



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes - Final Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

Friday, January 19, 2018

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Gorman called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Members Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Lee being absent. In the absence of Chairperson Lee, Vice Chairperson Gorman presided. Mr. Arenson arrived during the meeting.

Present 4 - Mark Clauss, Vice Chair Joseph Gorman, Jaswinder Grewal, and Dennis Moore

Absent 3 - Murray Arenson, Sean Fitzgerald, and Chairperson Ian Lee

2. Minutes

- 2.A. [M2017-12-15](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of December 15, 2017.

Attachments: [2017-12-15 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Moore, that the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of December 15, 2017 be approved as written. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Chairperson Lee

3. Communications

The City Clerk's Office announced that pursuant to recent changes to the City Liquor Code, this is the final meeting of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board. Future Liquor and Beer License hearings will be held in Division 2 of the Municipal Court Building at 224 E. Kiowa Street with a Hearing Officer presiding.

4. Change of Location

- 4.A. [C-726002](#) Application of Los Compadres Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Los Compadres Liquor Store to change the location of the existing Retail Liquor Store License from 296 S. Academy Boulevard, #G to 3960 Airport Road.

Attachments: [C-726002 - Los Compadres Liquor Store](#)

Appearing pro se, Yesenia Alfaro was sworn and stated that she is a 100% owner of the business. Ms. Alfaro testified to the elements required for a Change of Location of the existing Retail Liquor Store 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 87 favoring, 4 opposing, and 5 no opinion signatures.

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

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Arenson, that the application of Los Compadres Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Los Compadres Liquor Store to change the location of the existing Retail Liquor Store License from 296 S. Academy Boulevard, #G to 3960 Airport Road be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Arenson, Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Fitzgerald, and Chairperson Lee

5. New Application Hearings

- 5.A.** [N-33217](#) Application of The Wobbly Olive, LLC d/b/a The Wobbly Olive for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 2611 W. Colorado Avenue.

Attachments: [N-33217 - The Wobbly Olive](#)

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

Board Members Arenson, Clauss, Grewal, Gorman, and Moore all disclosed a relationship with a co-owner of the applicant, Sean Fitzgerald, who is also a Member of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board, and stated that they have no relationship with Mr. Fitzgerald outside of their work on the Board; that they had no ex-parte communications with Mr. Fitzgerald regarding this application; 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.

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

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 150 favoring, 1 opposing, and 0 no opinion signatures.

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

Sean Fitzgerald was sworn and stated that he is a co-owner of the business. Mr. Fitzgerald testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant

Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Grewal, that the application of The Wobbly Olive, LLC d/b/a The Wobbly Olive for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 2611 W. Colorado Avenue be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Arenson, Clauss, Gorman, Grewal, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Fitzgerald, and Chairperson Lee

6. Adjourn.

The City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney's Office conveyed the City staff's appreciation to the Board Members for their service, and distributed Certificates of Appreciation signed by the President of City Council and the City Clerk.

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At 9:25 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer