

**GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 29, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:59 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. CRU Hospitality, LTD dba Cruise Control Kitchen and Cellar, 555 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Vintners Restaurant
2. JN Restaurants, LLC dba Bin 707 Food Bar, 225 North 5th Street, Suite 105, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant
3. Stoner Enterprises, LTD dba Andy's Liquor Mart, 922 North 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store
4. Sakana Uru, LLC dba No Coast Sushi, 1119 North 1st Street, Unit A, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant
5. The Palette dba The Palette, 441 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer & Wine
6. Beye Lotz Grand Jctn VFW Post #1247 dba VFW Post #1247, 1404 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern
7. Bistro 317, LLC dba Bistro 317, 317 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant and Outdoor Dining Lease
8. E&J Brothers, LLC dba Lucky Me Superstore, 2902 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine
9. B P O E Lodge dba Grand Junction Lodge No. 575, 249 South 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Club
10. Bookcliff Country Club dba Bookcliff Country Club, 2730 G Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant
11. Eagles Fraternal Order of 595 dba Eagles Fraternal Order of 595, 1674 Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Club

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 11 into the record and verified with Ms. Sandoval the applications were in order. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against any of the applications; there was no one. Renewals 1 – 11 were approved.

### III. Transfer of Ownership Applications

1. Patel Liquor III, LLC dba Country Club Liquors, 683 Horizon Drive, #105, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Retail Liquor Store

Sole Member: Vinodkumar Patel, 39 Rachael Terrace, Westfield, MA 01085

General Manager Jay Patel was present to answer questions regarding the application. Hearing Officer Starritt asked Ms. Sandoval the if application was in order. Ms. Sandoval said the application was in order, but the background results were pending. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak in opposition of this application. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt approved the application conditionally upon receiving clear background results for Mr. Patel.

### IV. New License Applications - Resolutions, Findings and Decision

1. Smile Hot Pot, LLC dba Smile Hot Pot, 550 South Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant

Managing Member: Kantapat Bourlod, 260 West Gloucester Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Member: Naiyana Pedersen, 260 West Gloucester Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Members Kantapat Bourlod and Naiyana Pedersen were present to answer questions regarding the new license application. Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Sandoval the application was in order and asked her to read the survey results into the record (attached). He asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Starritt found the survey was not sufficient to demonstrate that the needs and desires of the neighborhood area were not being met. He gave the applicant the option to have the City Clerk's Office conduct another mail survey to see if more responses would be submitted or to conduct an in-person survey. The applicant chose to conduct an in-person survey.

This item was continued to the December 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.

### V. Other Business

There was none.

### VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



MEMO: Local Licensing Authority  
FROM: Selestina Sandoval, Deputy City Clerk  
DATE: November 15, 2023  
SUBJECT: Smile Hot Pot, LLC dba Smile Hot Pot

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 10, 2023, and on November 1, 2023, 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: 2  
OPPOSE: 1

Residential Results:  
FAVOR: 0  
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 Mesa County Public Health, the Grand Junction Fire Department, and the City of Grand Junction Sales Tax Department.

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

- Arts – 1** (CMU Downtown Art Gallery)
- Beer & Wine – 3** (Café Sol, The Palette, Board Fox Games)
- Brew Pub – 2** (Rockslide Brew Pub and Trail Life Brewing)
- Brewery/Sales Room – 1** (Ramblebine Brewing Company)
- Club – 1** (BPO Elks Lodge No. 575)
- Hotel & Restaurant – 17** (626 on Rood, Bin 707 Food Bar, Blue Moon Bar & Grille, Dream Café, Feisty Pint, Fly'n Roosters, Guru's Kitchen, Il Bistro Italiano, Junct'n Square Pizza, Las Marias, Le Rouge, Moody's, Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, TacoParty, The Goat and Clover Tavern, Two Rivers Convention Center, and The Winery Restaurant)
- Limited Winery/Sales Room – 2** (Carlson Vineyards and Shiras Winery)
- Lodging & Entertainment – 3** (Avalon Theatre, Melrose Spirit Co. and TRU by Hilton GJ Downtown)
- Retail Liquor Store – 1** (The Hog and the Hen Spirits)

ec: Naiyana Pedersen, Applicant  
Kantapat Bournalod, Applicant  
Sam Starritt, Hearing Officer  
John Shaver, City Attorney  
Meghan DeHaan, Grand Junction Police Department  
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