

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007 9:00 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, Assistant City Attorney Jamie Kreiling and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

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

1. Crown Liquors of Western Colorado Inc., dba Crown Liquor of Western Colorado, 2851 ½ North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501-5081, Retail Liquor Store

Don Comte, owner of Crown Liquors, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the application was in order. She stated that the Police Department reported that on April 12, 2007, during a liquor sting, the State's Liquor Enforcement sent in a decoy that was only 20 years old and the clerk at Crown Liquors sold the underage decoy a six pack of Budweiser Light Beer in 12 oz bottles without asking for any identification. Ms. Kemp said this doesn't affect Crown Liquor's renewal at this time, but if a stipulation is ordered through State Liquor Enforcement, Crown Liquors will have to disclose that for their renewal next year.

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

2. Loco Inc., dba Loco Store No. 15, 722 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off-Premises)

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

3. Sam's West Inc., dba Sam's Club #6360, 1040 Independent Avenue, Grand Junction CO, 81505, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off-Premises)

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

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

1. Carson Inc., dba Johny's Beer & Liquor, 666 Patterson, Unit A, Grand Junction, CO 81506-1992, Retail Liquor Store – 3 Days Late Filing

John Carson, President/General Manager for Carson, Inc., was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the application was in order. She read the letter that the applicant provided regarding filing the renewal 3 days late.

The late filing letter was accepted and the application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

Mr. Carson asked if the lease for his business will be ok on a month to month lease. Assistant City Attorney Kreiling advised Mr. Carson that she would look into the regulations and get back with him.

IV. APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE - RESOLUTION OF FINDINGS AND DECISION

1. Shiman Chu LLC dba No Coast Sushi, 1119 N. 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

President – Elizabeth Renee Boyd, 2025 Poplar Drive, Grand Junction CO

Elizabeth Boyd, President of Shiman Chu LLC, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported the application was in order and the applicant requested a concurrent review. The Police Department reported that nothing derogatory was found on a local background check on the owner and the fingerprint card and individual history form was forwarded to C.B.I. for further investigation. Code Enforcement reported that the premises was posted in a timely manner, however the diagram could not be verified because the building is under construction. The Fire Department and the Building Department will report once the building is completed and a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The Health Department has approved the plan review and will do a final inspection 3 days prior to the establishment opening. The Sales Tax Department reported that the applicant hasn't filed for a sales tax license yet. Ms. Kemp read into the record the results of the survey provided (see attached).

Hearing Officer Grattan asked the applicant when their expected opening date will be. Ms. Boyd advised that they hope to open up by mid May. Mr. Grattan asked if they plan having some type of training program for alcohol service for their employees. Ms. Boyd stated that she and four of her employees attended the City's last alcohol server responsibility class on April 7th and they plan on sending all of their employees to future trainings. They will also ask customers for identification if they look 35 or younger. Mr. Grattan questioned who conducted the survey and commented on the overwhelming numbers of people in favor of the liquor license as he feels that there should have been more people not in favor of the liquor license. Ms. Boyd stated that it was herself, her husband, and two employees that conducted the survey. She said that because they are involved with Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, they know a lot of people, especially in the survey neighborhood that they were assigned. She said that there were a lot of people that said they didn't really care one way or the other if a liquor license is issued and they didn't want to sign the survey. Mr. Grattan asked how many people Ms. Boyd had canvassed and how many didn't want to sign the survey. Ms. Boyd replied that she canvassed approximately 200 people and there were approximately 15 to 20 people who didn't care to sign the survey.

Assistant City Attorney Kreiling recommended approval of the liquor license with the condition that all matters with the Health, Fire, Sales Tax, and the Building Departments all be taken care of prior to the issuance of the license.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked if there was anyone else present for or against the application. Seeing none, Mr. Grattan found the requirements have been met. The approval for the issuance of the hotel and restaurant liquor license on the local level was granted with the condition of all final inspections and reports be approved and a Certificate of Occupancy issued. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution for Mr. Grattan's signature. Ms. Kemp stated this will be faxed into the State after the hearing since it was sent in for concurrent review.

V. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 2, 2007

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority

FROM: Debbie Kemp, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: April 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Application for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license by Shiman Chu, LLC, dba No Coast Sushi, 1119 N. 1st Street, Unit A

Shiman Chu, LLC filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on March 15, 2007 for a new hotel and restaurant liquor license permitting sales of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises at 1119 N. 1st Street, Unit A, under the trade name of No Coast Sushi. 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 April 18, 2007. The Notice of Hearing was given by posting a sign on the property on or before April 8, 2007 and by publishing a display ad in the Daily Sentinel on April 6, 2007.

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 Walnut Avenue, on the South by Grand Avenue, on the East by 7th Street, and on the West by 25 Road. The results of that survey are as follows:

1. As an owner of property in the neighborhood, an employee or a business lessee of property in the neighborhood, and/or an inhabitant residing in the neighborhood for more than six months each year, I believe the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood are already being met by other existing outlets.

Yes	9
No	466

2. As an inhabitant who resides in the neighborhood for more than six months each year, it is my desire that the license be issued.

Yes	302
No	4
N/A	5
Disqualified	187

There were 187 disqualified due to: 1) 164 Businesses answered question number 2 which was not applicable to them, 2) 15 addresses were out of the boundary, and 3) 8 addresses were invalid.

The Grand Junction Police Department has investigated the owner for local criminal history and has forwarded the fingerprint card and individual history form onto CBI for further background investigation. Reports have been requested by the Grand Junction Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Mesa County Health Department, City of Grand Junction Sales Tax Department and the Building Department for a final certificate of occupancy (CO) upon completion of the restaurant.

The number of similar-type outlets in the survey area is as follows:

Hotel and Restaurant – 4 (Old Chicago, Fiesta Guadalajara, Qdoba Mexican Grill, and Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers & Spirits)

The number of similar type outlets in a one mile area in addition to the above are:

Hotel and Restaurant – 14 (Fly'n Roosters, 626 On Rood, The Winery, Blue Moon Bar & Grill, El Tapatio, Weavers Tavern, Two Rivers Convention Center, Rendez vous of Grand Junction, Crystal Café, Dolce Vita, Il Bistro, La Bamba, Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, and Junct'n Square Pizza)

That concludes this report.

cc: Applicant
John Shaver, City Attorney
TJ Rix, Grand Junction Police Department
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