

September 25, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Commissioner
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Shepherd, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:03 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Applebee's (Bowie)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4100 Robert Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716, R. Dennis Benson to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Grady Beck, Authorized Person.
(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Applebee's (College Park)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7242 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, R. Dennis Benson to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Grady Beck, Authorized Person.
(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Applebee's (Forestville)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3447 Donnell Drive, Forestville, 20747, R. Dennis Benson to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Grady Beck, Authorized Person.
(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Applebee's (Largo)**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1000 Largo Center Drive, Largo, 20774, R. Dennis Benson to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Grady Beck, Authorized Person.
(And)

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Applebee's (Laurel)**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 13600 Baltimore Avenue, #400, Laurel, 20707, R. Dennis Benson to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Grady Beck, Authorized Person.

Applicants are represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Dennis Benson stated that he is a resident of Chesterfield, Virginia; that there is no change to the application; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has never violated gambling or liquor laws; that he is the Authorized Manager; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21 and the legal age to serve is 18; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there will be no change in the mode of operation; that he is aware that one of the locations recently received a violation for an underage sale. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers Applications, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Dave & Buster's**, Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1851 Ritchie Station Court, Capitol Heights, 20743, Bryan D. McCrory to serve as President/Secretary/Treasurer in the place and stead of Jay Tobin, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Brian McCrory stated that he is a resident of Richardson, TX; that there is no change to the application he submitted; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has never violated a gambling or liquor law; that he has received the Rules and Regulations and is familiar with them; that he is responsible for any violations, even from Texas; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol and be 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he is the in house counsel for Dave and Busters; that he serves on the Board for Dave and Busters Maryland. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers Applications, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a MGM National Harbor**, Class B (EF), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, 20745, Stephane D. Hainaut and Monica L. Dorsey to serve as Authorized Person in the place and stead of Alison Bybee, Authorized Person

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Monica Dorsey stated that she is a resident of Alexandria, VA; that she is the Vice President of Food and Beverage for the MGM at National Harbor; that she has worked for MGM for 25 years; that she has moved up through the company to get to this position; that she is at this location 60-70 hours a week; that the application is true and correct; that she understands she is responsible for violations on the premises; that the as the Vice President of Food and Beverage she is responsible for making sure there are no issues; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

Stephane Hainaut stated that there is a change to the application; that he recently became an American citizen; that everything else is correct; that he is the Executive Director of Food and Beverage; that he has been at this property since its inception in March 2016.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application to show Mr. Hainaut is a United States citizen, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

Stephane Hainaut stated that he has been in the industry for more than 30 years; that he has worked in New York, Miami and here in the hospitality field; that he is on property approximately 70 hours a week; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers Applications, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Akeeb Tunji Salako, President, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of ATSAL MD, LLC, **t/a Kaywood Liquors**, 2205 Varnum Street, Mt. Rainier, 20712, transfer from New Kaywood Liquors, Inc., t/a Kaywood Liquors, Jason Seong, President, Mi Oak Seong, Secretary/Treasurer.

Akeeb Salako stated that he is a resident of Randallstown; that he is here to request a transfer of a liquor license; that he is not an attorney; that he is aware he can have one; that he wants to proceed without one; that he is familiar with, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that the he will ensure the establishment will operate in accordance with the laws; that he understands he is responsible for any violations the business may have; that he understands he must appear before the Board; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to sell; that he believes granting the license is necessary to accommodate the public; that he does not have any prior liquor experience; that he has ServSafe training; that he took the course after applying for the liquor license; that he has never violated any Alcoholic Beverage Laws; that he has never violated any gambling laws; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that the business will serve alcohol to people over 18; that the business will be open 6 a.m. to midnight; that he will be open these hours every day; that he will be there from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. that he will hire employees; that he will be closed on Sunday; that he won't be there the whole time they're open; that the operating hours will be 6 a.m. to midnight; that the hours may change; that he understands he must notify the Board of any changes to the hours; that he won't serve to people who are under 18; that you must be 18 to sell; that he does understand you must be 21 to consume alcohol and 18 to serve; that he will call prior to making any changes; that he doesn't want any issues.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license; seconded by Mr. Bowman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Kevin Lee Shifflett, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of S & W Liquors, Inc., **t/a S & W Liquors**, 7072 Allentown Road, Temple Hills, 20748, transfer from S & W Liquors, Inc., t/a S & W Liquors, Dennis Shifflett, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Kevin Shifflett stated that he is a resident of Laplata; that he is a US Citizen; that he is registered to vote in Charles County; that he has worked at S & W Liquors for more than 20 years; that he started as a store stocker to now wants to be the owner so his Dad can retire; that he will be the sole licensee; that he understands he will be the only person responsible for any possible violations; that all the employees have had their TIPS certification; that he has scanners in place; that he has expressed the importance of not serving underage to all employees; that they will follow the previous policies his Dad had in place; that he holds employee meetings regularly; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms identification; that the application is true and correct; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that the business has had one violation recently with the sale to a minor; that they corrected the issue by firing the employee and adding the scanners.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license; seconded by Mr. Bowman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Durgesh Gupta, Member/Authorized Person, Nidhi Gaind, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Capitol Liquors, LLC, t/a **Southern Avenue Liquors**, 4259 Southern Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743, transfer from Pom's Liquor, Inc., t/a Southern Avenue Liquors, Anderson P. Lee, Owner. Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter requested that the application be amended to reflect that Durgesh Gupta be the 75% owner and Nidhi Gaind be the 25% owner.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Graham and Mr. Bowman.

