

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
MUNICIPAL HEARING ROOM, CITY HALL, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET**

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019, 2:00 P.M.**

HEARING OFFICER SAM D. STARRITT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

II. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. The Palette dba The Palette, 441 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer & Wine
2. E&J Brothers, LLC dba Lucky Me Superstore, 2902 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Fermented Malt Beverage Off Premises
3. Buon Appetito, Inc. dba Il Bistro Italiano, 400 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
4. The Goat and Clover Tavern, LLC dba Goat and Clover Tavern, 336 Main Street Suites 102, 103 & 104, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
5. Apple Colorado, LLC dba Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 711 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant
6. Wadsworth Old Chicago, Inc. dba Old Chicago, 120 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant
7. Copeka Coffee, LLC dba Copeka Coffee, 1014 North 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Lodging & Entertainment
8. Myths & Legends, Inc. dba Quincy Bar & Grill, 609 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern
9. Blasta, LLC dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant, 705 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant

10. Los Potrillos, Inc. dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant, 603 Highway 50 Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel & Restaurant

Hearing Officer Starritt read the renewals into the record and verified with Ms. Sandoval the applications were in order. She said they were, but noted that Goat and Clover Tavern had a courtesy letter on file from the Grand Junction Police Department, and Quincy Bar & Grill had two. Hearing Officer Starritt reviewed the letters and said the isolated incidents were not sufficient to deny the renewals. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against any of the renewal applications. There was no one. Renewal applications #1 through #10 were approved.

III. APPLICATION TO RENEW LICENSE WITH A CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND CHANGE IN MANAGER

1. El Balsante, Inc. dba Mi Mexico Family Mexican Restaurant, 2480 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant

Adding Lidia Virgen Mejia, Secretary, 2483 Terra Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505 as New Shareholder and New Registered Manager

Ms. Sandoval confirmed that the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the applications. There was no one. The applications to renew license with a change in corporate structure and change in manager were approved.

IV. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

1. Cerca Trova Southwest Restaurant Group, LLC dba Outback Steakhouse, 2432 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant

Samuel Steve Muhlbaum, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, 16442 Bronco Lane, Poway, CA 92064 replaces Michael Wong

Ms. Sandoval confirmed that the application was in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one. The application for a change in corporate structure was approved.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW LIQUOR LICENSE – RESOLUTION, FINDINGS AND DECISION

1. Natures Revival, LLC dba Natures Revival, 683 Horizon Drive #101, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Lodging & Entertainment (Continued from October 16, 2019)

Member: Yi Liu, 630 S Surrey Court, Grand Junction CO 81507
Managing Member: Sanmei Zhang, 630 S Surrey Court, Grand Junction, CO 81507

Ms. Sandoval reported the paperwork was in order and read the results of the second survey (attached). Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one. He said based on the information presented, the needs and desires of the neighborhood are not being met by the current licenses in the area and approved the application. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

2. ZCI Investments, LLC dba Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza, 2478 B Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Beer & Wine

Sole Member: ZCI Capital Corporation, 2259 Paintbrush Court, Grand Junction, CO 81505
Manager: Robert Marolf, 2259 Paintbrush Court, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Ms. Sandoval reported the paperwork was in order and read the results of the survey (attached). Manager Robert Marolf and his wife Cecily Marolf were present to answer questions about how the survey was conducted. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one. He said based on the information presented, the needs and desires of the neighborhood are not being met by the current licenses in the area and approved the application. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

VI. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

1. Colorado Mesa University Foundation, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 - "Kalani Pe'a Fundraising Concert - 2019", Colorado Mesa University Moss Performing Arts Center, Located at 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 on November 21, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

President: Liz Meyer, 710 Victor Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506
Event Manager: Jared Meier, 2595 Kayden Court, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Event Manager Jared Meier answered a series of questions regarding the event location, security and how it will be conducted lawfully.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone present was in opposition of this special event permit being issued. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt entered Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to Colorado State Statute 44-5-106, there are no grounds to deny the special event permit; it would not be injurious to the public welfare because of the nature of the special event, its location within the community, or the failure of the applicant in a past special event to conduct the event in compliance with applicable laws. The application for a special event permit submitted by Colorado Mesa University Foundation for the “Kalani Pe’a Fundraising Concert - 2019” was in order and approved.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 20, 2019