

**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, FEBRUARY 18, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 9:02 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. City of Grand Junction dba Lincoln Park Golf Course, 800 Mantlo Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer Retail (On/Off Premises), **continued from the February 4, 2009 meeting**

No one was present representing the applicant.

Hearing Officer Grattan continued the application for renewal to the liquor and beer meeting on March 4, 2009 because a letter had been sent to the applicant requesting their presence at this meeting and there was no one present to address the Fire Department's inspection.

2. G A Restaurant, Inc. dba Wrigley Field, 1810 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

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

3. SAL, Inc. dba Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, 710 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

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

4. City of Grand Junction dba Two Rivers Convention Center, 159 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Sheryl Thompson, Banquet Manager for Two Rivers Convention Center and registered manager on the liquor license, was present.

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

5. Valero Diamond Metro, Inc. dba Diamond Shamrock Corner Store #4115, 599 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

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

### **III. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT**

1. Mesa State College Foundation, 1450 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 – Casino Night Annual Foundation Fundraiser, 1100 North Avenue – Saunders Fieldhouse, Grand Junction, March 27, 2009

President: Clay Tufly, 731 Centauri, Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Event Manager: Kristi Pollard, P. O. Box 12, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Clay Tufly, President for Mesa State College Foundation, and Kristi Pollard, Mesa State College Director of Development and Event Manager for the requested special events permit, were present.

Hearing Officer Grattan disclosed that Mr. Tufly and his mother had been clients of his many years ago but does not feel there would be any conflict with this matter. There was no one present that opposed.

Ms. Kemp reported that the paperwork was in order and all the reports came back fine. She reported that she had spoken to Brian Dyet with Colorado State Liquor Enforcement, and he had advised that he would be contacting Ms. Pollard regarding her obtaining the rules and regulations on gambling.

Ms. Pollard advised that she had spoken with Mr. Dyet and advised that she had been in contact with Colorado Bureau of Investigation regarding the rules and regulations of gambling.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Pollard if she is familiar with the letter that was provided with the application regarding no other facilities available for their event that Ms. Barnett signed. Ms. Pollard stated she was. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Pollard how Ms. Barnett had contacted Two Rivers Convention Center. Ms. Pollard stated she believes by telephone. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Pollard who Ms. Barnett is. Ms. Pollard stated that Ms. Barnett works for the Development office which is support for both Mesa State College and the Foundation. She will be assisting with the event as a volunteer. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Pollard if they made contact with any of the larger hotels on Horizon Drive that have a liquor license to hold their event and asked why it is important to have the event at the college. Ms. Pollard stated that they had not contacted any of the larger hotels on Horizon Drive because none of the hotels could accommodate the layout of the event that they want and the event will benefit the students at the college and highlight capital projects for the college. Proceeds of the event will go towards scholarships, programmatic course work, and operation expenses.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Pollard if Ms. Barnett was acting on behalf of the Foundation when she wrote the letter in reference to the unavailability of Two Rivers Convention Center for the event. Ms. Pollard said yes.

City Attorney Shaver stated that the State Statute is written in the disjunctive and cited the Statute and based on Ms. Pollard's testimony of the event and the highlighting and showcasing of Mesa State College, he believes that the Authority can make a reasonable finding that other facilities (even though they had not been contacted) would not be adequate for the event. He would have preferred that the applicant contact more facilities

and keep that in mind for any future applications, but given the application and the type of event it is, he does not feel that it would be unreasonable for the Authority to find that the requirements of the State Statute have been met.

Mr. Tuflly stated that it is very important that this event stay on the college campus as it is a "friend raiser" as well as a fund raiser.

The application for a special events permit was found to be in order and approved.

#### **IV. APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION OF PREMISES**

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

Delete section from licensed premises for other storage

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

City Attorney Shaver asked about the modification. Ms. Kemp provided City Attorney Shaver and Hearing Officer Grattan with the diagram of the current licensed area and a diagram of the proposed licensed area explaining that the applicant is eliminating one small portion of the storage area for other storage.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Sica if she agreed with Ms. Kemp and asked if she provided the diagrams to Ms. Kemp. Ms. Sica said she did agree with what Ms. Kemp had stated and that she did provide the diagrams to Ms. Kemp.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Sica if she is actually reducing the licensed area. Ms. Sica said that is correct. Hearing Officer Grattan entered the diagrams into the record as Exhibit A and B (see attached).