Durgesh Gupta stated that he is a resident of Ashburn, VA; that he has been working on this deal for four months; that he had been working as a project manager for a security company previously; that he has prior experience working in a liquor store in Oklahoma; that he recently got his Alcohol Awareness Certification; that he will work 20-25 hours per week; that he will hire experienced managers to work there; that the representations made in the application are true and correct other than the one change they made; that he is working to buy not only the business, but also the property; that he understands that if a serious violation occurs he will lose significantly because of owning both; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he owns a truck stop in Oklahoma and leases it to a liquor store; that he has supervised there on occasion; that he has owned the truck stop for two years; that he goes to visit 4-5 days a month; that he has part ownership with the truck stop and has no interest in the liquor license there; that he has not been found in violation of any alcoholic beverage laws; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that the hours would be from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Nidhi Gaind stated that she is a resident of Beltsville; that she has been a resident of Prince George's County for 18 years; that she is a registered voter; that she worked previously at a law firm that dealt with immigration; that she is now a stay at home mom; that her husband is a partway owner in Greenbelt Liquors; that she has no interest in his business; that he doesn't have any interest in this business either; that she has her Alcohol Awareness Certification; that she is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that if they get the license she will go back to work and work in the store 15 – 20 hours per work; that she understands she is responsible for any violations whether she is on the property or not; that other than the change made the application is true and correct; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she has never had a violation of any alcoholic beverage laws; that she has not been convicted of a felony.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license; seconded by Mr. Bowman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Paulos Araya, Member-Manager, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of EPT LLC, t/a **Peoples Convenience Store**, 4025 Silver Hill Road, Silver Hill, 20746, transfer from U.S. Choi, Inc., t/a Peoples Convenience Store, Un Suk Choi, President/Treasurer, Tina Anderson, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Kevin Lee, Esquire.

Paulos Araya stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that the trade name is People's Convenience Store; that the corporate name is EPT LLC; that his title is Member-Manager; that he has 100% interest in the business; that no one else has an interest in the business; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 15 years; that he is registered to vote in Maryland; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not held a liquor license previously; that his hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday, seven days a week; that he will use the entire premises; that it is a grocery store that sells beer and wine; that it is 2,000 square feet; that it is in a shopping mall; that he will work there every day; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol and 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he will conform to the laws and the regulations; that he has worked in hotels, grocery stores and gift stores; that he will be on the premises all hours it is open; that he will have employees too; that it is an existing store currently.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to transfer the license; seconded by Mr. Bowman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Sudon Williams, Owner, James Robinson, Owner, for a new Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of KitchenCray, LLC, t/a **KitchenCray Café**, 4601 Presidents Drive, Lanham, 20706.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim requested for the application to be amended to reflect James Robinson as Member Manager with 75% interest and Sudon Williams as Member Manager with 25% interest.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

Sudon Williams stated that he is a resident of Germantown; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 24 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has never been in violation of any liquor laws; that he has not had a liquor license previously; that he's never had a license revoked; that he has no interest in any other business with a liquor license; that he will spend 20 -25 hours per week at the business; that he is a Lieutenant with the Department of Corrections in Montgomery County; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol and 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application; that he understands the duties and obligations as a licensee.

