

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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. **LOCO, Inc.** dba LOCO Food Store No. 11, 1904 N. 12th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

2. **Last Chance Liquors, LLC.** dba Last Chance Liquors, 1203 Pitkin Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store

Roger Ward, owner of Last Chance Liquors, was present.

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

3. **Dancing Spirits, LLC.** dba Horizon Liquor, 715 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Retail Liquor Store

Becky Jackson, owner of Horizon Liquor, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Police Department advised that there was a liquor violation on April 12, 2007 for a sale to an underage person. Ms. Kemp read a letter into the record that was submitted by the applicant referencing the violation.

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

4. **Zamner, Inc.**, dba Teller Arms Liquor, 2353 Belford Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Retail Liquor Store

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

5. **Lupinski, Inc.** dba Country Inns of America, 718 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp advised that the Fire Department reported 3 minor violations which are being corrected.

The application for renewal was approved conditionally upon the Fire Department reporting that the violations have been corrected.

6. **Junct'n Square Pizza LLC** dba Junct'n Square Pizza, 119 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Health Department had advised that there were 9 minor violations noted. A compliance agreement was established and a follow up inspection will be conducted in three months.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the application for renewal, but also stated that he would like the establishment to be rescheduled for the liquor and beer meeting on July 16, 2008 for a review of the violations that the Health Department reported.

7. **Grand Conjunction, LLC** dba Doubletree – Grand Junction, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp advised that she had not received a report from the Sales Tax Department. Brian Holman, Tax Enforcement Officer, was present and reported that they are mostly in compliance. They do have some small penalties from prior returns, but are working with the Sales Tax Department to get those taken care of.

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

III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING

1. **Carino's Italian Kitchen, Inc.** dba Carino's Italian Grill, 2480 Highway 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant – Filed in the City Clerk's Office 16 days late

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that this application was originally filed with a request to register a new manager; however, the applicant requested withdrawal of the registration of a new manager because they already have another new manager and will submit paperwork within two weeks.

Ms. Kemp also advised that the Health Department reported five critical violations of which only two were corrected at time of inspection and a re-inspection is scheduled for March 25, 2008.

Hearing Officer Grattan requested that the application for renewal be rescheduled to April 2, 2008 to include an application to register a new manager, and an update of the violations from the Health Department. No one needs to be present.

IV. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. Parks & Recreation Department dba SouthWest Arbor Fest, 1340 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, loop area of Lincoln Park, 1340 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, April 19, 2008

Dept. Head: Erik Joe Stevens, 2671 Foxen Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81506
Event Manager: Emily Wright, 325 Northridge Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Larry Manchester, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Grand Junction, was present.

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Manchester about the event and how many people are expected for it. Mr. Manchester stated that they expect approximately 5,000 people. The event has a chili cook-off and they will be serving beer and refreshments. There will be vendors with arts and crafts and activities for children. They will fence off the beer garden. In the previous years this event was held at Lincoln Park, there have been no problems.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Manchester if he agreed with the letter that was submitted by Emily Wright stating that no other facilities were available or adequate for the event. Mr. Manchester stated that Emily Wright was also a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Grand Junction and he verified that the letter was correct.

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 and approved the application for a special events permit.

V. APPLICATION TO REGISTER A NEW MANAGER AND GENERAL REVIEW FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2008

1. **SAL, Inc.** dba Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, 710 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Alejandro R. Sanchez, 222 Vista Rey Court, Grand Junction CO 81503, replaces Jose Nunez

Alejandro Sanchez, Manager of Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, was present.

Ms. Kemp read a report from Tom Orr, Mesa County Health Department, stating that the previous violations were taken care of, but noted one new violation which was taken care of at the time of inspection and advised that the manager was informed to monitor the temperatures.

The application to register a new manager was found to be in order and approved as well as the general review.

VI. COMPLIANCE REVIEW – FROM DECEMBER 5, 2007

1. The Corral Inc., dba The Corral, 539 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Steve Robertson, owner of the Corral, was present. He provided an update on what he is doing at the establishment to make it a better place and to be a good neighbor for the area. He stated that since the last review, he has cut off 76 people, refused service to several patrons, kicked out 3 customers requesting them not to come back, and confiscated one false I.D. He has been meeting with John Zen, Police Commander regularly and has had no new problems or infractions. He has placed 3 cameras with monitors in the establishment. He will continue to conform to doing the right thing and being a good neighbor.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Robertson if his business has been affected. Mr. Robertson stated that he down several thousands of dollars because of trying to be a better neighbor.

City Attorney Shaver stated that he has not received any reports showing the Corral explicitly, he has heard about some neighbor complaints, but they have not been directly related to the Corral.

Hearing Officer Grattan thanked Mr. Robertson for being present and stated that a further review will not be necessary. Any further problems can be addressed at the meeting when the Corral is up for renewal of the liquor license.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 2, 2008