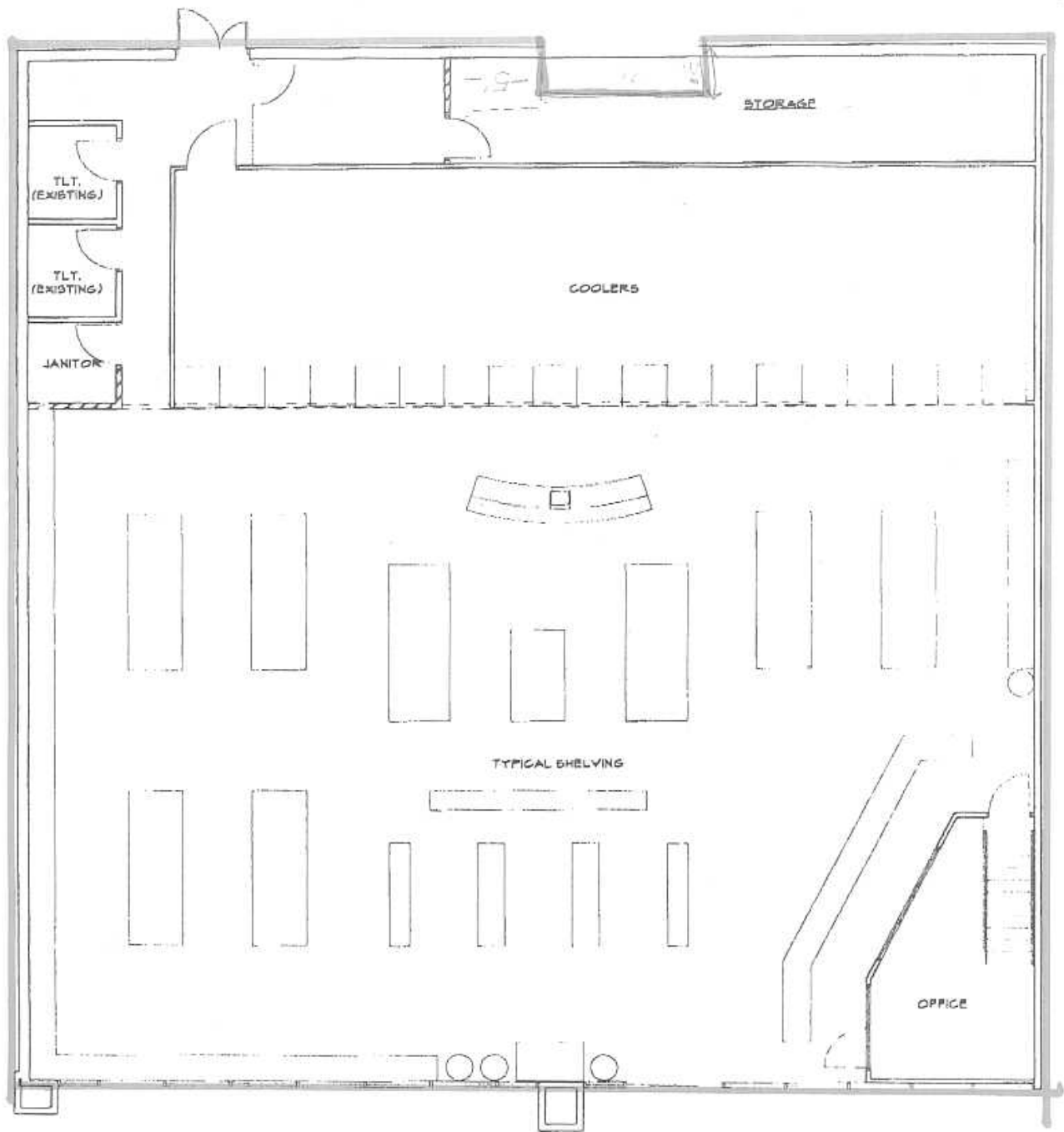
The application for modification of premises was found to be in order and approved.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Hearing Officer Grattan stated that he will be out of town on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, therefore it was decided to cancel the Liquor and Beer Meeting on that day.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. (New Time)**