James Robinson stated that he is a resident of Mitchellville; that he is a United States citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 12 years; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has not been in violation of any liquor laws; that he has not held a liquor license previously; that he has never had a liquor license revoked; that he does not have an interest in any other business that holds a liquor license; that he is the 75% manager partner; that he will be at the business 60-70 hours per week; that he just started the business; that he is a chef; that he grew up in New York; that he got his degree in culinary arts; that he worked at the Ritz Carlton for 3 years afterwards; that he has extensive experience in the culinary arts; that he has been on television shows and been to 25 countries; that he opened KitchenCray in Prince George's County for an upscale take on Southern cooking; that he has 15-20 employees; that he understands the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol and 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he understands that he is responsible for

the license and any violations that may occur; that he will ensure the employees follow the Rules and Regulations; that he has been open for about three months; that it is going well; that he has a petition of 135 signatures in support; that he has an extensive menu; that he is inside of an office building; that he has many office workers; that he has a following on social media; that he has 85 seats; that the business is 3,000 square feet; that it is an open kitchen; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that he works with the community and gives back; that he has contact with celebrities and donates school supplies; that he goes to schools for demos and to teach kids about healthy eating and shopping; that with a license he wants to offer mimosas and more with brunch; that he is currently open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday; that he has televisions, but no DJ's; that he's not that type of restaurant; that the hours in the application are for if the license is approved; that on Saturday he is open as an event space for rentals only.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Cristian Mendoza.

James Robinson stated that he currently doesn't have beer and wine supplied on Saturday; that they just rent out the space; that with the license they can and will sell alcohol on those days. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Ronald O. Freckleton, Owner, for a new Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Junction Catering and Jerk Center, LLC, **t/a Junction Jamaican Restaurant**, 1527 University Boulevard, Suite A, Hyattsville, 20783.

Ronald Freckleton stated that he is a resident of Riverdale; that he wants an alcoholic beverage license for his restaurant; that customers want wine and beer with their dinner; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 31 years; that he has not held a liquor license previously; that he does not have an interest in another business with a liquor license; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any gambling or liquor laws; that he will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; that he has no changes to the application; that there are 25 seats in the establishment; that there is not a bar; that he will be there 40 hours a week; that he has read, understands and is responsible for following the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he must notify the Board of any changes to the business; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that might occur; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that they are open already; that he understands he must conform to the laws and Rules and Regulations; that there are 25 seats in the location and the application does need to be amended to show that.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

Patrick Campbell stated that he is a resident of Riverdale; that he is from Jamaica; that he is the restaurant manager and chef; that he has no interest directly or indirectly with any other business with a liquor license; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any gambling or liquor laws; that he will obey the Rules and Regulations; that he understands the Board must be notified of any changes; that there will be 25 seats; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol and 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he believes granting the license will accommodate the public.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Ernest L. Murphy, Managing Member, Brian R. Hammes, Member/Authorized Person, for a new Class B, BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Hospitality Development Company III, LLC, t/a **Courtyard by Marriott – Bowie, MD**, 16800 Science Drive, Bowie, 20715.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Brian Hammes stated that he is a resident of Gaithersburg; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 30 years; that he has never been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any gambling or liquor laws; that he has not held a liquor license previously; that he has no interest in any other business with a liquor license; that he has 2% interest in the ownership of this hotel; that he oversees the operation management of the business; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that the employees will follow the Rules and Regulations as well; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he understands he is responsible for the operation of the business and to appear for any violations or issues; that the hours for the license are 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.; that they will serve during dinner hours; that they are required by Marriott to have alcohol available during dinner service.

