

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

**MINUTES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**

HEARING OFFICER MICHAEL GRATTAN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Michael Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

1. Colorado Mesa University Foundation, All Services Ball on November 7, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., La Puerta, 421 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous

Pres.Sec'y. of Org.: Rick Adleman, 1100 North Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81507
Event Coordinator: Amanda Herron, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Jct., CO 81501

Amanda Herron, CMU Veteran Services and Event Coordinator, and Gail Howe, Development Officer for Colorado Mesa University Foundation, were present.

City Attorney Shaver handed Ms. Herron and Ms. Howe three documents, the first two were marked with an A in the upper right hand corner and the third page was marked with a B in the upper right hand corner. He asked if they are familiar with those documents. Ms. Herron said she was because she filled out the documents marked with an A and marked the boundaries and the exits on the document marked B. City Attorney Shaver asked what Exhibit A was and why she filled out the document. Ms. Herron said it is a Special Event Permit Questionnaire and Affidavit and she filled it out because it was given to her as part of the permit application. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Herron to describe the event. Ms. Herron said it is an All Services Ball that is hosted by the Students Veterans Association at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) along with the Grand Junction Police Department, Grand Junction Fire Department, and Mesa County Sheriff's Department. City Attorney Shaver asked where the location of the Ball is. Ms. Herron said it will be at La Puerta Dance Studio at 421 Colorado Avenue in the City of Grand Junction. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Herron to describe the nature of the event. Ms. Herron said it is a ball and dinner to honor the Veterans and first responders in Grand Junction. City Attorney Shaver asked if it will be opened to the public and will it be based on ticket sales. Ms. Herron said yes. City Attorney Shaver asked how many people will attend the ball. Ms. Herron said 170 people. City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Herron to describe how they will ensure the service of alcohol is done lawfully. Ms. Herron said that identification will be checked at the door, a stamp will be put on the wrist

for people 21 years old and older, and each bartender will look for the stamp on the wrist before they serve. There will be two security guards that will be checking to make sure only people with a stamp are drinking alcoholic beverages and that no alcohol leaves the building. City Attorney Shaver asked if the event has been conducted before. Ms. Herron said it was held two years ago. City Attorney Shaver asked if there were any problems with the past event. Ms. Herron responded that, even though she wasn't in charge of the ball, she is not aware of any problems. City Attorney Shaver asked whose signature is on the second page of Exhibit A. Ms. Herron said it was hers. City Attorney Shaver asked if the signature represents that the information contained in the document is true and accurate. Ms. Herron replied affirmatively. City Attorney Shaver asked what is shown on Exhibit B. Ms. Herron said it is the map of the location for the ball at 421 Colorado Avenue. City Attorney Shaver asked if she has the authority to use those premises. Ms. Herron said yes, she met with the owner and a rental agreement was signed by the owner and CMU Foundation. City Attorney Shaver asked if there is already alcohol service at that location. Ms. Herron said no. City Attorney Shaver asked what the marking on the diagram delineates. Ms. Herron said that the marking shows the area that the ball will have access to. City Attorney Shaver asked if the security will be at the area marked enter/exit. Ms. Herron said there will be one security guard there and one at the emergency exit. There will also be a volunteer watching the third door that the Fire Department advised to use only as an emergency exit.

No one was present in opposition to the application.

Hearing Officer Grattan admitted Exhibits A and B into the record (attached) and found that pursuant to Colorado State Statutes 12-48-106, there are no grounds to deny the special events permit, it would not be injurious to the public welfare because of the nature of the special event (the event is admirable and appropriate), its location within the community (seems like a good substitute for the event and more centrally located), or the failure of the applicant in a past special event to conduct the event in compliance with applicable law. He found that the application for a special events permit submitted by Colorado Mesa University Foundation for the All Services Ball was in order and approved it.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. C & E Productions, LLC dba Mesa Theater, 538 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern – Review of Individual History Record for Brett Strong, Member of C & E Productions, LLC

Brett Strong, Member of C & E Productions, LLC, was present.

