

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 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. **JNS, Inc.** dba Tavern on the Point, 2938 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Tavern
Don Connor, employee of Tavern on the Point, and brother to owner, was present.
The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.
2. **Shiman Chu, LLC** dba No Coast Sushi, 1119 N. 1st Street, Unit A, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant
No one representing the applicant was present.
The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.
- III. **APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER A NEW MANAGER**
1. **Brinker Restaurant Corporation** dba “Chili’s Grill and Bar”, 584 24 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant
William S. Coolbaugh, 564 Aaron Court, Clifton, CO 81520 replaces Rick Canno
William Coolbaugh, general manager for Chili’s Grill and Bar, was present.
The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.
2. **GMRI, Inc.** dba Red Lobster #685, 575 24 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant
Robyn L. Klauer, 185 27 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503 replaces John J. Roche, III
Robyn Klauer, general manager for Red Lobster #685, was present.
City Attorney asked if this is a change in ownership as well. Ms. Klauer stated that it was only a change in manager, Mr. Roche, III was only filling in as an interim manager.
The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

IV. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN TRADE NAME

1. **707 on the Horizon, LLC, dba Pantuso's Ristorante**, 707 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Change in Trade Name to: Bin 707

No one representing the applicant was present.

The application for a change in trade name was found to be in order and approved.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR A MODIFICATION OF PREMISES

1. **Beye Lotz Grand Junction** dba "VFW Post #1247", 1404 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Add outdoor patio area to liquor licensed premises

James Tarr, Post Commander for VFW Post #1247, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that a Minor Site Plan review was approved with conditions for the outdoor patio area with the Public Works and Planning Department. Ms. Kemp read into the record the results of the survey provided (see attached).

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Tarr if he heard the report that Ms. Kemp read into the record and does he agree with the report. Mr. Tarr stated that he did agree. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Tarr who conducted the survey and what was the process. Mr. Tarr stated that Clyde Leedam from the VFW conducted the survey and he was not sure how it was conducted other than he walked door to door around the neighborhood specified on the survey. City Attorney Shaver asked if there was any record kept for persons objecting to the modification and refused to sign the survey. Mr. Tarr said that he was not sure.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Tarr what form was used for the survey. Mr. Tarr stated that the City Clerk's office provided them with the survey form.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Tarr if he understood the conditions that were placed on the Minor Site Plan Review and do they plan to follow those conditions. Mr. Tarr stated that he did understand the conditions and fully intend to abide by them.

City Attorney Shaver recommended approval of the modification of premises.

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

VI. APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF A LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE

1. **VAT, LLC**. dba Jack Rabbit Liquor, 2681 Unawoop Avenue, Unit C & D, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Retail Liquor Store

Member: Touch Vat, 2868 Rock Creek Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Touch Vat, member of VAT, LLC was present. Also present was Leo Trieu, husband to previous owner of Jack Rabbit Liquors.

The application was found to be in order and approved.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. **Mesa County Democratic Central Committee**, P.O. Box 2361, Grand Junction, CO 81502 – Spring Fling Dinner on April 5, 2008, Mesa State College, Liff Auditorium, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction

President/Secretary or Political Candidate: Elizabeth Rowan, 1255 Ouray Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Event Manager: Jeff Smith, 404 25 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Jeff Smith, Treasurer of Mesa County Democratic party and Event Manager, was present.

City Attorney asked if they are hiring a contractor to manage the special event. Mr. Smith stated that they were not.

City Attorney Shaver said in reference to 12-48-103, C.R.S. regarding that existing licensed facilities are inadequate for the purpose of serving members or guests of the organization or political candidate and that additional facilities are necessary by reason of the nature of the special event, the statute has been complied with, and he recommends approval.

Hearing Officer Grattan agreed that the letter provided by the applicant indicating that no other licensed facility was either available or adequate for the event was acceptable and found that the application for a special event was in order and approved the application.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 19, 2008

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority
FROM: Debbie Kemp, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: February 22, 2008
SUBJECT: Application for a modification of premises for a patio area addition of a tavern liquor license by Beye-Lotz Post 1247 dba VFW 1247, 1404 Ute Avenue

Beye-Lotz Post 1247 filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on January 23, 2008 for a modification of premises for a patio area addition of a tavern liquor license permitting sales of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises at 1404 Ute Avenue, under the trade name of VFW 1247. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order and accepted. The hearing date was set for March 5, 2008.

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 Winters Avenue, on the South by Gunnison Avenue, on the East by 22nd Street, and on the West by 7th Street. 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 proposed modification of premises for a patio area addition will not conflict with the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood or the desires of the inhabitants

Yes	110
No	0
Disqualified	1

There was one disqualified due to the address being out of the defined area.

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

Yes	87
No	0
Disqualified	23

There were 23 disqualified because they were businesses who answered question 2 which did not apply to businesses.

A report has been requested by the Grand Junction Code Enforcement Department to verify that the premises match the existing diagram.

That concludes this report.

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