Ernest Murphy stated that he is a resident of Columbia; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 45 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any liquor or gambling laws; that he has never had a license revoked; that he owned a restaurant in Baltimore between 1990 and 1992; that he was the only licensee; that they did not have any violations; that he sold the business because it was too hard to run fine dining with a full time job; that he has been in the hotel business for 20 years; that he is a 59.1% owner of the LLC; that he is the principal owner, but not the active manager; that he is onsite about 10 hours per week; that he runs the financial side of the business; that Brian runs the day to day business; that he does not have any other interest in a business with a liquor license; that he is familiar with Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he understands he is responsible for the operation of the business; that he also owns the hotel in Bowie Town Center; that hotel is an extended stay hotel and they do not have a liquor license; that there are 144 rooms; that he understands he must meet the required cost per room; that he believes he has past that; that he has about \$205,000 cost per room including the land and furnishings; that he plans to build a hotel park; that this is the first of three; that this one will open November 15; that he will also have a Residence Inn and Spring Hill Suites; that Bowie has expressed interest and excitement; that it is just Beer and Wine and wont disturb the peace of the community.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Brennan J. Handfield, General Manager, Peter Gianini, VP Resort Ops, for a new Class B, BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of WVO Licensing, LLC, t/a **Wyndham Vacation Resorts at National Harbor**, 250 Mariner Passage, Oxon Hill, 20745.

Brennan Handfield stated that he is a resident of Alexandria, Virginia; that he is applying for a liquor license; that he a liquor license would assist in the new operation of the business; that he has never held a liquor license before; that he is the General Manager for the hotel; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not violated any liquor or gambling laws; that the location is a vacation ownership resort, a timeshare; that there is not an existing location to serve alcohol from currently; that they intend to build out and serve breakfast and dinner with beer and wine in the evening; that it will be a Food and Beverage outlet; that hours for serving alcohol will be 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by the pool and at the lounge from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; that there will be 15-20 seats in the outside portion; that it is an open space; that currently the space is a movie theatre; that he is at the business 50 hours per week; that he is familiar with and will follow the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he must notify the Board of any changes; that he understands he is responsible should any violations occur; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he hopes the area will be open the beginning of next year; that he believes the granting of a liquor license would serve to accommodate the public; that serving food and beverage is required of them.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the license, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Leia Burks, Managing Member/Authorized Person, Taseen Abdulbarr, Member/Authorized Person, for a new Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Center Pocket, LLC, **t/a Center Pocket Billiards**, 5775 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Leia Burks stated that she is a resident of Bowie in Prince George's County; that she is a registered voter; that she is a Federal Agent with the United States Government; that she has worked as an agent for 26 years; that she works at the Department of Defense; that she worked with fraud, corporate and insurance; that she has moved to the Department of Labor and works with them on the opioid crisis, price increases; that she is a current licensee in Anne Arundel County; that they received their liquor license in May 2017 for Center Pocket in Crofton; that they opened in June 2016 and she joined the partnership in December 2016; that they have never had a violation on the license or any calls for service; that there are 8 tables at the Crofton location; that the hours are Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; that they may have some special hours for special events; that she understands they must notify the Board of any changes in writing; that the application is true and correct; that she has her Alcohol Awareness Certification; that the business is currently located in Anne Arundel County, but they all reside in Prince George's County; that they want to bring business back to Prince George's County; that 95 % of their current customers are Prince George's County residents; that they want to expand their business; that at their current location they are at capacity; that at the current time most people to play in tournaments have to go to DC, Virginia or further in Anne Arundel County to be able to play; that a bigger space would allow them to host tournaments; that they do not serve food at their current locations; that they have snack and "junk" food currently and patrons want actual meals; that she understands the license she is applying for requires hot food that must be available at all times; that she will have a kitchen with staff to serve and clean up; that she will have a minimum

of 100 seats for eating; that she understands the license also requires her to have a \$1,000,000.00 investment; that she believes the renovations will be well above that; that the funding for the move is coming from financing; that the Landlord is providing HVAC and money for some of the build outs; that she is also using her own money, mortgages and money for her future for this; that she had to get approval from her employer to participate in the current location and moving to the new location; that she had to certify to the ethics and governing of the business; that she not only has to respond to the Board about problems should any occur, but also to her own employer; that she is taking a risk with this; that she is still making changes to the layout and final number of tables; that she also wants to have a private room for corporate events, birthday parties and other special events; that she will have space to consume food outside of the bar area out of the way of the pool players; that the distance between tables is large enough for tournament play; that it meets the league's requirements; that she has gotten a petition with signatures in support of the concept; that she has current customers and ones that want to come in and would go to the new location; that there are approximately 200 signatures and most are Prince George's County residents; that they monitor activities currently and talk to customers to keep trouble out; that they have had no complaints at their current location; that it is a family oriented environment with good sportsmanship; that she wants to work with the community and the military for fundraising events; that she wants to participate in Toys for Tots and Police Night Out; that it is a positive environment; that she believes that the license is necessary to accommodate the public; that she has read the Rules and Regulations; that this is an opportunity to expand, serve food, and to grow their business; that they want to be able to teach children to play; that they are owned by pool players for pool players; that they have a children's and juniors league; that it is part of American Poolplayers Association; that for the junior league they are 7-17 years old; that many of their kids went to the national tournament; that one of their members has been sponsored by Predator because of it; that the tables are 1" – 1 1/4" slate Diamond tables; that they change the felt as needed and in accordance with tournament rules; that she doesn't believe it will be a threat to the society; that learned to play when she was 7; that she doesn't hang out in unsafe environments especially with her job; that they are not coin operated pool tables; that they are professional tables they have; that there are 24 7 foot tables and 3 9 foot tables planned currently.

