LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Harford County Liquor Control Board was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Goddard. The meeting was held at the Bel Air Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, in order to accommodate a large number of protestants. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Sines, Walters and Miller, Board Counsel Ms. Finneran, and GM Crabbs.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) G A & E, Inc. T/A Everyday Liquors - New License (Tentative) - Protest Hearing

Shaminder Kaur, President, Gurkirat Dhillon, Vice President, Sukhdev Singh, Secretary, G A & E, Inc. T/A Everyday Liquors, appeared along with their attorney, Peter A. Prevas, seeking tentative approval of an Application for a New Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License to be located at 3726 Churchville Road, Suite A and B, Aberdeen. Interest in the corporation is held as follows: Shaminder Kaur, 25%, Sukhdev Singh, 50%, and Gurkirat Singh Dhillon, 25%. Mr. Dhillon will serve as the Responsible Operator, and he has passed the licensee test.

Testimony in favor of the application was heard from Shaminder Kaur, Sukhdev Singh, Gurkirat Singh Dillion, applicants; and Tammy Lowery Gault, Director of Operations, The I-95 Center, L.L.C.

David F. Mister represented the group of protestants. Testimony opposed to the application was heard from Charles Thomas, patron of Carsin's Run Liquors; Marshall Klein, Colgate Investments, L.L.C. representing the property owner for Beards Hill Plaza Shopping Center; Sarah Klein, license holder, Beards Hill Plaza Liquors; Kalpesh Patel, license holder at Carsin's Run Liquors, and his son Keyur Patel; Gianfranco Campos, license holder at Pool N' Pints; and Larry Dean, license holder at Bel Air Liquors.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded by to convene to closed session under the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act General Provisions Art. Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, and the vote was unanimous. The reason for the closed session discussion is to not inhibit the ability of the Board to receive candid and uninhibited legal guidance.

The Board considered the testimony and evidence from the applicant and those opposed to the license.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded by Commissioner Walters to move into open session; the vote was unanimous.

The Board's decision and analysis in determining whether or not to grant a license is governed by various provisions in the Maryland Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article. The Board is required to consider several factors including the public need and desire for the license, the number of existing licenses and the locations, the potential effect on existing licenses, the potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products, and the impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the community, as well as any other factors the Board considers necessary.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to deny the application submitted by G A & E, Inc. as the Commissioners agreed that there was a lack of public need and that the license was not necessary to accommodate the public; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no administrative business.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary