

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
MUNICIPAL HEARING ROOM, CITY HALL, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET**

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013, 2:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp. City Attorney John Shaver entered the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

II. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. Georgia Lu Lujan dba A Taste of Heaven Catering, 2817 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Georgia Lu Lujan dba A Taste of Heaven Catering was found to be in order and approved.

2. Main Street Management, LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites, 225 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp reported that she has not received a report from the Police Department on the background check for the owners or the establishment and that a second request has been sent.

The application for renewal for Main Street Management, LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites was found to be in order and approved subject to a satisfactory report from the Police Department.

3. J N Restaurants, LLC dba Bin 707 Food Bar, 225 N. 5th Street, Suite 105, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp stated that the applicant is also renewing a storage permit and reported that she has not received a report from the Fire Department for the inspection of the establishment and that a second request has been sent.

The application for renewal for J N Restaurants, LLC dba Bin 707 Food Bar was found to be in order and approved subject to a satisfactory report from the Fire Department.

4. Robert J. Wilcox Inns, Inc. dba West Gate Inn, 2210 Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp reported that she has not received a report from the Fire Department for the inspection of the establishment and that a second request has been sent.

The application for renewal for Robert J. Wilcox Inns, Inc. dba West Gate Inn was found to be in order and approved subject to a satisfactory report from the Fire Department.

III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING

1. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 2692 Hwy 50 Spaces E & G, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant – **Filed in the City Clerk's Office 32 Days Late – Continued from November 20, 2013 – Pending Application for Change in Location**

Maria Maestas, owner of Las Marias, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that an application for a change of location has been submitted and a hearing has been scheduled for January 15, 2014, therefore she requested a continuance of this item.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp when the lease is set to begin for the new location. Ms. Kemp stated that the term of the lease doesn't begin until February 1, 2014, however the lease allowed possession of the property on December 15, 2013. Hearing Officer Grattan referenced the lease and stated that there are two relevant provisions of the lease: 1) the term begins on February 1, 2014 and will terminate January 31, 2015 and 2) there is a possession paragraph that indicates by virtue of security deposit and prepaid rent, the tenant shall be entitled to possession on December 15, 2013.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Maestas if she is operating the restaurant now. Ms. Maestas said, yes, at 2692 Hwy. 50.

After discussion between Hearing Authority Grattan and City Attorney Shaver, Hearing Officer Grattan denied Ms. Kemp's request to continue the renewal and decided to hear the matter.

City Attorney Shaver said that based upon the letter provided by the applicant and what has been presented on November 20th hearing and at this hearing, he recommended that good cause be found and the license be renewed.

Hearing Officer Grattan accepted Ms. Maestas' letter provided for good cause for the late filing and found that the application for renewal with late filing for Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 2692 Hwy. 50 Spaces E & G was in order and

approved for a limited time until and including January 31, 2014 or until other order of the Authority.

City Attorney Shaver advised that it would be a good idea to have the applicant provide proof in writing of the actual move to the new location. Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Maestas to provide, in writing, a letter to Ms. Kemp when she moves to the new location.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 15, 2014