Irene Burks stated that she is a resident of Bowie; that she is a police officer with Prince George's County; that she works with the discipline of officers; that she has been employed with them for 24 years and has the title of Major; that the application is true and correct; that she is not a licensee on the license in Anne Arundel county; that she is a part owner for the new location; that the Crofton location will close when this location opens; that she is responsible for the security of the business; that she has worked with Corporal Cicale to work on developing a security plan; that she will create a plan she would be satisfied with; that she is taking a crowd control management course; that she is not currently Alcohol Awareness certified yet; that they are involved in children's organizations in Crofton; that her job is also on the line if there are issues with this location; that she will ensure the business complies with the Rules and Regulations; that it is not a bar with some pool tables; that it is a place for like-minded pool players to come play; that she believes this absolutely accommodates the public; that she hopes this will help to rid the negative connotation with pool halls; that they are working to develop a security plan because they feel they should have one; that they also intend to later request a special entertainment permit.

Taseen Abdulbarr stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he opened the original location for Center Pocket; that he has played pool since he was 16; that as an adult he only found pool halls and places he didn't want to go; that he would travel elsewhere to play; that he chose to open where he did because nowhere else would let him in because of the negativity of pool halls; that he wanted to keep the place well maintained; that people wanted to have food and a bar while they were out; that he has changed people's minds about pool halls when they see his business; that the application is true and correct; that he is on the liquor license in Anne Arundel county; that there have been no violations; that he has only had one incident where he had to ask someone to leave; that the incident was a federal agent that entered with their firearm; that there have been no calls for service; that he believes pool is good for children and young people; that it's not a typical sport and it's not video games; that most of the children in their junior league are from Prince George's County or Waldorf; that he hasn't engaged the community much yet; that he isn't surprised at opposition; that they had opposition when they first opened in Anne Arundel County; that the Crofton customers are sad they're leaving.

Leia Burks stated that she wanted to work with the community; that she recommends people to other places that don't fit with the business they have; that they want a family friendly safe space; that they're not there to compete with bars; that they don't want to take bar customers; that she wants to work with Lonnie, Nipsey's owner; that she talked with him about his concern and when he had pool tables; that she has talked to the shopping center owners and explained her business to them; that they talked with the barber that's in there, Taseen gets his hair cut there; that the barber wants to bring his youth football league over once they open; that she is familiar with Bankshots; that they are a billiards' café; that they have 7 foot and 9 foot tables; that they host the American Poolplayers Association Tournaments there; that it was originally considered an unsavory location because of the previous owners and what they used the space for; that even though the area was bad there haven't been any issues since Bankshots came in; that they keep it pool focused.

Mr. Camacho excused himself.

Leia Burks stated that they are open to the community whether they are a part of the pool league or not that players can rent the tables; that there will be notices on the wall about taking care of the equipment, no gambling, no foul language and having appropriate behavior.

