# 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 6, 2017, 2:00 P.M.

#### **HEARING OFFICER SAM D. STARRITT**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

- 1. The Palette dba The Palette, 441 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer and Wine
  - No one was present to represent the applicant. The renewal application for The Palette dba The Palette was found in order and approved.
- 2. Feather Petroleum Company dba Stop N Save No. 3, 723 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, 3.2% Off-Premises
  - No one was present to represent the applicant. The renewal application for Feather Petroleum Company dba Stop N Save No. 3 was found in order and approved.

### III. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH LATE FILING

- 1. Inafuku, Inc. dba Suehiro Japanese Restaurant, 541 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant *Filed 25 days late* 
  - Steven Boyd, son of the owner, was present. Ms. Peterson gave the Hearing Officer the letter the owner submitted regarding the late renewal (attached). Hearing Officer Starritt found good cause for the late filing, found the renewal application was in order and approved it.
- 2. Thai Chili, Inc. dba Thai Chili & Pho, 2536 Rimrock Drive, Suite 700, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant *Late filing* 28 days *Continued from November 15, 2017 Liquor and Beer meeting* 
  - Ms. Peterson reminded the Authority why the application was back before them. The applicant did not appear at the last hearing to address the Authority's questions on the Fire which they said was the reason for their late filing. There

also was an insect issue at the establishment which Mesa County Health Department is here to address.

Emma McClelland was present as the interpreter for the establishment along with Mr. Onchi Ng who said he is the co-owner. Hearing Officer Starritt asked what date the fire was and how long the establishment was shut down. Mr. Ng said they were shut down for about a month, they remodeled the kitchen, and cleaned up both the kitchen and the dining area and replaced the fire hood. He said they didn't do anything else, just focused on that.

Regina Clark with Mesa County Health Department was present to address the conditional approval they requested. She explained she has been going out twice a week to check on things, and explained all what has been done, and that they even switched exterminators. In her opinion, it is not at a level they feel they cannot keep working with them; it will be several additional weeks.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if Ms. Clark knew when this might be taken care of. She explained the applicant is doing everything they have asked, they are on a 3 times a year inspection with the Health Department, and they hope by the next quarterly inspection this issue will be resolved. Ms. Clark said, in her opinion, it is a very low health hazard.

Hearing Officer Starritt approved this renewal conditionally and asked that it be revisited on February 6, 2018 Liquor and Beer meeting. If the issue is cleared up, the applicant will not have to appear.

### IV. <u>APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH TASTING PERMIT</u>

1. JEMSKT, Inc. dba Country Club Liquors, 683 Horizon Drive, #105, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Retail Liquor Store

No one was present representing the applicant. The renewal and tasting permits for JEMSKT, Inc. dba Country Club Liquors was found in order and approved.

### V. <u>APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES WITH CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE</u>

1. The Green Chili, LLC dba The Green Chili, 2692 Hwy 50, Spaces E & G, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Hotel and Restaurant

Kanchha Maharjan, 299 Pine Street, Grand Junction, CO 81503 replaces Kathleen and Gerald Harris.

Ms. Peterson reported that the renewal information is in order. The change in corporate structure is taking the Harris's off the LLC and replacing them with Mr. Kanchha Maharjan. Ms. Peterson said the change in corporate structure paperwork is also in order.

Hearing Officer Starritt approved the renewal and the Change in Corporate Structure for The Green Chili, LLC dba The Green Chili.

### VI. <u>APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP</u>

 Yummy, LLC dba Enzo's Pizzeria and Italian Café, 707 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant from: Sushi & Rok, 707 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506

Member/Owner: Vincenzo Favale, 321 McFarland Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81501

General Manager: Christopher J. Ladue, 3044 Shawnee Place, Grand Junction, CO 81504

Both the owner, Mr. Favale, and the General Manager, Mr. Ladue, were present.

Ms. Peterson reported that the paperwork is in order. The applicant has a temporary permit from Sushi & Rok and has surrendered the license from their current location.

Hearing Officer Starritt approved the Transfer of Ownership from Sushi & Rok at 707 Horizon to Yummy, LLC and the applicant surrendered the City and State Liquor Licenses from 759 Horizon Drive.

