

**GRAND JUNCTION LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
February 19, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Sam D. Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Misty Williams.

**II. License Renewal Applications**

1. Colorado Mesa University dba Hotel Maverick, 840 Kennedy Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant w/ Optional Premises
2. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. dba Chipotle Mexican Grill, 2504 Highway 6 & 50, Suite 300, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel & Restaurant
3. Grand Conjunction, LLC dba Doubletree - GJ, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel & Restaurant

Hearing Officer Starritt read renewals 1 – 3 into the record. He verified with Ms. Williams 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 – 3 were approved as requested.

**I. License Renewal Application with Late Filing**

1. Vitamin Cottage Natural Food Markets, Inc. dba Natural Grocers, 2464 Highway 6 & 50 Unit 124, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Fermented Malt Beverage Off Premises - **18 Days Late**

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if there was a representative present from Natural Grocers. Renee Baca, store manager of Natural Grocers, was present to answer questions regarding the late filing. She explained that the corporate offices in Lakewood, CO, had just implemented a new system (software) for the renewal of various business licenses, and that it had not alerted them of the renewal in time to meet the due date. She indicated that they had solved the error and noted that it is necessary to renew prior to the due date. Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone was present to speak against the application; there was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt approved the late filing.

## **I. Special Event Permit Applications**

1. Colorado Mesa University Foundation, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, 81501, "CMU Athletics Casino Night 2025", Located at Colorado Mesa University – Brownson Arena, 1040 Mesa Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 on April 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vice President: Robin Brown, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Event Manager: Oscar Ramirez, 689 Anela Lane #B, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Event Manager Oscar Ramirez and Executive Director of Alumni Engagement and Career Services for the CMU Foundation Sean Rubalcaba were 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. Williams that the application was in order and asked if there was anyone present to speak against the application. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt entered Exhibits "A" and "B" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute 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 Colorado Mesa University Foundation for "CMU Athletics Casino Night 2025", was in order and approved.

2. Western Slope Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), 2747 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction CO 81506, "2025 Spring Kickoff", Located at 2747 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction, CO 81506 on March 28, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and March 29, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Director: Western Slope H.O.G. Dean Nelson, 2747 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction, CO 81506

Event Manager: Traci Stapleton- Jones, 2747 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction, CO 81506

Western Slope H.O.G. Director Dean Nelson was present and answered a series of questions regarding the event's location, security, and how it will be conducted lawfully.

Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Williams that the application was in order and asked if there was anyone present to speak against the application. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt entered Exhibits "A" and "B" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute 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 Western Slope Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), for "2025 Spring Kickoff", was in order and approved.

3. Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission, 383 Indian Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501, "Maverick Classic 2025", Located at 450 Colorado Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501 on March 29, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Event Manager: Ben Snyder, 2895 1/2 Jean Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Operations Coordinator Sam Smith was present and answered a series of questions regarding the event's location, security, and how it will be conducted lawfully.

Hearing Officer Starritt verified with Ms. Williams that the application was in order and asked if there was anyone present to speak against the application. There was no one. Hearing Officer Starritt entered Exhibits "A" and "B" (attached) into the record.

Hearing Officer Starritt found that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute 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 Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission, for "Maverick Classic 2025", was in order and approved.

#### **IV. Other Business**

There was none.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.