Adjourned for a break at 12:25

Resumed at 12:38

Lonnie Moses, Jr. stated that he is a resident of Gambrills; that he is in opposition of granting Center Pocket a liquor license; that it pains him to speak in opposition of black businesses; that he thinks the people applying are good people; that the problem is the leasing manager has violated his lease, this would be the second time; that the first time he lost \$30,000.00; that they aren't supposed to have a space larger than 2,500 square feet in the shopping center that sells food and alcohol; that he worked for 27 years as a policeman with DEA, FBI, homicide, and more; that he has been in places like this undercover and bought drugs and seen guns; that he had a partner shot in a pool hall in District VI; that he printed several articles about violence in pool halls in the area; that he had pool tables in his business previously and took them out because he had to stop gambling from taking place every week; that he heard of a disagreement at a pool hall over a shot and the security officer had to get involved; that it spilled into the parking lot and resulted in a murder; that he doesn't believe it's safe; that he plans to leave if the landlord allows this; that business is business; that he won't allow business to be taken from him and this would

be competing food and liquor; that this business violates his lease; that he doesn't want to see young men hanging out in his parking lot with their pants hanging down and smoking weed; that he doesn't believe the applicants would stand for it, but they can't see everything at all times; that he likes pool, but he plays at home because of these issues; that he owns Nipsey's; that he's not had any service calls since he took it over; that he has been open since September 2015; that he believes Fast Eddie's is a pool hall and that is where his partner was shot; that he is handling his lease issues civilly; that this isn't the first leasing issue even with him; that they allowed a hair braiding salon to be next to the Barber; that the problem is with leasing; that he plans to take his business elsewhere; that he had pool tables taken out prior to him taking opening Nipsey's; that he believes you can't stop the violence or gambling.

Jillene Holloway stated that she has been a resident of Prince George's County for 40 years; that she resides in Upper Marlboro; that she is a retired Federal Government worker; that she worked as an IT project manager; that she is a mother and grandmother; that she is not opposed to the establishment, but to the liquor license; that it's not just them, but to any pool or billiards hall; that they have a tendency to drink; that she doesn't understand why you need a liquor license if there are tournaments and it is a sport; that in this area there is already a liquor store and Nipsey's; that giving them a liquor license would be inundating her community where her family works and lives; that she thinks a liquor license would exacerbate the issues; that she lives 5-10 minutes from the establishment; that she shops at the Weis, Giant and liquor store near there; that there are other liquor stores and bars in the area; that they make for a bad environment; that adding another one will make 301 unsafe; that once people leave the establishment it's not the owners problem, but it is the communities problem; that their security plan hasn't been heard; that they can't say whether or not it will help; that she needs sureties she will be safe; that she doesn't oppose Nipsey's since he has security; that she heard about the hearing from her friend Jody Wildy; that more and more places are getting liquor licenses.

Jody Wildy stated that she is a resident of Upper Marlboro and lives about 3 – 5 minutes from the establishment; that she is in opposition to the liquor license; that she is not in opposition to the establishment necessarily; that she is good friends with Mr. Moses; that she has seen his business drop from other businesses coming into the shopping center; that she has seen issues from gambling and pool tables; that she is not in opposition because of Nipsey's; that she doesn't feel safe in those types of environments with pool tables because she is in a wheelchair; that she was an inspector in D.C.; that people gamble on all things and it will cause issues; that she put out a poll on an app Next Door and found that 33% of the people around didn't care one way or the other about the establishment and that 66% were opposed to it; that most people said pool halls cause violence and have had family members killed there; that Nipsey's has events and people feel safe; that she doesn't want it to change; that she takes pride in where she lives; that she's curious where the people who signed the petition live; that this affects her community; that she is in a wheel chair because of someone drinking and driving; that she is ok with the facility, not the liquor license; that she doesn't want to see Mr. Moses's business fail or suffer; that she supports minority businesses, but doesn't want to see established businesses suffer; that she'll do what she can to support Mr. Moses.

Victoria Batty stated that she is a resident of Glenn Burnie; that she is one of the franchise owners of the Greater D.C. American Poolplayers Association; that it is an amateur pool league; that the rulebook governs play; that she has been to Center Pocket in Crofton; that she has never had issues as a young female; that she has had a conversation with the owners about the new

location; that she believes there will be no issues; that she has been a member of the American Pool Association since she was 19; that she travels to other locations; that there are about 75 active hosts for the tournaments they run; that they are the third largest franchise in the country; that most of the violence people fear is old school and not condoned in their league, people wouldn't want to come if they did; that it is not healthy and is an old stereotype; that most of their host locations with tournaments care about their tables; that they don't always drink near the tables, they replace the felt and take care of the tables; that it's not the same as a bar with pool tables; that most of the other host locations have a restaurant with food and a bar with a full liquor license; that she can't say no one ever gets inebriated, it does happen, but it is not encourage; that people typically drink after matches; that they are fighting for people's social time; that people like to drink socially with their friends; that liquor sales add additional revenue for the facilities; that they make up lost wages in table time with food and beverage sales; that it is a weekly league that operates about 48 weeks of the year.