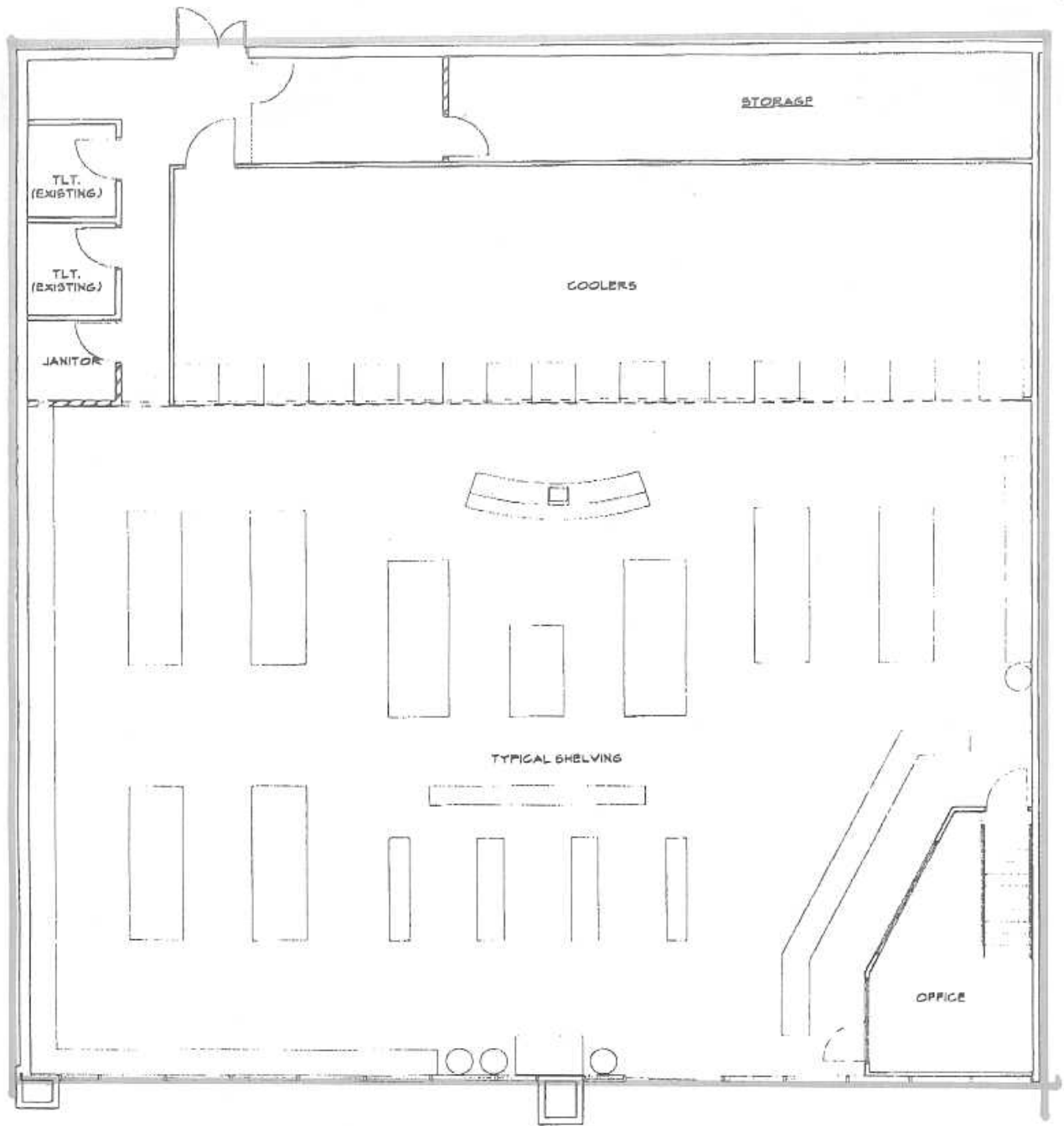


Floor Plan

Rimrock Avenue

Proposed Change

(A)



Floor Plan

Rimrock Avenue

Current Layout

(B)