

January 28, 2020
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Brian Hubbard, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:05 a.m.

In the matter of Ernie R. Banks, Vice President, Heydi V. Calderon, President, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of HEEJ, LLC, **t/a Charlie's Pizzeria**, 12760 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, 20744, transfer from CVA, Inc., t/a Charlie's Pizzeria, Sakellarios Alevrofas, President, Victoria Alevrofas, Secretary/Treasurer.

Heydi Calderon stated that she is a resident of Fort Washington.

Ernie Banks stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington; that they are here to apply for a transfer of the Class B, Beer and Wine license; that they purchased the restaurant and need to transfer the license from the previous owner; that he has been a Maryland resident for 35 years; that he has not held an alcoholic beverage license previously; that he does not have an interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that this has been a family owned restaurant for 30 years that serves Greek and Italian food.

Heydi Calderon stated that the hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday; that she has read and understands the Rules and Regulations.

Ernie Banks stated that he will operate the business in accordance with the State and Board Rules; that he will contact the Board if there are any alterations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that should occur on the premises; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that he can't remember all of the acceptable forms of identification.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that she asked if Mr. Banks is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he said yes; that he should be able to name the acceptable forms; that without knowledge and understanding of the Rules and Regulations the Board is not comfortable with approving the transfer of the Class B, Beer and Wine license.

Mr. Camacho moved to continue this matter until the February hearing, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Randy Richardson, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Pro Street Shop LLC, **t/a Paradigm Restaurant**, 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748, transfer from Pro Street Shop LLC, t/a Paradigm Restaurant, 5010 Brown Station Road, Unit 145 & 150, Upper Marlboro, 20772, Randy Richardson, Member. Continued from October 22, 2019.

Randy Richardson stated that he is a resident of Brandywine; that he is here to apply for a Transfer of Location for his existing Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license; that he wants to move to a larger location than he had previously; that it will be more of a live entertainment venue with a sports bar; that he will have live R&B national acts.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked what exactly the previous issue with the new premises was.

Terrence Sheppard stated that the previous issue was a church occupies the current space; that they needed proof the church had vacated the space; that the landlord's attorney provided a termination agreement.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that she has not had a chance to read the document; that she would like Mr. Richardson to provide the information.

Randy Richardson stated that he has the keys and the lease allowing him to take ownership of the space; that he was a witness to the termination agreement; that he anticipates opening at the end of Spring; that the space has always been retail; that he's making the necessary changes to the Use and Occupancy Permit.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked for a moment to review the document.

Benjamin Rupert, Esquire asked where Mr. Richardson got the document.

Randy Richardson stated that Pastor Lee of the church signed; that he witnessed the signature.

Terrence Sheppard stated that the document came from Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire; that she is the attorney for the shopping mall.

Benjamin Rupert, Esquire stated that he doesn't see a notary seal on the document submitted; that the document was signed by a Mr. Richardson as a witness; that Mr. Richardson stated that the church did move out; that they still have items there, but they are not in business.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that they can take sworn testimony from Randy that the lease has been terminated and he has a new lease and keys; that it seems a little sketchy, but they will rely on Mr. Richardson to provide the testimony that the information is truthful and that he will accept accountability should there be any issues.

Randy Richardson stated that he accepts the conditions and accountability.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked if there was any other information needed.

Randy Richardson stated that the only violation he has received has been for having entertainment too late.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application to transfer the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Shawndell Pullam, Member, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Burn Box, LLC, **t/a Burn Box**, 36 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, 20774.

Shawndell Pullam stated that he is a resident of Waldorf; that he is here to apply for a Class B, Beer and Wine license; that this is a new business; that it will be a fast casual pizza place; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 30 years; that he does not have a financial interest in any other business in Prince George's County with an Alcoholic Beverage License; that he has not

been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that the hours of operation will be 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; named the acceptable forms of identification; that he will notify the Board of any changes to the business; that he anticipates being open by the end of March.

Mr. Camacho asked to clarify the hours of operation; that they may need to be updated; that the hours are different in the application.

Shawndell Pullam stated that he is still deciding the hours of operation; that he is unsure if he wants to offer breakfast pizza; that he will stick with the hours on the application until he decides.

