

**GRAND JUNCTION CANNABIS LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
February 14, 2024**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Stephanie Rubinstein, City Attorney John Shaver and Records Manager Janet Harrell. Other staff present were Cannabis Compliance Officer Travis Wright, Staff Attorney DeLayne Merritt, and Planning Supervisor Niki Galehouse.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the hearing process and confirmed representatives were present for each item.

II. Store Opening Extension Requests

1. Colorado Greens, LLC dba The Green Horizon, 739 Horizon Drive, Unit B, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Member James Cagle was present and requested an extension due to their construction schedule.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report and asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein approved the extension request to September 24, 2024.

2. Golden Rookie, LLC, 605 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Member Alaameen Abdool was present and requested an extension of six to eight months due to filming delays of the documentary about him as a minority opening a cannabis store.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report and asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein confirmed with Mr. Abdool that a minor site plan had not been submitted to the Community Development department after their June 2023 meeting with Vicki Sanger.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein continued this item pending submission of their minor site plan to Community Development and further explanation of how the

documentary filming is pertinent to the extension request. These will help determine a more accurate time for the extension request. Mr. Abdool is to file the minor site plan within a week and contact the City Clerk's Office within two weeks to schedule a hearing date.

3. Kai Dispensary, LLC dba Kai Dispensary, 914 South Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Member Joey Coleman was present and requested a one-year extension due to Community Development processes and their anticipated construction schedule.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report and asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein approved the request (March 30, 2025).

III. Store Opening Extension Requests and Modification of Premises Applications

1. Canna Care, LLC, 2730 Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Eliminate second level, stairs accessing second level, and sally door; add hallway/warehouse access door, and update security plan.

Member Lawrence Balerio was present and requested a three-to-five-month extension due to the proposed plan modifications and their anticipated construction schedule.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report and noted Mr. Balerio had not submitted their minor site plan to Community Development. Planning Supervisor Galehouse said the process can take three to five months. Mr. Balerio said he was not aware of that timeline.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request or the modification of the premises application. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein continued these items pending submission of the minor site plan to Community Development, which will help determine a more accurate time for the extension request.

Mr. Balerio must file the minor site plan within one week and contact the City Clerk's Office within two weeks to schedule a hearing date.

2. Western Colorado Marijuana, LLC dba The Garage, 545 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Add access door and update security plan.

Members Craton Edwards and Mitchell Yater were present and requested a store opening extension due to their construction schedule.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report, verified the modification of premises application was in order, and asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request or the modification of premises application. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein approved a three-month extension (June 30, 2024) and the modification of premises application.

3. Zuma B, LLC dba The Buzz, 1022 N 3rd Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Store

Request for store opening extension.

Move drive-through window, add/remove/move interior doors, add hallway/closet, and update security plan.

Members Jack Brisbin and Diane Brisbin were present and requested an extension to March 30, 2025, due to Community Development processes and their anticipated construction schedule.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein reviewed the staff report and asked Officer Wright to explain his concerns regarding the Limited Access Area (LAA) in the middle of their floor plan. Officer Wright noted the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) statute regarding LAA and stated the term was poorly defined. However, he would be satisfied with the proposed modifications if the MED approves the application. Hearing Officer Rubinstein verified the modification of the premises application was in order and asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding the extension request or the modification of the premises application. There was no one.

Hearing Officer Rubinstein approved the extension request and conditionally approved the modification of premises application pending MED's approval (attached).

IV. Other Business

There was none.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



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Department of Revenue
Marijuana Enforcement Division
1697 Cole Blvd., Suite 200
Lakewood, CO 80401

February 20, 2024

ZUMA B LLC
Retail Marijuana Store
402R-01020

Physical Address: 1022 North 3rd Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]
Pueblo, CO 81005

Dear ZUMA B LLC,

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that your requested Modification of Premises (MOP) application submitted on January 31, 2024, was approved by the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) on February 20, 2024, based solely upon the information and/or documentation submitted. The MED Field Enforcement Section may conduct an inspection of the licensed premises to confirm and verify the information contained in the MOP application at a later date.

Sincerely,

Dominique Mendiola
Senior Director