the owner tried to intimidate them; that in November of 2006 she was getting ready to go out of town and while she was packing cars had parked everywhere; that they were parked in her yard, next door, that all of them were going to his club; that she doesn't want this there.

<u>James Cameron</u> stated that the Vice Chairman for the Board of License Commissioners at the previous hearing for the Alcoholic Beverage license didn't want to listen to him; that he wanted him to sit down and be quiet; that he went overseas to Vietnam to fight for the rights of others, he will fight for his own here.

<u>Pascal Agubuzo</u> stated that he is the owner; that the manager is here as well with the community; that his restaurant is located near Radiant Valley; that he has others in support; that the town of Cheverly is also in support and sent a letter; that he has not negatively impacted the community; that there used to be a barber shop next to him and that is where the problem was coming from; that he is aware of Mr. Cameron's complaints and he has not had any violations or issues; that their property is always clean; that they currently close at 11:00 p.m.; that since the barber shop closed there haven't been any issues; that there isn't anyone else here in opposition with many reputable members in support; that he wanted to talk to Mr. Cameron, but he doesn't want to talk to them, interact with them or eat their food; that Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners' Inspectors have been out and there haven't been any problems; there hasn't been any disorderly conduct; that they have the support of the Delegate of 47A, Diana Fennell; that they want to have soft jazz at a low volume to enhance the dining experience; that they used to have jazz before they got the Alcoholic Beverage License; that they didn't have any complaints then; that he guarantees no noise can be heard; that he has lights, video cameras, and more.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated the Use and Occupancy has *Restaurant*; that it does not have *Restaurant Only*, but it also doesn't have *Restaurant*, *Entertainment Allowed*; that sometimes they are not consistent; that they are at the mercy of the person sitting at the desk; that since it only has

*Restaurant* and not *Entertainment Allowed* she would feel more comfortable having it cleared up with the Department of Permitting Inspection and Enforcement to find out their intention. Mr. Camacho stated that based on the current Use and Occupancy Permit they cannot issue the Special Entertainment Permit; that they need clarification.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated the intention could be to allow or restrict entertainment; that she will also speak to and work with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and encourages them to call the non-emergency number for complaints and they will be documented.

Mr. Camacho stated that this matter will be continued until an updated Use and Occupancy Permit is obtained.

In the matter of Proposed Revisions to R.R. No. 78 – Use of Promoters Not Permitted. Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she is appearing on behalf of her four clients that would be exempt with these revisions; that she believes these are the finest establishments in the county, perhaps the state.

<u>Corporal Cicale</u> stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she may have some concerns; that these changes were brought about by some unique situations that stem from the size of the establishment; there was an event at New Years Eve that far exceeded her scope; that the existing Rule aides in keeping order; that specifically with the University of Maryland she needs clarification on what exactly is covered under the revision; that she understands it is not the entire campus; that the area she was concerned about is not included; that she withdraws her opposition.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the revisions to R.R. No. 78 – Use of Promoters Prohibited, seconded by Mr. Miles seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett Administrative Aide

Adjourned 7:55 p.m.