

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Juanita Peterson.

II. **APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES**

1. Bank 8 Billiards Inc., dba Bank 8 Billiards, 2460 Patterson, Unit #, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

John Hynes, Owner, was present.

The application for renewal for Bank 8 Billiards Inc., dba Bank 8 Billiards was found to be in order and approved.

2. Grand Junction Regional Airport dba Grand Junction Regional Airport, 2828 Walker Field Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Ben Peck, Deputy Airport Director, was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Grand Junction Regional Airport dba Grand Junction Regional Airport was found to be in order and approved.

3. AMREST LLC dba Applebees Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 711 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported the Fire Dept. found that their hood system needs repair and the applicant is currently working on getting it fixed.

The application for renewal for AMREST LLC dba Applebees Neighborhood Grill and Bar was found to be in order and approved contingent on the hood system being fixed.

4. Feather Petroleum Company dba Stop N Save #11, 621 24 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, 3.2 % Beer (Off-Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Feather Petroleum Company dba Stop N Save #11 was found to be in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH MODIFICATION OF PREMISES

1. Inafuki Inc., dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, 541 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Modification of premises: Remodel front door and entry

Sumiko Boyd, Owner, and her son Steven Boyd, were both present.

Ms. Peterson reported the application was in order and read into the record the results of the needs and desires survey (see attached).

City Attorney Shaver asked who conducted the survey. Mr. Boyd stated he did. City Attorney Shaver asked if he agreed with the results Ms. Peterson read into the record. Mr. Boyd said he did.

City Attorney Shaver asked why the low number of residential responses. Mr. Boyd said that he was very shy and when approached one house the owner was not nice so he only did the residents that were in the neighborhood that were also owners or managers of the businesses.

Ms. Boyd stated that she had not done anything to the front of the building for the 25 years she has owned it.

Both City Attorney Shaver and Hearing Officer Grattan concurred. Hearing Officer Grattan asked if there was anyone present to speak on this matter, and seeing none, the application for renewal and modification of premises for Suehiro Japanese Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

IV. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH REGISTRATION OF NEW MANAGER

1. Brightstar Golf Group, dba The Golf Club at Redlands Mesa, Hotel and Restaurant with 5 optional premises

Registration of Manager:

Tad Holloway, 721 Estates Blvd. Grand Junction, CO 81505 replaces Eric Feely

Mr. Tad Holloway, General Manager, was present. Ms. Peterson reported the local reports were fine but the C.B.I. results are still pending on the new manager.

The application for renewal and registration of new manager were found to be in order and approved.

V. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING AND CHANGE IN TRADE NAME

1. Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili Restaurant, 2536 Rimrock Drive, Suite 700, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Beer and Wine – 41 days late filing

Trade Name Change from Thai Chili Restaurant to Thai Chili & Pho

Quan Bei Zhao, Owner, along with Mei Zhang to interpret was present. Ms. Peterson reported that when she seen in the paper the applicant was doing a trade name change, she looked and realized they had not filed their renewal. Ms. Peterson sent the applicant a letter stating they were late in filing their renewal and they would need to complete the paperwork for a trade name change with the Authority.

Ms. Peterson read into the record the letter submitted by the applicant for the late filing. The reports are in compliance except with the Health Department and the applicant did reveal the pending Stipulation. Ms. Peterson explained to the applicant and interpreter that they would need to change the trade name also with City and State sales tax and the Health Department. Ms. Peterson also spoke with the applicant's accountant regarding all the changes.

Hearing Officer Grattan said he would like to address these issues separately. He asked Ms. Zhang if she understood what was being said. She stated yes.

Hearing Officer Grattan and City Attorney Shaver concurred in finding good cause for the late filing since this was the first time for this applicant.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Zhang if she understood the need to get the trade name changed with both the Health Department and State sales tax. She said she did. Ms. Peterson again told Ms. Zhang and Mr. Zhao where the offices for the Health Department and State sales tax were located. Hearing Officer Grattan told them this must be taken care of immediately and the accountant should be able to assist the owner.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the trade name change from Thai Chili to Thai Chili and Pho with the condition this must be taken care of immediately.

VI. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING AND OUTDOOR DINING LEASE

1. Junct'n Square Pizza LLC dba Junct'n Square Pizza, 119 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant – 32 days late filing

Mr. Earl Stevenson, Owner, was present. Ms. Peterson reported all of the reports along with the outdoor dining lease were in compliance.

