

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

**MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

**ALTERNATE HEARING OFFICER SAM STARRITT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Alternate Hearing Officer Sam Starritt, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

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

1. Hong Luong, Inc. dba Bamboo City, 2472 F Road #2, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Beer and Wine – **Continued from September 16, 2015**

Lisa Luong, Owner/Operator of Bamboo City, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Health Department advised that the applicant is now in compliance.

The application for renewal for Hong Luong, Inc. dba Bamboo City was found to be in order and approved.

2. Zen Garden, Inc. dba Zen Garden, 2886 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant – **Continued from October 21, 2015**

No one was present representing the applicant.

Hearing Officer Starritt noted that the minutes from the previous meeting stated that the applicant needed to appear if the establishment is not in compliance with the Health Department and asked Ms. Kemp if the applicant is in compliance with the Health Department.

Ms. Kemp referred to the letter that was sent to the applicant that advised them to be present if they are not compliant with the Health Department. She advised that the Health Department reported that the applicant has a plumbing problem which should be corrected by a licensed plumber on November 5<sup>th</sup> and that the Health Department would reinspect the premises after that date, therefore the applicant is not in compliance with the Health Department.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp if there has been any communication or representation from the applicant. Ms. Kemp said there has not. City Attorney Shaver recommended continuing the application for renewal one more time to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting.

Hearing Officer Starritt continued the application for renewal to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and asked Ms. Kemp to send a letter to the applicant both certified mail and first class mail and advise the applicant that if they don't appear on November 18<sup>th</sup>, the liquor license could be in jeopardy.

3. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, Inc., 118 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant – **Continued from October 21, 2015**

Maria Maestas, owner of Las Marias, Inc. was present.

Hearing Officer Starritt reviewed an email Ms. Maestas provided to him from Daniel Kirby with an email address from Colorado Mesa University which states he is working with Ms. Maestas and Monique Mull (with the Health Department) in order to bring Las Marias into compliance with the Health Department. He will be returning to Las Marias to observe the evening staff on November 5<sup>th</sup> and his goal is to present Ms. Maestas with suggested operating procedures to implement in her restaurant. Hearing Officer Starritt asked Ms. Maestas if the Health Department will be reinspecting her restaurant. Ms. Maestas said yes.

City Attorney Shaver asked who Mr. Kirby was. Ms. Maestas said he is the person that the Health Department recommended that she work with. Ms. Maestas noted that the email Mr. Kirby sent was also sent to Ms. Mull.

Ms. Kemp advised that Ms. Mull reported that Ms. Maestas is working with a food safety consultant and the Health Department expects to do a reinspection and have a report to the City Clerk's office on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Shaver recommended that the application for renewal be continued to the December 16<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting.

The application for renewal for Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, Inc. was continued to the December 16<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and Hearing Officer Starritt advised Ms. Maestas to appear at that meeting and give a report.

4. Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili & Pho, 2536 Rimrock Drive, Suite 700, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant – **Continued from October 21, 2015**

On Chi Ng and Tian Sheng Xiang, owners of Thai Chili & Pho, were present. Also present was Lisa Luong, owner of Bamboo City and friend of Mr. Ng and Mr. Xiang, to interpret for them.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked what the issues are from the Health Department and what that status is. Ms. Luong advised that it is a hand washing issue and the Health Department did a follow up on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and that everything is ok now.

Ms. Kemp advised that Heather Nara with the Health Department had intended on being present at this meeting along with an interpreter, however, the interpreter was not available and Ms. Nara is ill. Ms. Mull reported that Thai

Chili & Pho will need another follow up inspection. The applicant is making progress. Ms. Mull said they are still requesting a conditional approval.

City Attorney Shaver advised that the Colorado Law is clear that liquor licensees are supposed to be in compliance with all review agencies and because he was not sure what the conditions are with the Health Department, he recommended continuance of the application for renewal.

The application for renewal for Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili & Pho was continued to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and Hearing Officer Starritt advised the owners to return and be prepared to provide an update at that meeting. Hearing Officer Starritt said it would also be nice if the Health Department could be present with an interpreter to give a report.

5. Art Bar GJ, LLC, dba Art Bar, 205 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer and Wine

Pamela Blythe, an owner of the Art Bar, was present.

The application for renewal for Art Bar GJ, LLC, dba Art Bar was found to be in order and approved.

6. Myths and Legends, Inc., dba Quincy Bar & Grill, 609 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Tia O'Neil, owner and operator of Quincy Bar & Grill, was present.

City Attorney Shaver acknowledged the substantial improvement of problems with Quincy Bar & Grill since Ms. O'Neil has been owner.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked Ms. O'Neil what she is doing differently. Ms. O'Neil said it is all about knowledge and training and surrounding yourself with good people. They have also been working side by side with the Grand Junction Police Department.

The application for renewal for Myths and Legends, Inc., dba Quincy Bar & Grill was found to be in order and approved.

7. Oceanic Grand Junction, LLC dba Hideaway Lounge, 718 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp read an email from Chuck Mathis, Fire Marshal for the Grand Junction Fire Department, advising the Authority that the facility has a non-working fire alarm system. The Fire Department, the Assistant City Attorney, and the City's Code Enforcement Officer have been trying to work with the applicant since February 2015 and the Fire Prevention Office still has not received fire alarm plans to review. Mr. Mathis said he would not be in favor of

renewing the facility's liquor license until the facility, as a whole, becomes code compliant.

