

**May 10, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Camacho: I'm going to go over a few house rules. We understand that we're in a network situation with connectivity issues, we ask that you mute your computers or cell phones until you're called. We operate under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, any transactions, all of our testimony, and discussions between Commissioners is done in the open and totally transparent. When we do call cases and we experience connectivity issues we will pause that case, exceed to the next case, and allow you to reestablish connectivity with us. Additionally, I'll explain the procedure, the Director will call the case, I'll swear in whoever is going to be testifying, after the testimony is taken, I'll ask for a motion, someone will second the motion and then we'll take a vote. We normally have five Commissioners, but our Chairwoman isn't with us today and Commissioner Smith had to tend to an emergency.

Director Sheppard: During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors**, Brinda B. Patel, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, LP 198, LLC., 9626 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707. – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The licensee agrees to spend the \$50,000 capital investment within one year of today's date.

The upgrades include but are not limited to new flooring, repainting the entire store, new ceiling tile, and new light fixtures.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill**, Jose Portillo, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of La Curva, LLC, t/a La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill, 5810 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. – Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The plans for La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill if granted the Family Entertainment Permit are to have a DJ and karaoke until midnight. Application needs to be amended to reflect that there will be no entertainment on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) testified that the security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to grant the Family Entertainment Permit to La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes

Administrative Aide BOLC