

July 24, 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
Ken Miles, Commissioner
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Shepherd, Director
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:00 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Outback Steakhouse (Hyattsville)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3500 East Highway, Hyattsville, 20782, Jacqueline R. Myers, President/Secretary/Treasurer, in the place and stead of Stanley Minniefield, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Outback Steakhouse (Largo)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 9660 Lottsford Court, Largo, 20774, Jacqueline R. Myers, President/Secretary/Treasurer, in the place and stead of Stanley Minniefield, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Outback Steakhouse (Oxon Hill)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 6091 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, Jacqueline R. Myers, President/Secretary/Treasurer, in the place and stead of Stanley Minniefield, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant represented by Nicholas Kallis, Esquire.

Jacqueline Myers stated that she is a resident of Sharpsburg; that she submitted the application; that to the application is true and correct; that she has experience in the restaurant industry; that she has worked in it the restaurant industry her whole life; that she is currently the Regional Vice President for Outback; that she has never been convicted of a felony; that she has never violated any gambling laws; that she does not have any affiliation with a wholesaler; that she has read and understands the policies governing the sale of alcoholic beverages; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that she has never violated alcoholic beverage laws; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she would be in each establishment in a rotation and then as needed.

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

In the matter of Ramanbhai R. Patel, Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sahil, LLC, **t/a GEM Liquors**, 9443 Annapolis Road, Seabrook, 20706, transfer from Sahil LLC, t/a GEM Liquors, Madhavlal Patel, Member/Authorized Person, Ramanvhai Patel, Member.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Ramanbhai Patel stated that he is a resident of Parkton, MD; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 3 years; that he is not on any other liquor license in Maryland; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had any violations of a liquor license; that he will be a 100% owner; that he will work 50 hours a week; that he has been through Alcohol Awareness training; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; and named the five acceptable forms of identification.

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

In the matter of Parth H. Patel, Member-, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Economy Beverage, LLC, **t/a Economy Liquors**, 9532 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, 20706, transfer from JOJERNEY, Inc., t/a Economy Liquors, James J. Yi, President, Yun Jung Yang, Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim requested to amend the submitted application to adjust the hours of operation to 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and that the applicant would be working 20 hours a week, not 40.

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

Parth Patel stated that he is resident of Crownsville; that he is a US citizen; that he has been a resident for 21 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had any violations on a liquor license; that he has never had a liquor license revoked; that he does not have any interest in any other business with a liquor license; that his position would be 100% Member-Manager; that he will work 20 hours per week; that he is aware of the rules and regulations; that he has attended an Alcohol Awareness training; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must ask for everyone's identification that appears to be under the age of 35; that there aren't any other changes to the application other than those previously requested; that he understands that he must respond personally to any violations even if caused by his employees.

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

In the matter of Jon M. Peterson, Manager/Authorized Person, Kent S. Digby, Authorized Person, Andre Gingles, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Peterson Fireman Pizza Venture B45, LLC, **t/a Bond 45**, 149 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, transfer from Peterson Fireman Pizza Venture B45, LLC, t/a Bond 45, Jon Milton Peterson, Member, Andre J. Gingles, Authorized Person, John F. Fireman, Member.
(And)

In the matter of Jon M. Peterson, Manager/Authorized Person, Kent S. Digby, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Peterson Fireman Pizza Venture, LLC, **t/a Fiorella Pizzeria Caffè**, 152 National Plaza, National Harbor, 20745, transfer from Peterson Fireman Pizza Venture, LLC, t/a Fiorella Pizzeria Caffè, Jon Milton Peterson, Member, John F. Fireman, Member.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Ken Digby stated that he is a resident of Oxon Hill; that he is Vice President of National Harbor; that he is there 80 hours a week; that he was asked to serve as a licensee; that he understands the responsibilities and obligations; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating alcoholic beverage laws; that the application is correct; that he has reviewed the rules and regulations; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 18 to serve alcohol, 21 to consume; there will be no changes to the mode of operation. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Jamari Hawkins, Owner, for a Class D, DW(R), Beer and Wine for the use of EJ Bar and Grill, LLC, **t/a Lena's**, 15800 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, 20713, transfer from Silvia Pickering, LLC, t/a Lena's, Silvia Pickering, President.

