

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

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

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

1. LOCO, Inc. dba LOCO Food Store No. 14, 2902 F Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2 Percent Beer Retail (Off Premises)

Mike Hillen, Manager of LOCO Food Store No. 14, was present.

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

2. The Pinon Grill, Inc., dba The Pinon Grill at Tiara Rado, 2057 S. Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant with Three Optional Premises

No one was present representing the applicant.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if their lease is current. Ms. Kemp said that their lease is good through December 31, 2009, but that will not be sufficient for the renewal. She stated that she will call the applicant and ask that they provide documentation from the Lessor stating they will renew or extend the lease through February 11, 2010.

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

III. **APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE WITH LATE FILING**

1. Boomers II, LLC dba Boomers, 436 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern (filed 18 days late)

Carson Cross, owner of Boomers, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the applicant had provided a letter stating why the renewal was filed late in the City Clerk's office and also stated that the applicant was issued a Stipulation from the State for a violation of an employee permitting the sale of an alcohol beverage to a minor which required the liquor license to be actively suspended for two days and five days were held in abeyance. Ms. Kemp stated that the Police Department reported that Mr. Cross was issued a summons on March 8, 2008 for permitting the sale of alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person at 436 Main Street and that Boomers employee Tor Larson was cited by State Liquor Enforcement on June 6, 2008 for selling to an underage person.

City Attorney asked Mr. Cross if they had two violations because the dates that Ms. Kemp reported were months apart. Mr. Cross stated that there was only one violation in June 2008. The charges were dropped for the summons he was issued in March. Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Cross what is being done to prevent future violations. Mr. Cross explained that they card at the door and use wrist bands. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Cross to explain why the renewal was filed late. Mr. Cross stated that it was an oversight on his part. He set it aside for future payment and didn't get it submitted on time. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Cross if this was his first renewal since the acquisition of the establishment. Mr. Cross stated that it was. City Attorney Shaver said that he feels good cause was shown for the late filing and he recommended approval. Hearing Officer Grattan concurred with City Attorney Shaver and asked Mr. Cross to set up some type of system for future renewals so that they are not filed late.

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

**IV. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE AND CHANGE IN TRADE NAME**

1. Rendezvous of Grand Junction, LTD dba Le Moulin Rouge, 317 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Trade Name Change from Le Moulin Rouge to Le Rouge

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Fire Department had advised that there were five violations noted and they would not support the renewal until they were corrected. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if there were any details of the violations. Ms. Kemp said no details were given on the violations. Hearing Officer Grattan asked City Attorney Shaver to have his office communicate with the Fire Department and ask in the future to give better details of the violations to help make decisions on the renewal more clear.

The applications for renewal and change in trade name were approved conditioned upon a satisfactory report from the Fire Department.

**V. APPLICATION TO REGISTER NEW MANAGER**

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

Per Anders Nilsson, 742 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506 replaces Joe Hunter

Per Anders Nilsson, general manager of Doubletree, was present.

The application for registration of a new manager was found to be in order and approved.

**VI. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH TASTING PERMIT**

1. Crossroads Wine and Spirits, LLC. dba Crossroads Wine and Spirits, 2546 Rimrock Avenue, #10, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Retail Liquor Store

Eleni Sica, owner of Crossroads Wine and Spirits, was present.

Ms. Kemp advised that the Police Department had reported that employee Richard Sterling had received a summons on May 18, 2008 for driving under the influence of alcohol and employee Jared Welsh, Registered Sex Offender had a parole violation on June 28, 2008 and was arrested on December 1, 2008 on a FTA warrant issued for a traffic violation.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Sica if she could provide an explanation regarding these employees. Ms. Sica stated that Jared Welsh is no longer an employee of Crossroads Wine and Spirits as of the end of 2008. He just didn't work out for them. She said she was aware of the summons issued to Richard Sterling. She explained that all in all, he is a good employee, he just made a bad judgment. She said he was no longer employed as he is relocating to New Mexico. City Attorney Shaver asked if either of these two people would be hired back in the future. Ms. Sica said they would not. City Attorney Shaver stated that Crossroads Wine and Spirits was the first retail liquor store to be granted a tastings permit, there have not been any issues with them, they have provided a control plan and he recommended approval.

The application for renewal with tasting permit with the two above mentioned employees being removed from the application was found to be in order and approved.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 4, 2009**