

November 13, 2019
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:00 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a El Rodeo Restaurant**, Class D, Beer, 6258 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, 20737 – Conversion Request from a Class D, Beer to a D, Beer and Wine. Applicant did not attend the hearing; that this matter was withdrawn.

In the matter of **t/a Mango Café**, Class B, Beer and Wine, 4719 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710 – Request for a Special Entertainment.
Clifford Parks stated that he is a resident of Laurel.
Kareem Abubakar stated that he is a resident of Cheverly.
Corporal Cicale stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George’s County Police Department; that the security plan is adequate; that the Use and Occupancy Permit does not say that entertainment is approved specifically for entertainment; that she has spoken with Bill Edelen with the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement; that Mr. Edelen recommended checking with Park and Planning before proceeding and having the Use and Occupancy Permit updated before proceeding.
Kareem Abubakar stated that their attorney is Abigail Bruce-Watson; that she is not present because of an operation; that Ms. Bruce-Watson says that the zoning for this area would allow for entertainment.
Corporal Cicale stated that she doesn’t believe that they will have a problem obtaining an updated Use and Occupancy Permit that allows entertainment, but she cant agree with moving forward without the clarification; that she believes Park and Planning will allow for an entertainment permit; that she told them they are responsible for obtaining an corrected permit; that she understands there was late notice since she was waiting to hear back from the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement.

Kareem Abubakar stated that they have gotten what they were able to before the hearing; that they had an entertainment permit previously.

Corporal Cicale stated that there are many businesses that need to have their Use and Occupancy permit corrected; that this has been an ongoing issue.

Kareem Abubakar stated that if they have of known about it earlier, they would have taken care of it.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the Board needs to hear from Park and Planning; that the next hearing is December 4, 2019; that this matter will be continued until then; that they will need documents stating that entertainment can proceed.

Corporal Cicale asked what provisions are in place in the meantime.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that they may operate as normal without the entertainment permit; they may not have entertainment without a permit.

Kareem Abubakar stated that he is concerned; that they wanted to have the permit for the holiday season to have entertainment and allow for additional security; that they were out of business for five to six months which has cost them financially and now they must wait until December for entertainment; that they are fighting to fix the problems, but they have an issue at every turn.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that she understands, but the matter will have to wait until December to be heard.

In the matter of **t/a Sip at C Street Café**, Class B, Beer and Wine, 24 C Street, Units 100 and 101, Laurel, 20707 – Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Joseph Valentino stated that he is a resident of Baltimore.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that they have requested a Family Entertainment Permit; that they have beer and wine; that it is a casual café; that they would like entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; that they will hold a few events per month to include acoustic music, poetry and open mic; that the security plan is adequate; that she believes they are the perfect candidate for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Joseph Valentino stated that he believes the entertainment permit will be a nice addition to the community; that it will help to foster the entertainment industry locally.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a Family Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Copper Canyon Grill**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 9300 Taj Lane, Lanham, 20706 – Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Applicant is represented by Matthew Tedesco, Esquire.

David Jones stated that he is a resident of Clarksville.

Matthew Tedesco, Esquire stated that Mr. Jones is the licensee for Copper Canyon; that it is a frequented restaurant in the Woodmore Shopping Center; that they had an exemption for entertainment until 2017; that they didn't need an entertainment permit because the music ended at 9:00 p.m.; that they are adding it now; that the hours for entertainment will now be 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; that it will be for ambiance; that it will be just string and jazz; that they meet the requirements per the legislation.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that the security plan is adequate per the entertainment proposed. Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a Family Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Old Bowie Town Grille**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8604 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, 20715 – Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Kristina Fowler stated that she is a resident of Silver Springs.

Elizabeth O'Brien stated that she is a resident of Bowie.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that they have received notice from the owner that she is sick and unable to attend.

Lisbeth O'Brien stated that they request a Family Entertainment Permit to operate Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; that they will have acoustic music, children's choir and bands occasionally; that the latest the entertainment runs is 11:00 p.m.

Kristina Fowler stated that the entertainment is family friendly at all times.

Elizabeth O'Brien stated that their sales are 70% food and 30% alcohol; that there will not be a deviation from the menu during entertainment.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked why they have varies listed for cover charge; that she would like to know what impacts the cover charge.

Elizabeth O'Brien stated that it depends on which band; that it will be Free, \$5, or \$10; that it usually is free.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that answer about their average sales was not filled out on the application and it will be updated to reflect the amount stated.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that the security plan is adequate per the entertainment proposed.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a Family Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of **t/a Red Crab House**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14707 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707 – Request for a Family Entertainment.

Christopher Ross stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he is here to request a Family Entertainment Permit; that it is a family seafood restaurant; that it is next to the Hooters in Laurel; that they opened in January; that he wants to have karaoke on Wednesday to start; that he wants to ensure things are done properly; that they might expand the entertainment later; that they have also talked about doing a motorcycle event with some riders that come through; that they are trying to make sure things are done right.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is a Corporal with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she has reviewed the security plan and has found it to be adequate; that she and Mr. Ross did discuss the motorcycle group; that the City of Laurel and Prince George's County Police Department come through.

Mr. Camacho asked if the entertainment is only for Monday and Wednesday.

Christopher Ross stated that yes, entertainment will only be Monday and Wednesday to start; that they will reach out if they want to change anything.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request for a Family Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 7:23 p.m.