

May 9, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:00 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a El Tejano Restaurant & Bar**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Leo Andres, Inc., 6847 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, 20912 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. License represented by Raquel Smith, Esquire.

Samuel Diaz Molina stated that he is a resident of Gaithersburg; that he is interested in obtaining a special entertainment permit; that they will offer Karaoke; that the entertainment will be Friday and Saturday 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. and Sunday from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.; that a patron must be 21 to enter; that they will have a DJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; that they will have video cameras; that they will occasionally have family events; that the application is correct as filed.

Corporal Cicale stated that the security plan needs to be amended to reflect entertainment on Thursday; that the business has civilian security; that the security is adequate.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the special entertainment permits, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a LA FUENTE Bar and Grill**, Class D, Beer and Wine, La Fuente, Corp., 5701 Columbia Park Road, Landover, 20785 – Board request licensee's presence to discuss cancellation of Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Rony Orozco Alvarez stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington; that the business was closed for four months due to a fire; that they have reinstated the workers compensation insurance; he presented the policy; that everything is covered.

Mr. Camacho moved to take no action, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Miguel A. Canales, President/Secretary/Treasurer, **t/a Pop's Seafood**, Class D (R), Beer and Wine, Pop's Seafood, Inc., 7437 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, 20784 – Protest

against the 2018-2019 Renewal of the Class D (R), Beer and Wine License. Licensee represented by Ray Ford, Esquire.

Miguel Canales stated that he is the licensee; that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is the president of the corporation; that he has held the license for 12 years; that he reviewed the application for renewal; that the application as filed is true and accurate; that there are no changes to the application; that the taxes are paid and current; that this is a restaurant where they serve food; that it is not a franchise, chain store or supermarket; that they do not have entertainment; that they do not have a drive in window; that the hours of operation on the application are correct; that he does not own the real property; that they have a 20 year lease; that the lease started in 2005; that the affidavit is correct; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he works at the licensed premises; that he owns 100% of the stock; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating any alcoholic beverage laws; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that he has not had a license denied or revoked; that he does not know why the protest was filed; that there has not been any criminal activity on the premises; that he has not called the police; that he does not have any calls for service; that he works on the premises from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the weekends; that they have not had any fights or disorderly patrons; that they do have music; that they have not had any complaints.

Cristian Mendoza stated that nothing special has happened at the business.

Miguel Canales stated that there were no incidents while he was at the business; that he understands that he is responsible; that he or his son is always there; that there is another business two doors away; that maybe the issues where are that business; that maybe the police reports have the wrong address; that the police have come to the business twice in 12 years.

Cristian Mendoza stated that the business has been inspected seven or eight times this year.

Angel Canales stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is the son; that he or his father is at the business 100% of the time; that there have been no police calls that he is aware of; that they have security from 8 to close; that they have unarmed security.

Corporal Cicale stated that El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout is three doors down; that there have been 47 calls for service; that all the businesses have different addresses; that there are 12 disorderly calls; that she does not understand why there are some many calls for service; that she spoke with the Commander from District 1 and they stated that there were no problems at the business; that there are only a handful of reports for the calls for service; that she visited the business during the day.

Mr. Camacho moved to take no action, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors**, Class B+, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Aaryan, 9205 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 20772 - Request to convert the alcoholic beverage license from a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor to a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated the applicant is requested to convert the license from a Class B+ to a Class A; that the documents related to this business were previously presented to the Board and are in the file; that there was a fire that destroyed the property; that they have purchased the real estate; that the building is 9,500 square feet; that the liquor store will be 5,000 square feet; that the other space will be used for a restaurant; that they are working hard to complete the building; that they have made significant progress; that they will be ready to open at the end of June; that everything is in place; that the construction is underway.

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Patel stated that the construction started in January and will be done June 15th; that they have all the necessary permits; that he is a resident of Highland.

Mr. Camacho moved to convert the license to a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.