Mr. Stevenson apologized and stated this was the third time for a late filing of his liquor license renewal. Mr. Stevenson told the authority that before he was out of the area and this time has a new accountant. Mr. Stevenson also said that he is having the renewal sent to his home address now and he hopes this takes care of the late filing issues.

City Attorney Shaver said this is the only issue with this establishment and he believed Mr. Stevenson is working on resolving the problem therefore he has no objection to the renewal.

Hearing Officer Grattan told Mr. Stevenson that he needs to keep closer tabs on this issue and will find good cause for the late filing. Hearing Officer Grattan also approved the Outdoor Dining Lease.

VII. APPLICATION FOR TASTING PERMIT

1. The Denville Corporation dba Cottonwood Liquors, 2513 Hwy 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store

There being no one present for this application, Hearing Officer Grattan said he would continue it to the end of the hearing.

VIII. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF NEW MANAGER

1. RLJ II- R Grand Junction Lessee, LLC White Lodging Services dba Residence Inn by Marriott Grand Junction, 767 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Heidi M. Johnson, 426 Colorow Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81504, replaces Samuel Korabel

Ms. Johnson, new manager, was present. Ms. Peterson reported all the reports were in compliance with C.B.I. still pending.

City Attorney Shaver and Hearing Officer Grattan concurred to approve Ms. Johnson as the new registered manager for Residence Inn by Marriott Grand Junction.

IX. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF NEW MANAGER AND MODIFICATION TO ADD OUTDOOR DINING AREA

1. Rockslide Brew Pub Inc., dba Rockslide Brew Pub, 401 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Brew Pub

Registration of new manager:

John (Jack) Franklin Ballenger, 2508 Madison Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505, replaces Mike Bell

Modification of Premises to add outdoor dining area

Hearing Officer Grattan stated he would consider these as two separate issues.

Scott Howard, part-owner, was present. Ms. Peterson said the local report on the new manager was in compliance but C.B.I. was pending.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the registration of new manager pending a favorable report from C.B.I.

Ms. Peterson read the results of the survey into the record for the modification of the addition of an outdoor dining area (see attached). The City Council approved the outdoor dining lease on April 4, 2011. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Howard if he agreed with the survey results Ms. Peterson reported and asked who conducted the survey. Mr. Howard said he did and that there were 4 of his staff who conducted the survey and two were present today.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked if there was anyone present who objected to the issuance of the modification and seeing no one, Hearing Officer Grattan approved the modification for Rock Slide Brew Pub.

X. APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 641 Struthers Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 – "Gifts of the Gardens Dance 2011" on June 18, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

President of Org.: Jon Schler, 2905 El Toro Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Event Manager: Dana Hobika, 974 17 ¼ Road, Fruita, CO 81521

Ms. Dana Hobika, Executive Director of the Botanical Gardens, was present. Ms. Peterson reported the paperwork was in order for this event.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Hobika to give an explanation of this event and what was planned. Hearing Officer Grattan marked the diagram as Exhibit A (see attached) and asked Ms. Hobika to indicate the entrances and the locked gates, which she did.

Hearing Officer Grattan and City Attorney Shaver concurred and the application for special events permit for "Gifts of the Gardens Dance 2011" was approved.

2. Grand Junction Downtown Association Inc., 248 S. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 – Wells Fargo Art & Jazz Festival on May 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and May 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sec. of Org.: Diane Keliher, 3342 E ¾ Road, Clifton, CO 81520

Event Manager: George Rossman, 276 Huffer, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Ms. George Rossman and Mary Watson were present. Ms. Peterson said the paperwork was in order for this event. Ms. Rossman thanked the City and the Authority for helping make the last 23 years of the Art and Jazz Festival a success.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Rossman who would be conducting the security. Her response was Foremost Security. City Attorney Shaver asked how many volunteers there would be at this event. Ms. Rossman said 50, and she and Ms. Watson have both taken the City Seller/Server training class and one of them will be on duty at the point of alcohol sales at all times. The volunteers work in 2 hour shift and they card anyone 40 or younger and then they are given a wrist band to wear.

City Attorney Shaver recommended approval. Hearing Officer Grattan concurred and approved the Special Event Permit for the Wells Fargo Art and Jazz Festival.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Continuation of Applicant for Tasting Permit from The Denville Corporation dba Cottonwood Liquors, 2513 Hwy 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store. Mr. Dennis Barbor, Owner, was now present.