### VII. <u>APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE – RESOLUTION, FINDINGS, AND DECISION</u>

 Copeka Coffee, LLC dba Copeka Coffee, 1014 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO, 91501, Lodging and Entertainment

Manager: Kyra Rossier, 959 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501 Member: Lee Joramo, 959 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501 Member: Jana Joramo, 959 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501

Both of the Members along with the Manager were present.

Ms. Peterson reported all the paperwork was in order. Survey results were shared by Deputy Peterson (attached). There were a series of questions regarding the business and how and when the survey was conducted.

Hearing Officer Starritt asked if anyone would like to speak against the application. There was no one. He then said based on the information presented, there is no evidence that the application would not meet the needs and desires of the neighborhood and approved the application. The City Clerk's Office will prepare a resolution of findings for Hearing Officer Starritt's signature.

#### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

 STIX Bar & Grill, LLC dba STIX Bar & Grill, 509 28 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern and Status Update Regarding Noise Issues and Modification of Premises - Landlord has served notice for eviction due to past rent not being paid and repairs and cleaning – dated November 14, 2017

Thelma and Allan Allen were both present. They own the building that was leased by the applicant. The applicant was not present and has not turned in the renewal which was due in the City Clerk's office by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The liquor license expires on December 30, 2017.

City Attorney Shaver asked Ms. Allen if they had the Liquor Licenses to surrender. She responded affirmatively. They talked about if they were to transfer the Liquor License and the back taxes that were owed to the City. They were advised to visit with Lisa Follett, the City's Tax Compliant Officer and that depending on the situation, the assets could be used to settle the tax issues.

**IX.** ADJOURNMENT – 2:57 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - December 20, 2017** 

To Whom it concerns,

We have turned in this PAPER

Work in late, because this is my first

time with this responsibility. My mother

Sumiko Boyd Owns Juehrro Japanese Rest.

On 541 Main St. Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Normally Juanita Peterson Helps my mother

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MEMO:

Local Licensing Authority

FROM:

Juanita Peterson, Deputy City Clerk

DATE:

December 1, 2017

SUBJECT:

Application for a new Lodging and Entertainment liquor license by

Copeka Coffee, LLC dba Copeka Coffee, 1014 North 5th Street,

Grand Junction, CO 81505

Cokpeka Coffee, LLC filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on October 16, 2017 for a new Lodging and Entertainment liquor license permitting sales of malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises at 1014 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street under the trade name of Copeka Coffee. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order and accepted. A copy was sent to the State Liquor Enforcement Division for a Concurrent Review. The hearing date has been set for December 6, 2017. The Notice of Hearing will be given by posting a sign on the property on or before noon on November 22, 2017.

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 Orchard Avenue on the north, Grand Avenue on the south, 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, and 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the west and includes both sides of the streets as the outer boundaries. The results of that survey are as follows:

Check, the <u>YES</u> column if you <u>SUPPORT</u> this type of license being issued because the <u>existing outlets do not adequately serve</u> the reasonable requirements of the designated area or check the <u>NO</u> column if you <u>OPPOSE</u> this type of license being issued because the <u>existing outlets adequately serve</u> the reasonable requirements of the designated area.

Business Results:

FAVOR:

22

OPPOSE:

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Residential Results:

FAVOR:

85

OPPOSE:

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There were two sheets submitted as "exhibits to survey petition" with numerous notes (see attached).

No letters of opposition or counter petitions have been filed to date.

The Grand Junction Police Department will be investigating the owners for local criminal history and verifying that the Notice of Hearing was posted in a timely manner and that the diagram matches the establishment. The fingerprints were forwarded to CBI for further processing. Reports have also been requested from the Grand Junction Fire Department, Grand Junction Sales Tax Division, and Mesa County Health Department.

The number of liquor licensed outlets in the survey area are:

Lodging and Entertainment = 1 (Lincoln Park Sports Complex)
Hotel and Restaurant – 5 (Wrigley Field, Tequila's, El Tapatio, Fiesta Guadalajara, Old Chicago)
Tavern = 1 (Volley's)
Beer and Wine = 1 (Pizza Hut #248)
Retail Liquor Store = 2 (Pete's House of Sprits, North Avenue Liquors)
3.2% Beer (On/Off Premises) = 1 (The Park)
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That concludes this report.

cc: Applicants
Sam D. Starritt, Hearing Officer
John Shaver, City Attorney
Meghan Woodland, Grand Junction Police Department
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