

GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
October 25, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam D. Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval, and Kerry Graves.

II. License Renewal Applications

1. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 118 South 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
2. The Goat and Clover Tavern, LLC dba The Goat and Clover Tavern, 336 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
3. Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili & Pho, 2536 Rimrock Drive, Suite 700, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel & Restaurant
4. Myths & Legends, Inc. dba Quincy Bar & Grill, 609 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern
5. P&S, Inc. dba Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel & Restaurant
6. Stinker Stores CO, Inc. dba Stinker #321, 2498 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine
7. Stinker Stores CO, Inc. dba Stinker #322, 2903 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine
8. Stinker Stores CO, Inc. dba #323, 233 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 8 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 – 8 were approved.

III. License Renewal Applications with Late Filing

1. Taco Corp Worldwide, LLC dba TacoParty 125 South 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease - **24 days late**

Office Administrator Ryan Sylvester was present to answer questions regarding the late filing. He said he was late filing since he misread the due date on the renewal. Hearing Officer Starritt found good cause and approved the late filing.

2. Inafuku, Inc. dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, 541 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant - **13 days late**

Owner Steven Boyd was present to answer questions regarding the late filing. He said the late filing was due to the kitchen staff turnover of three employees. Hearing Officer Starrit found good cause and approved the late filing.

IV. New License Applications – Resolutions, Findings and Decision

1. Arroyo Seco Holdings, LLC dba The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill, 2566 Patterson Rd., Ste B, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

Managing Member: Lynn C. Hennesy, 2173 Knowles Canyon Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81507

Member: Mark Hennessey, 2173 Knowles Canyon Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81507

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V. Special Event Permit Applications

1. Community Hospital Foundation, Inc., 2351 G Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, “Bourbon Tasting – 2023”, Located at 625 24 ½ Road, Unity A, Grand Junction, CO 81505, on November 9, 2023, from 3 to 11 p.m.

President, Chris Thomas: 1871 Deer Park Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81507

Event Manager: Brandi Pollock, 1041 24 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Hearing Officer Starrit disclosed he had previously served on the Community Hospital Board. City Attorney Shaver stated there was no conflict in him hearing this special event permit. Fisher Liquor Barn General Manager Josh Matteson was present and answered a series of questions regarding the event location, security, and how it will be conducted lawfully. Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Sandoval the application was in order and asked if there was anyone present to speak against the application. There was no one. He entered in Exhibits “A” , “B” , and “C” (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to the Colorado State Statue 44-05-106, 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 past special events to conduct the event in compliance with applicable laws. The application for the special event permit submitted by the Community Hospital Foundation for “Bourbon Tasting – 2023” was in order and approved.

2. Roice Hurst Humane Society, 1601 Riverfront Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81501, “Howl-o-ween 5k & 2k Fun Run and Dog Walk – 2023”, Located at 1601 Riverfront Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81501, on October 28, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CEO, Anna Stout: 1641 N 17th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Event Manager: Currey Ventling, 240 N 17th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Officer Starrit disclosed Anna Stout is a friend and his partner is the Chair of the Roice Hurst Humane Society Board. City Attorney Shaver stated there was no conflict in him hearing this special event permit. The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission Executive Director Ben Snyder was present and answered a series of questions regarding of questions regarding the event location, security, and how it will be conducted lawfully. The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission is partnering with Roice Hurst for this event. Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Sandoval the application was in order and asked if there was anyone present to speak against the application. There was no one. He entered in Exhibits "A" and "B" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to the Colorado State Statue 44-05-106, 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 past special events to conduct the event in compliance with applicable laws. The application for the special event permit submitted by the Roice Hurst Humane Society for the "Howl-o-ween 5k & 2k Fun Run and Dog Walk – 2023", was in order and approved.

VI. Other Business

There was none.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.