Ms. Peterson reported this is the first request for a Tasting Permit from this applicant and the control plan meets all requirements and the five employees have all gone through the Alcohol Server training. Ms. Peterson said this permit is only until August 7, 2011 at which time his store license will renew and Mr. Barbour will apply again for a renewal of the tasting permit to run concurrent with his retail liquor store license.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Barbour if there was anything he wished to add. Mr. Barbour said he has considered this for a couple of years, but with all the State and City regulations, he wasn't sure he wanted to apply, but has a good idea of what is expected of him as a license holder.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the Tasting Permit for Cottonwood Liquors.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 3:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 4, 2011

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority
FROM: Juanita Peterson, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: April 11, 2011
SUBJECT: Application for a modification of premises to Remodel Front Entry of Restaurant area

Inafuki Inc. filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on February 22, 2011 for a modification of premises at 541 Main Street under the trade name Suehiro Japanese Restaurant. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order, and accepted. The hearing date was set for April 20, 2011.

In order to address the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood and the desires of the adult inhabitants of the neighborhood, the applicant conducted a survey. The neighborhood boundaries are defined as: Teller Avenue on the north, 3rd Avenue on the south, 12th Street on the east, and Mulberry Street on the west and includes both sides of the streets as the outer boundaries.

The results of that survey are as follows:

If you support/oppose this proposed modification of premises of a remodel front entry of Restaurant area because this will not conflict with the reasonable requirements of the designated area and it is your desire the modification be approved/not approved.

Business Results:	FAVOR:	75
	OPPOSE:	0
Residential Results:	FAVOR:	5
	OPPOSE:	0

No letters of opposition or counterpetitions have been filed to date.

There were 6 responses that were disqualified because the listed address was outside the defined neighborhood (4), there was no listed address at all (1), and they did not mark an answer either way (1). There were no "Exhibits to Survey Petition" submitted.

Reports have been requested from the Grand Junction Police Department to investigate the owner for local criminal history and the Grand Junction Sales Tax Department to verify the sales tax is in compliance.

The number of similar-type outlets in the survey area is as follows:

Hotel and Restaurant – 16 (Fly'n Roosters, 626 on Rood, The Winery, Blue Moon Bar and Grill, Weavers Tavern, Two Rivers Convention Center, Le Rouge, Dream Café, Dolce Vita, Il Bistro, La Bamba, Nepal Restaurant, Junct'n Square Pizza, Los Reyes, Naggie McGee's)

That concludes this report.

cc: Applicant
John Shaver, City Attorney
Lisa Maestas, Grand Junction Police Department
File

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority
FROM: Juanita Peterson, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: April 8, 2011
SUBJECT: Application for a modification of premises to increase licensed area to include an the outside patio area

Rockslide Brew Pub Inc. filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on March 30, 2011 for a modification of premises at 401 Main Street under the trade name of Rockslide Brew Pub. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order, and accepted. The hearing date was set for April 20, 2011.

In order to address the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood and the desires of the adult inhabitants of the neighborhood, the applicant conducted a survey. The neighborhood boundaries are defined as: Teller Avenue on the north, 3rd Avenue on the south, 9th Street on the east, and West Avenue on the west and includes both sides of the streets as the outer boundaries.

The results of that survey are as follows:

If you support/oppose this proposed modification of premises as described above because this will not conflict with the reasonable requirements of the designated area and it is your desire the modification be approved/not approved.

Business Results:	FAVOR:	68
	OPPOSE:	0
Residential Results:	FAVOR:	74
	OPPOSE:	0
	NO OPINION	1

No letters of opposition or counterpetitions have been filed to date.

There was 1 response that was disqualified because the listed address was outside the defined neighborhood and 1 that was signed after the date on the Circulator's Affidavit. There were 38 addresses submitted on "Exhibits to Survey Petition" that indicated no answer, not 21 years of age, refused to sign, or no answer.

Reports have been requested from the Grand Junction Police Department to investigate the corporate officers for local criminal history and the Grand Junction Sales Tax Department to verify the sales tax is in compliance.

The number of similar-type outlets in the survey area is as follows:

Brew Pub – 0

That concludes this report.

cc: Applicant
John Shaver, City Attorney
Lisa Maestas, Grand Junction Police Department
File

EXHIBIT A
GIFTS OF THE GARDEN DANCE 2011
JUNE 18, 2011

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