

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 2:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 2:00 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. JNS Inc. dba Tavern on the Point, 2938 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Tavern – Continued from March 3, 2010

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order and the Sales Tax is now in compliance.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

2. Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili Restaurant, 2536 Rimrock Drive, Suite 700, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Beer and Wine

Hearing Officer Grattan moved this item to last on the Agenda.

3. DLK Enterprises Inc., dba Brass Rail Lounge, 476 28 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

4. Thrifty Payless Inc., dba Rite Aid #6258, 2929 F Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Retail (Off-Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

5. Grand Conjunction, LLC dba Doubletree – Grand Junction, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Sarah Austin, Director of Human Resources, was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. City of Grand Junction – Parks and Recreation Department, 1340 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 – Southwest/Arbor Fest, April 24, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Malt and Vinous

Dept. Head, Rob Schoeber, 676 Moonridge Cir., Grand Jct., CO 81505
Event Manager, Emily Wright, 325 Northridge Dr., Grand Jct., CO 81506

Emily Wright, Event Manager, was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order and read the letter of request from the applicant regarding other licensed venues into the record.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Wright about the boundary of the area from the aerial photo. Ms. Wright said there is fencing around the whole area.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked about the security at the gate. Ms. Wright said security will be present at the entrance gate at all times checking ID's.

The application for a Special Events Permit was found to be in order and approved.

IV. APPLICATION FOR RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE AND REGISTRATION OF A NEW MANAGER

1. The Grand Inn LLLP, dba Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Grand Junction, 2751 Crossroads Blvd., Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Tammis Anderson, 9071 E. Mississippi Ave. Unit 236, Denver CO 80247
replaces Rick Hill

Ms. Tammis (Tammy) Anderson was present. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order but the City is still waiting for the C.B.I. results.

City Attorney Shaver inquired about Ms. Anderson having a Denver address. Ms. Peterson said she questioned this also and the owner said that Ms. Anderson lives at the hotel when in Grand Junction. Ms. Anderson confirmed this along with having Denver as her permanent residential address; she also is a resident in the State of Arizona.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the renewal and then separately approved the registration of Ms. Anderson as the new manager contingent on there being a favorable report from C.B.I.

V. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A NEW MANAGER AND CHANGE IN TRADE NAME

1. ERICH AND BARB LLC dba The Snowflake, 539 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, 81501, Tavern

Connie Mae Plum, 2470 Broadway, Grand Jct., CO 81507 replaces Erich Frei

Change of Trade Name to: Rocky Mountain Pub

Connie Plum, General Manager, was present. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order but read into the record the Police call for service report over the last 12 months for The Snowflake. Ms. Peterson said we are still waiting for the C.B.I. results on Ms. Plum.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Plum what her relationship to the establishment was. Ms. Plum said she is engaged to the owner. Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Plum if she knew of the issues with the establishment. She confirmed she did as she was working there learning the ropes of the establishment. She said they are trying to change and clean-up the image of the bar; that is the reason for the name change to get rid of the association it brought with the current name.

City Attorney Shaver and Hearing Officer Grattan both concurred that there has been numerous issues with the establishment and hoped with her as the new General Manager they would not see any more. The application for registration of the new manager and name change were approved.

VI. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES - continued

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

Quanbei Zhao, President, and Young Piang Gan (Ken) General Manager, were present. Mr. Gan said Mr. Zhao is his father-in-law and he would be translating for him. Ms. Peterson reported the application was filed in a timely manner but when she received the local police report back there was a criminal history of two incidents reported on Mr. Zhao. Ms. Peterson sent a certified letter to the applicant asking that he respond in writing to attach to his renewal before March 10th and to be present at the hearing to address these issues. Ms. Peterson said she received a phone call from Mr. Gan (Ken) saying that the court appearance was postponed until March 26th. Ken said they have hired Mr. Andy Noland to represent Mr. Zhao at the trial.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Gan if it was a court appearance or trial. Mr. Gan stated he believed a trial. Hearing Officer Grattan explained to Mr. Gan the underlying issues of non-disclosure on the renewal application, non-compliance with the written request from the City Clerk's office; and that there is

no disposition yet on the issue. Hearing Officer Grattan suggested Mr. Gan have Mr. Noland respond to the request by the City Clerk's office by April 5th which would be after the court appearance and if Mr. Noland had any questions to contact City Attorney Shaver. City Attorney Shaver said it would be wise to continue this until the April 7th Liquor and Beer Meeting so that the Authority would have a better idea of what happened due to an impending moral character issue with Mr. Zhao. All parties were in agreement.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Hearing Officer Grattan asked to talk about the survey petitions that have recently been revised. He asked who all had a chance to look at these. City Attorney Shaver said City Clerk Tuin, Ms. Peterson, his paralegal, and himself. Ms. Peterson explained the process used to compile the information for the new forms and how they will be used. Hearing Officer Grattan was very pleased with the outcome and all responded they will be excited to use these in the near future.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 2:36 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 7, 2010