



City of Colorado Springs

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107 N. Nevada Avenue
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Meeting Minutes - Final Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

Friday, November 17, 2017

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lee called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Members Arenson, Gorman, and Grewal being absent. Mr. Arenson arrived during the meeting.

Present 4 - Mark Clauss, Sean Fitzgerald, Chairperson Ian Lee, and Dennis Moore

Absent 3 - Murray Arenson, Vice Chair Joseph Gorman, and Jaswinder Grewal

2. Minutes

- 2.A. [M2017-11-03](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 3, 2017.

Attachments: [2017-11-03 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Moore, that the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board be approved as written. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Fitzgerald, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Gorman, and Grewal

3. Communications

The City Clerk's Office announced that the regular Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting scheduled for December 1, 2017 has been cancelled, and that the next meeting of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board will be Friday, December 15, 2017.

4. New Application Hearings

- 4.A. [N-32910](#) Application of J&S Grewal, Inc. & 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven Store 38130A for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2880 S. Circle Drive.

Attachments: [N-32910 - 7-Eleven Store 38130A](#)

Board Members Arenson, Clauss, Fitzgerald, Lee, and Moore all individually disclosed a relationship with an owner of the co-applicant, Jaswinder Grewal, who is also a Member of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board, and stated that they have no relationship with Mr. Grewal outside of their work on the Board; that they had no ex-parte communications with Mr. Grewal or Ms. Grewal; that they

have no financial interest or association with the applicants; and that they believe they are able to hear the item in an unbiased manner, and fairly and objectively render an unbiased decision on the matter. Mr. Grewal was not present at the meeting.

Chairperson Lee called for any comments or objections from those present in the audience. There was no objection to the Board hearing this item.

Attorney Kevin Coats entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Carol Johnson of Esquire Petitioning Services was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 45 favoring, 0 opposing, and 0 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in no variance to the signatures submitted.

Gunjeet Grewal was sworn and stated that she is a 50% owner and officer of the co-applicant, and Registered Manager for the business. Ms. Grewal testified to the elements required for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License, and answered questions from the Board.

7-Eleven Field Consultant Greg Aldmann was sworn, but did not testify.

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Moore, that the application of J&S Grewal, Inc. & 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven Store 38130A for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2880 S. Circle Drive be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Arenson, Clauss, Fitzgerald, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Gorman, and Grewal

- 4.B.** [N-32890](#) Application of Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #686 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2410 N. Academy Boulevard.

Attachments: [N-32890 - Kum & Go #686](#)

Appearing pro se, Christopher Burton was sworn and stated that he is the District Supervisor for the applicant company, which includes this new location. Mr. Burton testified to the elements required for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 131 favoring, 19 opposing, and 0 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in no variance to the signatures submitted.

Registered Manager Joe Rodriguez was sworn, but did not testify.

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Fitzgerald, that the application of Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #686 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2410 N.

Academy Boulevard be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Arenson, Clauss, Fitzgerald, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Gorman, and Grewal

4.C. [N-23881](#) Application of Springs Palace, LLC d/b/a Springs Palace for a new Tavern Liquor License at 2501 E. Platte Avenue.

Attachments: [N-23881 - Springs Palace](#)

The City Clerk's Office reported that this application has been amended to reflect a request for a Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License instead of a Tavern Liquor License.

Attorney Erika Kaiser entered her appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Karla Rogel-Cuevas was sworn and stated that she is the 100% owner and Registered Manager of the business. Ms. Rogel-Cuevas testified to the elements required for a new Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Ricardo Huerta of Servi Centro was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 53 favoring, 6 opposing, and 10 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in no variance to the signatures submitted.

Thomas Miller was sworn, however was determined to not be a party in interest and did not testify.

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Arenson, that the application of Springs Palace, LLC d/b/a Springs Palace for a new Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License at 2501 E. Platte Avenue be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Arenson, Clauss, Fitzgerald, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Gorman, and Grewal

5. Adjourn.

The City Clerk's Office reported that the City Council discussed the concept of transitioning the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board duties to that of a Hearing Officer on November 13, 2017, and have set first reading of the Ordinance for November 28, 2017, and second reading of the Ordinance and vote on the Resolution for the associated rules changes for December 12, 2017, with a proposed effective date of February 1, 2018.

At 9:58 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer