

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008 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. **KMG Enterprises, Inc.**, dba Boston's The Gourmet Pizza, 2404 F Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

2. **Grand White Etkin Court, LLC & White Lodging Services Corporation** dba Courtyard by Marriott Grand Junction, 765 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

3. **Grand White Etkin Res LLC & White Lodging Services Corporation** dba Residence Inn by Marriott Grand Junction, 767 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

4. **Mimosa, Inc.** dba Fairground Wine & Liquor, 2771 B ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Retail Liquor Store

Jerry Sparks, owner and manager of Fairground Wine & Liquor, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Police Department noted that on November 2, 2007, an employee of Fairground Wine & Liquor sold to an underage person but the City Clerk's office has not received notification of a stipulation issued by the State's Liquor Enforcement office.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if the applicant had disclosed the violation. Ms. Kemp replied that they did not.

Mr. Sparks stated that the State had issued a stipulation a couple of weeks ago and he had to pay a fine, his license was suspended for 2 days, and 5 days was held in abeyance.

Hearing Officer Grattan encouraged Mr. Sparks to send his employees to the City's Alcohol Server Responsibility Training when they have it.

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

Ms. Kemp advised that in looking over the paperwork, she discovered that Mr. Sparks had disclosed the violation that occurred on November 2, 2007 and had provided a letter of explanation. Hearing Officer Grattan requested that Mr. Spark's letter be entered into the record as an exhibit (attached).

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

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Police Department noted that on November 2, 2007, an employee of LOCO Food Store No. 14 sold to an underage person but the City Clerk's office has not received notification of a stipulation issued by the State's Liquor Enforcement office.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp when the application for renewal was filed in the City Clerk's office. Ms. Kemp replied that it was received in the City clerk's office on October 31, 2007.

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

III. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

1. **Malabo, LLC** dba Grand Central Liquors, 200 West Grand Avenue, Suite 11, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Retail Liquor Store

Member: Nathan Barnum, 265 W. Parkview Drive, Grand Junction, CO replaces Susan Sixby

Member: Michelle Barnum, 265 W. Parkview Drive, Grand Junction, CO

Nathan Barnum and Michelle Barnum, members of Malabo, LLC was present.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if Michelle Barnum is replacing a member or is she a new member. Ms. Kemp replied that Ms. Barnum is a new member.

Hearing Office Grattan asked Mr. and Ms. Barnum about the Change in Corporate Structure. Mr. Barnum stated that they bought the company from Ms. Sixby. Hearing Officer Grattan asked if Ms. Sixby was the only member previously. Mr. Barnum replied that she was the only member.

The application for change in corporate structure was found to be in order and approved.

IV. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE WITH LATE FILING AND CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

1. **Beye Lotz Grand Junction** dba "VFW Post #1247", 1404 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern (filed 34 days late)

Chairman: Larry Baker, 3229 Bunting Ave., Clifton, CO, new title

Commander: James Tarr, 839 Teller Ave., Grand Junction, CO, replaces Rudy Nerio

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that she had requested that either Mr. Tarr or Mr. Baker be present for the meeting.

City Attorney Shaver stated that the request to renew liquor and beer license with late filing and change in corporate structure should be postponed to the next meeting since no one was present as Ms. Kemp had requested. Hearing Officer Grattan concurred with City Attorney Shaver.

The application to Renew Liquor and Beer License with Late Filing and Change in Corporate Structure was continued to February 6, 2008

V. APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. **National Wild Turkey Federation – Western Slope Chapter**, 2650 Bahamas Way, Grand Junction, CO 81506 – Turkey Federation Dinner and Auction, February 2, 2008, Mesa State College, Liff Auditorium, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction

President/Events Manager: Robert Courtney, 2650 Bahamas Way, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Robert Courtney, President/Events Manager, was present.

City Attorney Shaver commented that the statement showing no other licensed facility was available or adequate was unsigned and undated, but did indicate that no other facility was adequate or available for the requested event.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Courtney who prepared the statement. Mr. Courtney stated that Mark Sutton, Vice President of the organization did all the legwork and prepared the document.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 6, 2008

12-18-07

#5- During a recent sting operation an employee of Fairground Wine & Liquor was caught selling alcohol to a minor - ie (eph of Bud H). He still needs to go to his court for his hearing. At the of this I the manager and owner reviewed our policy of checking ID's to excess of all customer. I also posted more ID. Checking information on all the surfaces counter letting customer as well as employee that we will be checking all ID prior to purchase - Hopefully this will help the process that we do not fail again!

Sincerely,
Jerry L. Sparks
President / Mgr
Fairground Wine & Liquor