

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
OF CECIL COUNTY**

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016** at 9:15 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Tim Snelling, Chairman  
Herrel "Cuz" Curry, Commissioner  
H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire  
Earl R. Bradford, Chief Alcohol Beverage Inspector

Commissioner Cameron was excused – Mr. Wilson stated that Commissioner Cameron is not present and if any applicant would like to have a full Board the hearing would need to be rescheduled and re-advertised.

**TRANSFER**

Application received from Ankuj Desoi, Harpreet K. Kirk, William F. Riddle, East Coast DVP, LLC, T/A East Coast Liquors, 5279 W. Pulaski Highway, Perryville, Maryland 21901 for transfer of Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License No. A-33 from William Riddle, Member; Dharmesh Patel, Member; Vivek Parikh Member; Daru, LLC, T/A East Coast Liquors, 5279 Pulaski Highway, Perryville, MD 21903

Applicants, Ankuj Desoi, Harpreet Kirk and William Riddle appeared before the Board; they were duly sworn. Mr. Wilson stated this hearing has been duly advertised on Wednesday, July 13, Friday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Mr. Riddle stated he had several items that needed to submit to the Board; Mr. Riddle stated they are aware of the tax issue and that the Bulk Transfer Permit would need to be received prior to the issuance of the license. Mr. Riddle began by asking \_\_\_\_\_ the questions that were submitted in the application; Mr. Wilson then asked the remaining applicants if the questions that were submitted on the application were the same today as when they were signed and submitted; both applicants stated yes. With no further questions, Commissioner Curry made a motion to approve the transfer of the license conditioned upon settlement of the business, the tax issue being satisfied and the Bulk Transfer Permit would need to be issued; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer of the license with the conditions stated.

**NEW LICENSE:**

Application received from Dalip Singh and Michele Elaine Reeder, Singh & Khalsa, Corporation, T/A Food Mart – Elkton, 2249 E. Old Philadelphia Road, Elkton, Maryland 21921 for issuance of a new Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License.

Dalip Singh appeared before the Board with his son. Mr. Wilson stated this hearing has been duly advertised on Wednesday, July 13, Friday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Mr. Wilson then asked the applicant if the questions that were submitted on the application were the same today as when they were signed and submitted; both applicants stated yes.

Step Mika –Co-Coordinator - Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework – federally funded grant targeting underage and binge drinking –additional licenses add an extra burden on the Liquor Board – coalition funds compliance checks for all establishment - – National Alcohol Policy conference as part of this grant – stress three points, 1) raise taxes 2) limit the number of licenses 3) proximity, that if a license is approved, take in consider the number of licenses in the proximity, there are already five licenses in a two-mile radius - coalition is against issuing any new licenses

Keefer Nelson – 157 E. Main Street, Elkton, MD – stated he was here on behalf of Elk Landing Liquors –opposed issuing a license –

Don Harmer – 39 Cynthia Court, Elkton - Weaver’s Liquors -

John Murray – 11 Borens Shore Road, Elkton - State Line Liquors – hours of operation – saturation of licenses

Anthony Vlamis – -Vlamis Liquors - petition against issuing license

Sachin Patel – 309 Augustine Herman Highway, Elkton – Elkton Liquor Warehouse – oppose license

Pinakin Patel – 200 Belle Hill Road, Elkton – Bridge Street Liquors – against the liquor license

Manish Patel – 1616 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun – Triangle Liquors – opposing this license

Dharmesh Patel – 400 N. Mauldin Ave, North East – Howard’s Market – too many licenses

George Patchell – 433 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, MD – opposed – Executive Director YMCA – day like today there are over 300 children in the facility plus the outdoor pool – not consistent with their values

Chad Johnston – 56 Swiss Dale Farm Lane, Port Deposit – Johnston’s Liquors, Rising Sun – opposed

Commissioner Curry made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter with legal counsel. Chairman Snelling seconded that motion.

Commissioner Curry made a motion to go back into session – Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and stated we are back in session.

Mr. Singh asked if they were denied for a liquor license if they could approve just a beer license – it was explained he would have to wait six months to reapply if denied today.

Commissioner Curry stated there seems to be several safety issues; we don't need it to accommodate the public; it's going to disturb the condition in the neighborhood; have an adverse effect on the neighborhood; there's nothing unique that you're going to sell and it's going to effect the existing licenses in the two-mile radius; therefore I am making a motion to deny the license; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to deny the license.

### **TASTING LICENSE**

Request received from Robert Jones, on behalf of Elkton Liquor Warehouse to discuss adding wine tasting to Class "A" license

Mr. Wilson stated he reviewed the request; he made a few minor changes – Chief Bradford stated the Board is inclined to approve the request

Commissioner Curry made a motion to proceed with the legislative request for a beer, wine and liquor tasting; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion; the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the legislative request.

Don Harmer asked the Board if they would be in support of changing the quota system number; Chairman Snelling stated it is a very difficult matter to change - he is always interested in the input from licensees. Step Mika stated he was in support of what Mr. Harmer suggested.

### **General Business**

- **Approve Minutes**  
The minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- **Specials**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- **Revise Local Rules & Regulations**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

BY:

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Tim Snelling, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant