

GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
December 7, 2022

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam D. Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

II. License Renewal Applications

1. Safeway Stores 46, Inc. dba Safeway Store #1533, 2901 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Fermented Malt Beverage Off Premises
2. GJ Stars, Inc. dba Jimmy's Hamburgers, 1840 North 12th Street Unit F, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer & Wine
3. Pho 88, LLC dba Pho 88, 2463 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Beer & Wine
4. JEMSKT, Inc. dba Country Club Liquors, 683 Horizon Drive #105, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Liquor Store and Tasting Permit
5. VAT, LLC dba Jack Rabbit Liquor, 2681 Unaweep Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Liquor Store
6. KMG Enterprises, Inc. dba Boston's The Gourmet Pizza, 2404 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant
7. Los Toros Munoz, LLC dba El Mescal Family Mexican Restaurant, 2210 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant
8. Main Street Management, LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites, 225 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 1501, Tavern
9. Namaste Nepal Restaurant, LLC dba Namaste Nepal Restaurant, 2692 Highway 50 Spaces L & N, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel & Restaurant

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 9 into the record and verified with Ms. Sandoval the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the applications; there was no one. Renewals 1 – 9 were approved.

III. Transfer of Ownership Applications

1. Bistro 317, LLC dba Bistro 317, 317 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease

Managing Member/Registered Manager: John Barbier, 820 Cabernet Court, Palisade, CO 81526

Member: Mathieu Victoire, 820 Cabernet Court, Palisade, CO 81526

Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Sandoval the application was in order and asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one. The application was approved.

IV. New License Applications - Resolutions, Findings and Decision

1. Lone Spur Cafe Grand Junction, LLC dba Lone Spur Cafe Grand Junction, 2480 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant

Sole Member: Cory D. Farley, 7040 E. Whisper Ranch Road, Prescott Valley, AZ 86315

This item was continued to the December 21, 2022 Liquor Licensing Authority meeting due to an issue with the new liquor license application payment.

2. Momotaro Japanese Restaurant, Inc. dba Yama Sushi, 2839 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant

Owner: Chiew H. Chiou, 352 29 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504
Owner/Registered Manager: Meiyu C. Chiou, 352 29 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Yama Sushi owner Chiew Chiou was present to answer questions regarding the business. Ms. Sandoval read the survey results (attached) into the record and reported the application was in order.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one. He found the needs and desires of the neighborhood are not being met and approved the license. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

V. Other Business

There was none.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.



MEMO: Local Licensing Authority

FROM: Selestina Sandoval, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: November 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Momotaro Japanese Restaurant, Inc. dba Yama Sushi, 2839 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant

A liquor license application permitting sales of malt, vinous and spirituous liquor for consumption at place where sold, was filed with the Local Licensing Authority on October 26, 2022 and on November 23, 2022 a legal notice was published in the Daily Sentinel and a "Notice of Hearing" was posted on the property.

A survey was conducted to address the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood via mailers to 120 properties in the defined neighborhood by the City Clerk's Office. The neighborhood was defined by those addresses within a half mile radius from the applicant's proposed location. The recipients of the mailers could take an online survey stating whether they supported or opposed the application. The results are as follows:

Business Results:

FAVOR: 1
OPPOSE: 0

Residential Results:

FAVOR: 2
OPPOSE: 0

To date, no counter petitions or remonstrances have been filed.

The Grand Junction Police Department will investigate the individuals for local criminal history. Reports have also been requested from the City of Grand Junction Sales Tax Department.

The number of similar City licenses within in the survey area are as follows:

Beer and Wine – 1 (Koi Sushi and Ramen)

Fermented Malt Beverage Off Premises – 1 (Walmart 1280)

Hotel & Restaurant – 4 (Tequila's, Rib City Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Zen Garden)

Retail Liquor Store – 1 (Fun Junction Liquor)

Tavern – 2 (Brass Rail Tavern and Scallywags Bar and Grill)

ec: Chiew H. Chiou, Applicant
Sam Starritt, Hearing Officer
John Shaver, City Attorney
Meghan DeHaan, Grand Junction Police Department
File

Momotaro Japanese Restaurant, Inc. dba Yama Sushi Neighborhood Area