Jamari Hawkins stated that he is a resident of Waldorf; that he does not have an attorney and does not need one; that he came to get a beer and wine license; that he wants to transfer the current license; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 20 plus years; that he has never had liquor license; that he does not have any interest in any other business with a liquor license; that he has never had a violation on a liquor license; that he is currently employed as a truck driver; that he owns the trucking company; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that his hours of operation will be 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; that there are no changes to the application; that he will work approximately 40 hours a week; that he will continue to operate his other business; that he is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of having a liquor license; that he understands and agrees to follow them; named the five acceptable forms of identification; 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that he must notify the Board of any changes; that he has never been in violation of gambling laws; that he is responsible for what happens regardless of whether he's at fault or someone on the premises and must answer to the Board; that he requested that the hours on the application be amended to 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the hours of operation on the application to 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

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

In the matter of Cheon H. Yoo, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Hilltop Liquors, Inc., **t/a Hilltop Wine & Spirits**, 6856 Racetrack Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer from Hilltop Liquors, Inc, t/a Hilltop Wine & Spirits, 6814 Racetrack Road, Bowie, 20716, Cheon H. Yoo, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Cheon H. Yoo stated that he is a resident of Rockville; that he has been a resident for 35 years; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has owned Hilltop Wine & Spirits for 18

years; that the shopping center owner has requested he change location within the shopping center; that he has had two violations of underage sales since he's had the license; that one was in 2003 and the other in 2013; that he has never had a license revoked; that he owns no other business in Prince George's County; that he is the 100% owner, President/Secretary/Treasurer; that he works 60 plus hours a week; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he has been through the Alcohol Awareness Certification training; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that he participates in community service in Bowie with churches, Fire Departments, block parties, etc.; that he would be transferring within the same shopping center; that there will be a new layout, the store will be bigger; that the customers are in support of the changes and that he does not see a reason for concern for noise complaints and problems in the shopping center.

Mr. Graham asked what had been done to address the underage sale violations Mr. Yoo has had previously.

Cheon H. Yoo stated that they began sending all employees to the Alcohol Awareness training classes; that they ask for identification for anyone they don't know that appears to be under the age of 40; that they do not have identification scanners.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the location of the license, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Brian Berman, Member/Authorized Person, Shravan Chincode, Member/Authorized Person, Class B, DW(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Srisai, LLC, **t/a Crescent Beer & Wine**, 15501 Annapolis Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer from Class BL+, Beer, Wine, and Liquor Laurel Spirit, Inc., t/a Laurel-Bowie Liquor and Deli, 9830 Mallard Road, Laurel, MD 20708, Chang Baek Choi, President, and Constance Arlene Duncan, Vice President.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Shravan Chincode stated that he is a resident of Ashburn, Virginia; that he commonly goes by Shawn; that he has been partners with Brian Berman at the current location for a year and a half; that business has been good since they moved; that it was a dump at the shopping center previously; that he cleaned it up; that it used to be a 7-eleven; that before he opened he asked the community what they were interested in having; that he is there 60 hours a week; that they have a bigger location now; that they do approximately \$2.2 – 2.3 million a year; that it is an increase from the previous location; that he now has approximately 5,000 square feet; that it cost him 1 million to build out the location; that his friend Joe took pictures which were provided of what the business looks like; that many customers come in looking for wines they are no longer able to sell now that the classification for light wine has changed; that he can no longer sell port, sherry, California zinfandels, or ones stored in bourbon barrels that are popular these days; that they carry over 1,000 varieties of wine; that they specialize in both fine wines and basic ones as well; that they have a large selection of nice wines at a moderate price; that the layout is accurate and the bar still exists; that they do tastings; that they want to offer small plates in the future and also offer guests to be able to have a glass of wine; that they currently allow customers to bring food in; that they have not had any violations on their liquor license; that the application is true and correct; that they have their Alcohol Awareness Certification; that they currently have five employees and four of them have their certification; that someone is always on the premises that

is certified; named the five acceptable forms of identification; must be 18 to serve alcohol, 21 to consume; that they do not have the space for a kitchen; that they need Sunday sales; that if transferred without Sunday sales they can't have a B license; that people even looking for marsala wine they have to turn away; that people want to be able to one stop shop and they can't offer it currently.

Brian Berman stated that he is a resident of Potomac; that he is the shopping mall owner as well; that he has good tenants; that he wants to improve the area; that he has worked with the county and city for the shopping center to do well and offer groceries, restaurants and also Crescent Beer and Wine; that he goes in periodically and isn't at the store much but is in constant communication with Mr. Chincode; that every couple weeks he is in the business; that he is an observant Jew and they observe Saturday; that he would like to be able to shop on Sunday and knows others that would as well.

Michael Williams stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he is here in support of the store; that is beautiful; that there is easy parking that it is the best beer and wine store in Bowie; that there isn't anywhere currently to buy on Sunday in Bowie.

Sheila Sullivan stated that she is a resident of Bowie; that she has been a resident in Bowie for 38 years, Prince George's County for 68 years; that she is here to support Shawn; that she has shopped previous stores and this one is much nicer; the employees are friendly, helpful and will go out of their way to help customers; that the business is very deserving.

Thomas King stated that he is there to support Shawn in his request; that it will be beneficial; that customers don't want to have to travel out of their way; that they are kind, very helpful.

Mr. Graham stated that they will have to defer to the attorney's in accordance with Rules and Regulations 81 that states a Sunday Sales permit may not be transferred and the matter will need to be continue.

