

**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, DECEMBER 2, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

**HEARING OFFICER MICHAEL GRATTAN**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

1. Oceanic Grand Junction, LLC dba Hideaway Lounge, 718 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Tavern – **Continued from November 4, 2015**

Raj Chokshi was present representing Oceanic Grand Junction, LLC.

Hearing Officer Grattan advised Mr. Chokshi that Ms. Kemp provided him with an email from Fire Marshall Chuck Mathis and he is requesting that the renewal for Hideaway Lounge be continued for another month.

Mr. Chokshi presented two documents to Hearing Officer Grattan; one was a notice from City of Grand Junction Municipal Court to reset an arraignment to December 8<sup>th</sup> for a violation that the hotel had received, and the other document was a letter from Fire Team Security (FTS), who will be installing a fire alarm system, giving an estimated timeline of work to complete the project.

Hearing Officer Grattan disclosed that the owners of FTS are clients of his but he does not see where that creates a conflict for this matter.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Chokshi if he has any objection to the continuance of this matter for another month. Mr. Chokshi said he did not. Hearing Officer Grattan asked if copies of the two documents could be provided to Ms. Kemp. Mr. Chokshi said yes.

City Attorney Shaver advised that the Municipal Court document pertains to ongoing noise complaints and he asked Mr. Chokshi if he has any comments regarding that. Mr. Chokshi said that they are working on sound proofing and will ensure that the noise levels are as low as possible. City Attorney Shaver advised Mr. Chokshi that it is the licensee's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws and he wanted to make sure that Mr. Chokshi was aware of the noise complaints around the neighborhood.

Hearing Officer Grattan continued the renewal for Oceanic Grand Junction, LLC dba Hideaway Lounge to the January 6, 2016 Liquor and Beer Meeting.

City Attorney Shaver advised that there are people present who may want to address the Authority regarding the complaints relative to this licensee.

Laura Luke, 702 Putter Drive, and Patti Chaney, 707 Putter Drive, addressed the Licensing Authority. Ms. Luke advised that her house is up on a hill that is behind the Travelodge, it is a full block away and behind other properties. She has called and made numerous complaints to the Police Department and to the establishment regarding the noise level of music that goes on until 2:00 a.m. from the large room located at the back of the Travelodge. She has also spoken to Police Officers Keech and Garcia, and City Attorney Shaver. The noise level and vibration of the music keeps her from being able to fall asleep at night. It happens at least once a week. Ms. Luke said she will be relentless until the problem is corrected.

Ms. Chaney said she lives directly behind the Travelodge and the noise level and vibration are so high that the windows in her house literally shake. She has spoken with the employees of the establishment and has been told that they will turn the music down when the party is over.

City Attorney Shaver said that they have heard the neighbors and are working with the Police Department to try to respond to the complaints which is why he inquired what comments Mr. Chokshi had regarding the situation.

Hearing Officer Grattan said that it is his hope that all of the issues with the Fire Department, the noise complaints, and any other issues will be resolved at the January 6, 2016 Liquor and Beer Meeting. He asked Ms. Kemp to list this item last on the January 6, 2016 Liquor and Beer Meeting agenda.

2. Beye Lotz Grand Junction dba VFW Post #1247, 1404 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Beye Lotz Grand Junction dba VFW Post #1247 was found to be in order and approved.

3. Wadsworth Old Chicago, Inc. dba Old Chicago, 120 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Eliazer Garza, General Manager for Old Chicago, was present.

The application for renewal for Wadsworth Old Chicago, Inc. dba Old Chicago was found to be in order and approved.

4. Apple Colorado, LLC dba Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 711 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for Apple Colorado, LLC dba Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar was found to be in order and approved.

5. GMRI, Inc. dba The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 2416 Hwy. 6 & 50, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for GMRI, Inc. dba The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant was found to be in order and approved.

6. The Palette, dba The Palette, 441 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer and Wine

Claire Meil, owner of The Palette, was present.

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

7. Maverik, Inc. dba Maverik, Inc. #418, 2948 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Beer Off Premises

Brandy Murray, Store Director for Maverick, Inc. #418, was present.

The application for renewal for Maverik, Inc. dba Maverik, Inc. #418 was found to be in order and approved.

### **III. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH TASTING PERMIT**

1. Stoner Enterprises, LTD dba Andy's Liquor Mart, 922 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Retail Liquor Store

No one was present representing the applicant.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Kemp, regarding the control plan for the tasting permit, if she knew what the applicant meant with the sentence "Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> pending approval". Ms. Kemp explained that it appears that the applicant used the same control plan from when they applied for their first tasting permit in May of 2015 and did not remove that sentence. City Attorney Shaver said that he feels the applicant either needs to amend that or, by the Hearing Officer's own authority, strike that sentence.

