

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER, 159 MAIN STREET**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000, 8:00 A.M.

James Majors, Alternate Hearing Officer

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was convened at 8:04 a.m. Those present were Alternate Hearing Officer James Majors, Assistant City Attorney John Shaver and Senior Administrative Assistant Christine English.

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

1. Happy Valley Spirits Incorporated dba Earl's House of Spirits, 1560 North Avenue, Retail Liquor Store

The application was in order and approved.

2. Heather L. Shuman, Racquet Club Pub, 535 25 ½ Road, Tavern

The application was in order and approved.

3. Martinez Family Corporation dba Chupiro's Place, 122 South 5th Street, Tavern

Alfredo Martinez, manager, was present. The application was in order and approved.

4. WTB Enterprises Incorporated dba Blue Moon Bar & Grille, 120 North 7th Street, Hotel and Restaurant

Theodora Brehmer, owner, was present. The application was in order and approved.

5. FJ40 of Colorado Incorporated dba Cruisers Southwestern Grill, 748 North Avenue, Hotel and Restaurant

The application was in order. The Health Department noted upon inspection 4 critical violations that have been corrected. It was also noted that the establishment has reduced their hours of operation and the food service. The bar is opening at 3 p.m. with food service not starting until 5 p.m. A menu was submitted to the Health Department inspector that was substantially different from the menu submitted upon the original application.

Mr. Kevin McCoy, who identified himself as the manager, stated they would be scaling their food service back.

Mr. Majors stated this was of concern to the Licensing Authority as this is a hotel and restaurant liquor license that requires food service to be prepared on the premises for the hours of operation. This is different from a tavern license where food or snacks must be available but it does not necessarily have to be prepared on the premises for consumption on the premises. If there is a discrepancy on what is being offered on the menu, this will need to be addressed. Mr. Majors advised Mr. McCoy to contact Ms. English or Mr.

Shaver regarding this issue. This could be a violation of the liquor code that could commence an enforcement action which could put the liquor license in jeopardy.

Mr. Majors asked Mr. McCoy if he was the registered manager of the establishment. Mr. McCoy stated that he was. Ms. English noted for the record that Mr. McCoy was not the registered manager according to the renewal application form. Mr. Majors stated this was another issue that needs to be taken care of. When someone has been given the duties of being the manager, as the responsible person on the premises who supervises the employees, that person needs to submit an individual history form and fingerprint card to the City who will request a background check. This is statutorily required.

Mr. McCoy asked as far as the food is concerned, would they need to open at 3p.m. instead of 5 p.m. Mr. Majors stated there was more involved with holding a hotel and restaurant liquor license then the hours of operation. Mr. McCoy asked if the menu was not adequate? Mr. Majors stated this was not known at this point. Mr. Majors stated the license could be changed to a tavern liquor license, but this is a business decision. At this time, the Licensing Authority needs to be sure the establishment is being operated according to the statutory laws and regulations. Mr. Majors approved the renewal application but admonished Mr. McCoy to let the owner know that the establishment is on notice, and that the issue of the menu, the food service and Mr. McCoy's status as manager needs to be addressed quickly. If this is not done, the City can commence an enforcement action.

II. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. Latin Anglo Alliance for a 3.2% Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit for Cinco De Mayo on May 6, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Main Street between 5th and 7th Streets and from Rood Avenue to Colorado Avenue on 6th Street

Applicant: Latin Anglo Alliance
President/Secretary: Elaine Rodriquez, 455 Cottonwood Lakes Drive, Grand Junction
Event Manager: Rafael Quintana, 106 Santa Fe Drive, Grand Junction

The application was in order. It was submitted late. Arrangements have been made with the State Liquor Enforcement Division for the local approval to be faxed to them. The State has been reviewing the application as a concurrent review, and they will issue the permit immediately.

Mr. Majors asked what the concern was with the application being submitted late. Ms. English said the statutes state the locally approved application needs to be submitted to the state 10 days prior to the event. The City needs at least 30 days to process the application. Reports are requested, the premises need to be posted 10 days prior to the hearing date, and upon local approval, the application is sent to the State for processing and approval. This takes more than 10 days to accomplish. Ms. English noted for the record that a representative from the Latin Anglo Alliance did attend the Special Events Training program which was held on April 25th. Ms. English has spoken to the Latin Anglo Alliance representatives regarding filing this application in a more timely manner. It appears that the officers of the organization changed this year and the new officers were not familiar with the filing process.

Ms. Elaine Rodriquez was present. Mr. Majors stated he hoped this would be filed in a more timely manner in the future. It is not that the Licensing Authority would not want to approve the application as the event is a community service and a great community event, but each entity needs the necessary time to process the application properly.

Mr. Shaver asked Mr. Majors if he was finding the application in compliance with CRS 12-48-103. Mr. Majors stated yes and approved the application.

IV. APPLICATION TO REGISTER MANAGER

1. JanRus Incorporated dba Cahoots Crossin, 490 28 ¼ Road, Tavern

New Manager: Vallory Kay Bailey, 2713 B ½ Road Space A10, Grand Junction

Ms. Bailey was present. The application was in order and approved.

2. Ran Ken Incorporated dba Chelsea London Pub & Grill, 2424 Hwy 6 & 50 Space 300, Hotel and Restaurant

New Manager: Aletha J. Anderson, 2531 B Shetland Drive, Grand Junction

Ms. Anderson was present. The application was in order and approved.

V. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 17, 2000