Mr. Camacho stated that the application also lists a portion for off sale; that the license Mr. Pullam is applying for does not allow off sale.

Shawndell Pullam stated that the application needs to be corrected; that he listed the amount of space in the kitchen and storage areas under off sale.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application to reflect the updated square footage as being entirely on sale, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Class B, Beer and Wine license, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of James B. Kuehnhold, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Miller's Ale House of Maryland, LLC, **t/a Miller's Ale House**, 3480 East West Highway, Hyattsville, 20782.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Jim Kuehnhold stated that he is a resident of Florida.

Troy Buonacuore stated that he is a resident of Virginia.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that this is the company's third location in Maryland; that they also have a location in Rockville and Belair.

Jim Kuehnhold stated that they will be investing more than \$4 million in the buildout; that \$1.35 million will be spent on items the Board considers acceptable to qualify for a Class BLX; that the hours of operation will be 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. seven days a week; that they will notify the Board of any changes that they may make; that they will have 112 employees; that they hope to be open in April; that they will have piped in music; that the application is true and correct; that they have not had any violations in any of their locations in Maryland; that he is the Executive Vice President of Operations; that he will have daily contact with the managers and layers of the team; that Mr. Buonacuore will be the General manager; that he will visit the restaurant twice per year; that they have a proactive alcohol training program; that he understands he is responsible for any potential violations; that he has read, understands and will abide by the rules and regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that they will not accept vertical driver's licenses, permanent residence cards or use biometric scanners.

Troy Buonacuore stated that he will be the General Manager of the restaurant; that he has been an employee of this company for ten years; that he started as a bartender; that he moved to management at the Pennsylvania location; that he is all about the community; that they have a children's menu; that kid's eat free on Tuesday.

Mr. Camacho stated that he is not familiar with the company; asked if it is a national chain.

Jim Kuehnhold stated that they are a national chain; that they have 98 stores; that they started 32 years ago; that they started in Florida and have decided to expand to the Northeast.

Terence Sheppard asked if it is a brand-new building.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that yes, it is a new building.

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Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Class BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of LaVonne Snowden, Assistant Secretary, M. Christopher Evans, Secretary, Dean J. Manternach, President, for a Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of SBS of Largo, Inc., **t/a Staybridge Suites Largo, MD/Washington, DC**, 9401 Lottsford Drive, Largo, 20774.

Applicants are represented by Jason Deloach, Esquire.

Lavonne Snowden stated that she is a resident of College Park.

Christopher Evans stated that he is a resident of Colorado.

Dean Manternach stated that he is a resident of Minnesota; that he is the President for Staybridge Suites; that there are 104 rooms and five floors; that they will serve alcoholic beverages; that they want to have social week nights; that they will serve beverages with meals; that there will be a market next to the front desk where they will sell beer and wine; that they will serve alcohol at the café 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; that he has taken his TIPS training; that he will visit once per quarter; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling laws; that Resident Inn Largo Capital Beltway and Courtyard Largo/Capital Beltway recently received a violation; that they were both fined and have paid; that they have an action plan to correct the issues; that they have included written warnings, added a notice at clock in for shifts and 100% identification check; that they have also added additional calendars and retrained everyone on Alcohol Awareness; that they have four hotels in the area; that they do internal secret shop to ensure compliance with alcoholic beverage laws; that he is on three licenses in Prince George's County; that he has not had a license for alcoholic beverages revoked; that he will abide by all state and local laws and the Board's Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol; named the acceptable forms of identification; that they do not currently have plans to use a biometric scanner for identification.

Mr. Camacho asked if the business planned to give away alcohol during social events; that they stated there would be a social hour during the two hours for meal time; stated that the current laws do not allow them to give away alcohol for free.

Dean Manternach stated that they will charge an in-room service fee for the alcohol.

Christopher Evans stated that he is the Secretary for the business; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certification; that he will not be involved in the day to day operations of the business; that he is involved with the other hotels in the area the company owns; that he is aware of the violation and the action plan created; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that may occur; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Lavonne Snowden stated that she lives in the area and will be on premises; that she has been a resident of Prince George's County for over 30 years; that she is the Assistant Secretary; that she has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; named the acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Class BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 10:53 a.m.