City Attorney Shaver recommended that the application for renewal be continued for one month to the first meeting in December.

The application for renewal for Oceanic Grand Junction, LLC dba Hideaway Lounge was continued to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and Hearing Officer Starritt asked that a letter go to the registered manager requiring their presence at the meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and to copy the letter to the corporate office.

8. Mesa Mall BBQ, Inc., dba Famous Dave's Bar B Que, 2440 US Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

Katherine Thomas, General Manager for Famous Dave's Bar B Que, was present.

Ms. Kemp asked Ms. Thomas if Shawna Shakespeare is still with Famous Dave's Bar B Que. Ms. Thomas said that Ms. Shakespeare is now with Buffalo Wild Wings. Ms. Thomas said she has been the General Manager for about one month. Ms. Kemp explained that when there is a manager change for a hotel and restaurant liquor license, the Local Licensing Authority should be advised within five days and paperwork for a new registered manager should be submitted within thirty days.

Ms. Kemp advised that Mesa County Health Department reported four critical violations and will reinspect the premises on or after November 4<sup>th</sup>. They were requesting a conditional approval of the renewal of the liquor license.

The application for renewal for Mesa Mall BBQ, Inc., dba Famous Dave's Bar B Que was continued to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and Hearing Officer Starritt advised Ms. Thomas that she could get paperwork from the City Clerk's Office for the registration of a manager and asked that she attend the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to give an update on the Health Department issues.

9. Red Lobster Restaurants, LLC dba Red Lobster #0685, 575 24 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

Robyn Klauer, registered manager for Red Lobster #0685, was present.

The application for renewal for Red Lobster Restaurants, LLC dba Red Lobster #0685 was found to be in order and approved.

10. El Mescal, Inc. dba Tequila's Family Mexican Restaurant, 2454 Highway 6 and 50, Suites 119 and 120, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp advised that the Fire Department found three violations, they will be conducting a reinspection early November, but they have no objection to the renewal of the liquor license.

The application for renewal for El Mescal, Inc. dba Tequila's Family Mexican Restaurant was approved subject to the Fire Department requirements being met by November 25<sup>th</sup>. If compliance is not met, the matter will be placed on the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting agenda.

11. P and S, Inc. dba Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for P and S, Inc. dba Orchard Mesa Lanes was found to be in order and approved.

12. TMPTF8, Inc. dba Rib City Grill, 2830 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

Ms. Kemp advised that the Health Department found five critical violations and will be conducting a reinspection on or after November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are requesting a conditional approval.

Hearing Officer Starritt continued the application for renewal for TMPTF8, Inc. dba Rib City Grill to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and asked Ms. Kemp to send a letter to the applicant requesting someone be present at that meeting.

13. Sang Garden, Inc. dba Sang Garden Chinese Restaurant, 687 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Ms. Kemp advised that the Health Department found eleven critical violations and will be conducting a reinspection on or after November 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are requesting a conditional approval.

Hearing Officer Starritt continued the application for renewal for Sang Garden, Inc. dba Sang Garden Chinese Restaurant to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting and asked Ms. Kemp to send a letter to the applicant requesting someone be present at that meeting.

14. Inafuku, Inc. dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, 541 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Inafuku, Inc. dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

15. BLASTA, LLC dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant, 2516 Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81507, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for BLASTA, LLC dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

16. Los Potrillos, Inc. dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant, 603 Hwy. 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Los Potrillos, Inc. dba Aztecas Family Mexican Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

### **III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH OUTDOOR DINING LEASE**

1. Buon Appetito, Inc. dba Il Bistro Italiano, 400 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal with outdoor dining lease for Buon Appetito, Inc. dba Il Bistro Italiano was found to be in order and approved.

### **IV. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

1. Sobrano Hospitality Group, LLC dba Conchita's Mexican Restaurant, 2692 Hwy. 50, Spaces E & G, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant – Previous Owner was Conchita's Mexican Restaurant, LLC dba Conchita's Mexican Restaurant

Member: Daniel Jacob Zambrano, 24395 E. Roxbury Circle, Aurora, CO 80016

Elissa Trevino, sister to LLC Member Daniel Jacob Zambrano and general manager, was present.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked Ms. Trevino if she was the local registered manager on the liquor license. Ms. Trevino said no. Hearing Officer Starritt asked City Attorney Shaver if Ms. Trevino should go through the process of registering as a general manager.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Trevino if she is a member of the LLC or in anyway, part of the ownership. Ms. Trevino said no. City Attorney Shaver said that Ms. Trevino should go through the process to register as the general manager.

Ms. Kemp advised that the Health Department reported six violations and will conduct a reinspection on or after November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department asked for a conditional approval.

The application for transfer of ownership for Sobrano Hospitality Group, LLC dba Conchita's Mexican Restaurant was continued to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Liquor and Beer meeting. Hearing Officer Starritt advised Ms. Trevino that she can pick up the paperwork to register as the manager from the City Clerk's Office and asked her to be present at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 18, 2015**