Sarah Geiter stated that she is a resident of College Park; that she is the other franchise owner of the Greater D.C. American Poolplayers Association; that they conduct visits to their host locations to check things out; that it is an extracurricular activity for most people on a slower night of the week at establishments; that typically leagues are on a week night; that most locations have a liquor license; that she can't think of one off hand that doesn't have a liquor license; that it's not professional athletes playing; that it is more like a bowling league.

Robert Sopha stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he came here in support of the liquor license; that he started going to Center Pocket when he was active duty military; that he played in a tournament with the American Poolplayers Association; that they had helped him become a better player; that it gave him something to do with other people outside of work; that he has increased his skills; that it brings people together from early 20's to those who are now retired; that it brings people together from all walks of life; that he enjoys a beer or two while he plays to loosen up and socialize; that he's not there to get drunk; that typically people are there an extended period of time; that moving would give them more space, have more players, increase revenue and also give space for the juniors to play; that he works with the junior league and younger to work on skills.

Rachel Moran stated that she is a resident of Bowie; that she supports the establishment receiving a liquor license; that her and her fiancée work with the junior league; that their daughter is the one that Leia Burks was talking about receiving a sponsorship; that her daughter is 9 years old and has an international sponsor from playing pool; that the establishment is family friend; that people are there for the love and passion of the game; that people go there to grow skills; that it is safe for children at all times; that she has never seen drugs, violence, guns or even an argument; that she would like to see them be able to grow and expand.

Aaron James stated that he is a resident of Mitchellville; that he and his wife support the establishment; that both him and his wife participate; that he is a team captain for two teams with one at Bankshots; that moving gives them a great opportunity; that the opposition is their perceived threat and is unfair to characterize and compare it to previous businesses; that they are run similar to Bankshots; that he goes three nights a week; that he wouldn't go to an unsafe environment; that without Center Pocket he wouldn't have had an opportunity to compete in Vegas; that to put together a team as a leader each team has 8 players; that as a leader you look for a mix of skill levels to balance out teams; that you want to help increase players skills; that he has never seen gambling at Center Pocket or Bankshots.

Thea Morris stated that she is in support of the liquor license; that she is a pool player; that she is captain of three teams; that she is the Division Representative over 58 people; that the owners are people of integrity; that it is a business owned by players for players; that the league she's currently in plays elsewhere and eagerly wait to move to the new location; that they are a competitive ladies group that like to have fun and play; that is a social activity for them as well and they feel safe there.

Yang Kim stated that she is a resident of Silver Springs; that she is here in support; that she is a single female traveling back and forth to tournaments; that Fast Eddie's is not the same thing; that it is a dive bar; that she would not go there; that you get hit on too much; that you don't go to places like Center Pocket for a date, or to party, or to get drunk; that you may have a beer or glass of wine while waiting for your turn to play; that you might like a beer with your burger; that friends that come to watch the tournaments might like to have a drink; that the place is nice and clean; that the bathroom is immaculate; that she plays in five different leagues; that pool widens the spectrum of meeting people; that she is a professional who works in D.C.; that no one gets sloppy or drunk; that you can't be drunk and play good game; that the league takes up space.

Leia Burks stated that she talked to Mr. Moses and to other people in the shopping center; that Taseen talked to the barber about the youth he works with coming in; that they did not go door to door at the location where they are moving; that she didn't realize there was opposition until today or they would have gone out; that the petition support is from people at current location, but they also know how they currently run their business; that she encourages people who come in to sign up for leagues; that she has had to tell customers currently they're full because of leagues; that leagues come first; that she recommends other places in the community for those looking to shoot for fun if they're full.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark

Mr. Bowman recommended that there be an outreach to the community to address their concerns and to convey the information about the business to the community; that they may also wish to discuss with Councilman Franklin; that perhaps they are unaware of the business model; that he would like to see this happen before they reach a decision and vote.

The Commissioners determined they would wait 30 days to take a vote until the applicant had an opportunity to reach out about the concerns to the opposition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 1:55 p.m.