

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

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

HEARING OFFICER MICHAEL GRATTAN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Juanita Peterson.

II. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. JUST B.E., LLC dba Barons, 539 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Jon Baron, owner, was present.

Ms. Peterson reported the application is in order and all the reports are in compliance except the Fire Department. The Fire Department has requested a conditional review until the cooking/hood extinguishing system can be updated.

Mr. Baron said that it is scheduled for an inspection at 6:00 a.m. on May 4th.

Hearing Officer Grattan agreed to a conditional approval if everything is in compliance before the June 3, 2015 meeting; just an update would need to be provided to the City Clerk's Office. If in the event this update has not occurred, it was agreed to put it on the June 3, 2015 Liquor and Beer Agenda to review the status.

2. 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 for SAL, Inc. dba Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ was found to be in order and approved.

3. Tepanyaki Japanese Steak House, LLC dba Tepanyaki Steak House and Sushi Bar, 752 ½ Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Tepanyaki Japanese Steak House, LLC dba Tepanyaki Steak and Sushi Bar 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

Stuart Taylor, General Manager, was present.

The application for renewal for the City of Grand Junction dba Two Rivers Convention Center was found to be in order and approved.

5. Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings, 2412 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings was found to be in order and approved.

6. PAT Services, LLC dba The Rock, 2057 S. Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81507, Hotel and Restaurant with three Optional Premises

Jack Sommers, Managing Member, was present.

The application for renewal for PAT Services, LLC dba The Rock was found to be in order and approved.

7. PAT Services, LLC dba The Park, 800 Mantlo Circle, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer (On/Off Premises)

Jack Sommers, Managing Member, was present.

The application for renewal for PAT Services, LLC dba The Park was found to be in order and approved.

8. CST Metro, LLC dba Diamond Shamrock Corner Store #4115, 599 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Beer (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for CST Metro, LLC dba Diamond Shamrock Corner Store #4115 was found to be in order and approved.

9. Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. dba Love's Travel Stop #517, 748 22 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, 3.2% Beer (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. dba Love's Travel Stop #517 was found to be in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN LOCATION – Continued from February 4, 2015

1. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 118 S. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Current Location: 118 S. 7th Street, Grand Junction, Co 81501

Proposed Location: 421 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Maria Maestas, owner, was present.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Maestas to give the Authority an update of where she is regarding this change of location.

Ms. Maestas said that her contractor is working with the City and has found out there will be approximately \$68,000 in fees she was not aware of due to this never being a restaurant before. Her current landlord is working with her with a month to month lease.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked when Ms. Maestas would know if this change of location will happen as he is willing to give her the time to work things out.

Ms. Maestas said that she will have to make a decision within the next 2 months.

Hearing Officer Grattan said for Ms. Maestas to let the City Clerk's office know in a month of her intentions with a status report. The drop dead date is the May 6, 2015 hearing for a final decision to be made.

Ms. Maestas said this was fair and thanked the Authority for working with her on this delay.

IV. APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE – RESOLUTION, FINDINGS, AND DECISION

1. Namaste Nepal Restaurant, LLC dba Namaste Nepal Restaurant, 2692 Highway 50, Suites L & N, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant

Member: Ram B. Mager-Thapa, 2534 Walnut Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Mr. Mager-Thapa, owner, was present.

Ms. Peterson reported that all reports are in compliance and this is a concurrent review. Ms. Peterson read the survey results into the record (see attached).

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Mager-Thapa if he believed the results Ms. Peterson read into the report were a true and accurate account of the survey. Mr. Mager-Thapa agreed. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Mager-Thapa if he contacted all the businesses around him with the survey. Mr. Mager-Thapa said he did. Mr. Mager-Thapa said he even got people to sign that were

against drinking, but were happy about the restaurant. City Attorney Shaver said he sees no reason to object to the issuance of this license.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked the audience if there was anyone present for or against this license. There was one gentleman present who identified himself as Mr. Jerry Harris, Landlord. He said he was in favor of the issuance of this license.

Hearing Officer Grattan found the application for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license for the Namaste-Nepal-Restaurant LLC dba Namaste Nepal Restaurant to be in order and approved. The City Clerk's office will prepare a resolution for Hearing Officer Grattan's signature.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT – 2:30 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 18, 2015

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority

FROM: Debbie Kemp, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: February 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Application for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license by Namaste Nepal Restaurant, LLC dba Namaste Nepal Restaurant, 2692 Hwy. 50, Suites L & N, Grand Junction, CO

Namaste Nepal Restaurant, LLC filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on January 23, 2015 for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license permitting sales of alcohol beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises at 2692 Hwy. 50, Suites L & N under the trade name of Namaste Nepal Restaurant. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order and accepted. A copy was sent to the State Liquor Enforcement Division for a Concurrent Review. The hearing date was set for March 4, 2015. The Notice of Hearing was given by posting a sign on the property on or before February 22, 2015 and by publishing a display ad in the Daily Sentinel on February 20, 2015.

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 was defined as the area bounded on the North by the Colorado River, B Road on the South, 27 ½ Road on the East and 26 ¼ Road on the West and included both sides of the streets as the outer boundaries. The results of that survey are as follows:

Check the yes/no column if you support/oppose this type of license being issued because the existing outlets do/do not adequately serve the reasonable requirements of the designated area.

Business Results:	SUPPORT:	15
	OPPOSE:	0
Residential Results:	SUPPORT:	91
	OPPOSE:	0

There were 48 responses that were disqualified because 44 of the addresses listed were out of the survey boundary area and four responses had no address listed.

There were no "exhibits to survey petition" submitted with the survey.

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

The Grand Junction Police Department has investigated the owner for local criminal history. The property was verified for the Notice of Hearing and was posted in a timely manner. The property will be verified to determine if the diagram matches the establishment. The fingerprints were forwarded to CBI for further processing and the report was satisfactory. Reports have been requested by the Grand Junction Fire Department, Mesa County Health Department, and City of Grand Junction Sales Tax Department.

The number of liquor licensed outlets in the survey area are:

Hotel and Restaurant = 3 (Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant, Orchard Mesa Lanes, and Conchita's Mexican Restaurant)

Tavern = 1 (Thunder Mountain Tavern)

Club = 1 (Fraternal Order of Eagles)

3.2% Beer (Off Premises) = 1 (Maverik #500)

That concludes this report.

cc: Applicant
John Shaver, City Attorney
Meghan Woodland, Grand Junction Police Department
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