



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 18, 2016

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kouba called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Member Arenson being absent. Mr. Arenson arrived during the meeting.

Present 6 - Mark Clauss, Joseph Gorman, Jaswinder Grewal, Randall Kouba, Ian Lee, and Dennis Moore

Absent 1 - Murray Arenson

2. Minutes

- 2.A. [M2016-11-04](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 4, 2016.

Attachments: [2016-11-04 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Moore, seconded by Lee, that the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 4, 2016 be approved as written. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, Kouba, Lee, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Arenson

3. Communications

The City Clerk's Office reported that the Change of Location application listed under Item No. 4A has been withdrawn.

The City Clerk's Office reported a request for Item No. 6A to be taken out of order for a potential stipulated agreement.

4. Change of Location

- 4.A. [C-721891](#) Application of Gboghy Ventures, LLC d/b/a Embol Liquor and Wine Store for a Change of Location of the existing Retail Liquor Store License from 617 N. Murray Boulevard, #B to 39-41 Iowa Avenue.

Attachments: [C-721891 - Embol Liquor and Wine Store](#)

This item/application was withdrawn.

6. Suspension/Revocation Hearings

- 6.A. [S-716821](#) Suspension/Revocation hearing regarding the Tavern Liquor License issued to Loyal T's, LLC d/b/a V Bar by Club Q at 17-19 E. Kiowa Street.

Attachments: [S-716821 - V Bar by Club Q](#)

Chairman Kouba called this item out of order.

Chief Prosecution attorney Michael Curran entered his appearance on behalf of the City.

Attorney Vince Linden entered his appearance on behalf of the Licensee.

Board Member Clauss disclosed a previous business relationship with the Licensee. There was no objection to Mr. Clauss hearing the item.

Mr. Curran stated that the City and the Licensee have reached a stipulated agreement reflecting admission of five of the seven violations listed in the Order to Show Cause, and submitted a proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order that mirrors the stipulated violations and penalty. The proposed order contemplates a 30 day suspension of the liquor license, with 20 days to be held in abeyance for one year, a 10 active day suspension to be served with exact dates to be determined by the Board, and that the Licensee be required to provide training to all employees engaged in the sale of alcohol beverages through a State approved Responsible Alcohol Beverage Vendor trainer with proof of training submitted to the City Clerk's Office within 75 days of approval of the stipulated agreement.

Mr. Linden confirmed the Licensee's understanding and conditions of the stipulated agreement and answered questions from the Board.

Majority Licensee owner Nickolas Grzecka outlined the steps taken by the Licensee to remedy the violations, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Lee, that the Board approve the Stipulation and Admission of Violations and adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to suspend the Tavern Liquor License currently issued to Loyal T's, LLC d/b/a V Bar by Club Q at 17-19 E. Kiowa Street for 30 days, with 20 days held in abeyance for one year, and 10 active suspension days to be served beginning 10:00 A.M. on 11/18/2016 and ending at 10:00 A.M. on 11/28/2016, with proof of Certified Responsible Vendor training for all employees to be provided to the City Clerk's Office within 75 days. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 7 - Arenson, Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, Kouba, Lee, and Moore

5. New Application Hearings

- 5.A. [N-31387](#) Application of Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #684 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2422 Research Parkway.

Attachments: [N-31387 - Kum & Go #684](#)

Appearing pro se, Jonathan Renaud was sworn and stated that he is the District Supervisor for the 14 company operations in El Paso County. Mr. Renaud testified to the elements required for a new 3.2% Beer license, and answered questions from the Board.

Carol Johnson of Esquire Petitioning Services was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 114 favoring, 3 opposing, and 4 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in the deletion of 6 favoring signatures.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Lee, that the application of Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #684 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 2422 Research Parkway be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 7 - Arenson, Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, Kouba, Lee, and Moore

7. Adjourn.

Chairman Kouba led a discussion on the pending vacancies of Liquor Board member positions, including that of Chairman. The consensus of the Board was to hold a new election for Chairman and Vice Chairman at the next regularly scheduled Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting.

The City Clerk's Office reported that the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of December 2, 2016 has been cancelled, and the next scheduled meeting will be December 16, 2016.

At 9:43 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, Licensing Enforcement Officer