Hearing Officer Grattan crossed out the sentence from the control plan and amended the control plan by adding the sentence "This will be effective for dates identified on Exhibit A-1." He entered the amended control plan into the record as Exhibit A and the schedule of planned tastings was entered into the record as Exhibit A-1 (see attached). He asked that Ms. Kemp send copies of the Exhibits to the applicant via email and carbon copy himself and City Attorney Shaver on the email.

The application for renewal with tasting permit for Stoner Enterprises, LTD dba Andy's Liquor Mart was found to be in order and approved.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Glacier Ice Arena, LLC dba Glacier Ice Arena, 2515 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer and Wine – Review to ensure everything is going smoothly with regards to the beer and wine license

Robbie Koos, Managing Member of Glacier Ice Arena, LLC, was present.

Hearing Officer Grattan said he attended a Yetis game at Glacier Ice Arena and personally observed that it was clear that the beer and wine are ancillary to the event.

Ms. Kemp reported that Meghan Woodland, Police Services Technician, advised that there have not been any calls for service to indicate any issues.

Ms. Koos said that the only problems they have at the ice arena are fights that occur on the ice between the players.

Hearing Officer Grattan found that no further reviews are necessary for Glacier Ice Arena, LLC dba Glacier Ice Arena.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 16, 2015**

(A)

Oct. 27, 2015

To: City of Grand Junction

RE: Control Plan for Tasting Permit Application

Tastings will occur on the 1st, 3rd and Last Thursday of each month. Beginning May 7th pending approval. *This will be effective for dates identified on Exhibit A-1.*

Tasting will be from 3:30 to 6:30 which does not exceed our 5 hour allotted time constraint. Only licensed employee's will be allowed to pour for tasting.

We will ensure that ID's are checked prior to tasting and will follow the 7 legal forms of Identification within the State of Colorado guidelines.

We will not sample any visibly impaired or intoxicated persons.

We will only allowing each person to sample up to four product samples consisting of no more than 1 ounce pours. Each tasting will be either beer or wine. The two will not be combined for one tasting. Tasting product will not leave the premise and will be disposed of at the conclusion of each tasting.

Samples will be provided free of charge.

Samples to be tasted will be served in required disposable cups or containers in size that contains a one ounce serving.

Andy's will contact the City Clerk's office if there is any change in scheduled tastings.

Cindy Axelsen

Andy's Liquor Mart

922 N 1st St

Grand Junction, CO 81501

(A-1)

Name(s) of Person(s) Attending Tastings Training and their Date of Birth:	Date of Training (Attach Documentation)
Eric Bejarano	4/16/15
Ed Lehmann	4/16/15
William Hepworth	4/16/15

**TASTINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND HOURS:**

(List hours with no more than 5 consecutive hours a day between 1:00 p.m. and 7 p.m. and; no more than 104 days per year and no more than three of six days from Monday - Saturday)

Month/Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January			2017 5 <sup>th</sup> BEER 2017 19 <sup>th</sup> wine 2016 28 <sup>th</sup> wine			
February				4 <sup>th</sup> BEER 11 <sup>th</sup> wine 25 <sup>th</sup> wine		
March				3 <sup>rd</sup> BEER 10 <sup>th</sup> wine 24 <sup>th</sup> wine		
April				7 <sup>th</sup> BEER 14 <sup>th</sup> wine 28 <sup>th</sup> wine		
May				5 <sup>th</sup> BEER 19 <sup>th</sup> wine 26 <sup>th</sup> wine		
June				2 <sup>nd</sup> BEER 9 <sup>th</sup> wine 23 <sup>rd</sup> BEER 30 <sup>th</sup> wine		
July				7 <sup>th</sup> BEER 14 <sup>th</sup> wine 28 <sup>th</sup> wine		
August				4 <sup>th</sup> BEER 11 <sup>th</sup> wine 25 <sup>th</sup> wine		
September					2016 2 <sup>nd</sup> BEER 9 <sup>th</sup> wine 23 <sup>rd</sup> wine	
October					7 <sup>th</sup> BEER 14 <sup>th</sup> wine 28 <sup>th</sup> wine	
November		22 <sup>nd</sup> wine 2016	30 <sup>th</sup> wine 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> BEER 2016	11 <sup>th</sup> wine 2016	
December			2016	1 <sup>st</sup> BEER 8 <sup>th</sup> wine 22 <sup>nd</sup> wine 29 <sup>th</sup> wine		

ALL TASTINGS WILL BE PERFORMED FROM 3:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

**NOTE: ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.**

**DOCUMENTATION MAY BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 OR BY FAX TO 970-244-1599**

**NOTE: ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION OR STATE LIQUOR CODE MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND/OR ENFORCEMENT AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY.**