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

In the matter of April Richardson, Owner/President for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Local Integration, LLC, **t/a The Eats at 3807**, 3807 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, 20722.

Applicant is represented by Abigail Bruce – Watson, Esquire.

April Richardson stated that that she is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that she moved in February; that she has been a resident of Maryland for 22 years; that she is a US Citizen; that she would like to amend her application; that the name will be changing to Community Cocktail and to amend the hours of operation to be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to be 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and for Sunday to be 9:00 a.m. to midnight, that they anticipate more of a crowd for Sunday brunch.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application to the **t/a Community Cocktail**, seconded by Mr. Miles, and carried by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Miles. Ms. Kelsey recused herself from this vote.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the hours of operation on the application, seconded by Mr. Miles, and carried by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Miles. Ms. Kelsey recused herself from this vote.

April Richardson stated that she works for a baked goods company, Sweet Potato Cake in D.C.; that she has her products in Starbucks, QVC, Nordstrom's and other places; that her business encourages women and minorities in the US; that she wants to grow the food opportunity in the community which is currently not supported; that the business she wants to open will be similar

to Urban Market; that Peter Siegel came to her and wants to create a food opportunity on the lower level of the apartment building he is constructing; that their hope is for 6,300 square feet of artisan food; that there will be 100 food artisans; that Chef Jess, for example, from the Food Network will be there, providing examples of Urban Farming; that there will be a pop up space for people in the food industry to try their food without having to rent a space; that Community Cocktail would be the hub of this space and at the center; that Sweet Potato Cake will be there as well with a coffee bar; that within a 2 mile radius 89,000 people; that it will be beneficial to these people; that she believes the community and residents of the apartments above will be interested; that they will have access to this food within walking distance; that it will be popular among millennials, cyclists and travelers; that she is a 100% holder of the LLC; that she has spent the previous 8 months planning; that she has been working on the architecture, managing, employees, day to day operations; that she has completed her Alcohol Awareness Certification; that she has read, understands and will obey the Rules and Regulations; that the age to legal age to consume alcohol is 21, legal age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understands that she is responsible for appearing before the Board according to the policy should there be any violations; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has had no gambling violations; that she does not hold an interest in another business with a liquor license; that she has done outreach and had conversations with the community; that she is looking to incorporate their opinions; that she wants Boys and Baking to be able to come in; that they are an organization aimed at boys at risk.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and carried by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham. Ms. Kelsey recused herself from this vote.

In the matter of Sumati Dogra, Member-Manager, for a new Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of KRB Foods, LLC, **t/a Bella Mia Pizzeria**, 9364 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, 20706.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Sumati Dogra stated that the restaurant opened in 2017; that she is a resident of Greenbelt; that she has been a citizen of the US for 19 years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not held a liquor license before; that she has not had a liquor license revoked; that she has not violated any liquor laws; that she is the 100% Member-Manager; that she works 40-50 hours per week; that she understands the Rules and Regulations; that she will ensure the employees comply; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, the legal age to sell is 18; that she has completed the Alcohol Awareness training; that her employees are also certified; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understands that she is responsible for what happens at her location and accepts that even if she is not at fault she must appear before the Board; that the restaurant has an extensive menu; that they have over 100 items; that it is Italian, pasta and pizza; that there is also a children's menu; that families come in; that it is located in the Seabrook Shopping center; that they went through renovations; that their hours will be Sunday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; that there is no plans for entertainment; that they don't believe it will disturb the peace and quiet; that customers have been asking if they serve alcohol.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

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

In the matter of Kim Phong Thi Nguyen, Owner, Hoang Van Phan, Owner for a new Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of MODO Nail Bar II, LLC, **t/a MODO Nail Bar**, 14724 Baltimore Avenue #107, Laurel, 20707.

Hoang Van Phan stated that he is a resident of Severn; that he is here to apply for a Beer and Wine license; that he understands he has the right to an attorney and waives that right; that he has been a resident for 25 years; that he has never held a liquor license; that he has no other business; that he has never been found in violation of any beverage laws; that his current occupation is working at the nail salon; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any gambling laws; that the hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; that his family works there as well; that he's there more than 40 hours a week; that he owns the business; that he does the nails himself; that he is familiar with, understands and agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations; that the business will be run in accordance with those Rules and Regulations; that he must notify the Board of any changes he makes to the businesses; that they are accountable for any violations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, legal age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification. Mr. Bowman asked for clarification on the hours of operation for Sunday.

Hoang Van Phan stated that they will actually be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

Mr. Camacho asked how they will serve the beverages.

Hoang Van Phan stated that they will give complimentary beverages especially to those guests who are waiting.

Mr. Camacho stated that this is illegal; that beverages must be sold.

Hoang Van Phan stated that he understood and they will only offer them for sale.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourn 11:47