Hearing Officer Grattan advised Mr. Strong that because of the past problems with Mesa Theater, he wants to see complete transparency and complete honesty for the establishment. Because Mr. Strong left three misdemeanor convictions off of his Individual History Record, it concerns him. He doesn't want Mr. Strong or his business to be a trouble child and hopes that he is very successful in his business.

City Attorney Shaver showed Mr. Strong a handwritten document disclosing the additional convictions and asked him if he completed it. Mr. Strong said his wife did because he was working in North Dakota. City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Strong if it is correct. Mr. Strong said it was correct. City Attorney Shaver said there was no affirmation, date, or signature and he feels that it should be affirmed by Mr. Strong.

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Strong if the 1996 misdemeanor conviction for unlawful possession of a controlled substance was related to the felonies. Mr. Strong said that it was not, it was for marijuana. He said that the felonies were for methamphetamines.

City Attorney Shaver recommended that Mr. Strong review the FBI report and his disclosures to ensure to the Authority that every conviction has been disclosed.

City Attorney Shaver asked Mr. Strong if he has ever had any counseling or assistance relative to substance abuse. Mr. Strong said that while he was in a Community Alternative Center in Casper, WY, part of the program there was intensive counseling. He has taken drug counseling and anger management counseling and completed all of that. He has had no troubles since the last conviction. City Attorney Shaver explained to Mr. Strong that part of the consideration of the Authority is evidence of rehabilitation for the disclosures.

Hearing Officer Grattan advised Mr. Strong that the nondisclosures are the concern for this matter. A lot of things happen at bars with patrons and staff and Hearing Officer Grattan is less confident with a liquor license at an establishment when things are not disclosed completely. Hearing Officer Grattan said he just wants Mr. Strong to be transparent now and in the future.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Strong to complete a full disclosure of his criminal history past within one half hour of the meeting. He would be alright if Mr. Strong certifies the FBI report is true and accurate by signing and dating it. Mr. Strong explained that he is not so good with paperwork and that every time he fills out paperwork, it only asks about felony convictions, not misdemeanor, and he completely overlooked the question on the Individual History Record.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 18, 2015

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**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
QUESTIONNAIRE AND AFFIDAVIT**

1. Name of Event: All Services Ball

2. How many attendees are expected at this event?
200

3. Has the event been held in the past? If so, how many years?
Yes, I know of at least once - 2 years ago

4. Have there ever been any violations or citations issued during the event in the past?
No

5. Describe the premises at which this event will take place.
La Puerta Dance Studio - the ball will be held in the main entry, ball floor, and side room.

6. What type of security will be provided at this event?
There will be 2 security guards. One at the front door and one at emergency exit. There will be a volunteer at the side room door.

7. How many security personnel will be on hand?
2 paid - 1 volunteer

8. How will security personnel be identified?
uniform

9. If this event is being held outdoors, how will the exterior boundaries of the premises be marked (i.e., roped, fenced, etc.)?
N/A

10. What method will be used in checking identification for proper age of attendees (i.e., at the door, at the bar, etc.) and how will underage patrons be identified so as not to be served alcohol beverages (i.e., stamp or mark on the hand, etc.)
IDs will be checked at door and over 21 guests will be stamped on their hands.

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11. How will the conduct and level of intoxication of attendees be monitored and by whom?

By security, bartenders, and staff

12. Have the volunteers or members of your organization been trained in the sale/service of alcohol beverages?

Yes

13. What types of alternate beverages and food/snacks will be available?

There will be water, tea, lemonade, and coffee served. We will be serving chicken, beef, baked potatoes, asparagus, bread, and salad.

14. Has a State and City Sales Tax Number been initiated by you or a member of your organization? If so, provide those numbers in the space provided.

98-05973

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided to the Grand Junction Liquor Licensing Authority contained in this affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Amanda O'Hara
Applicant's Signature

Date 10/22/15

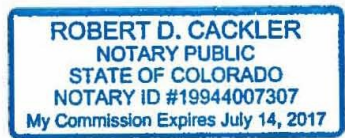
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF MESA) SS.
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of October, 20 15.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/14/17



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