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Arizona State Liquor Board Hearing Minutes
October 1, 2020

Members Present: Troy L. Campbell – Chair, Michael N. Widener, Jeffrey K. Oravits, and Lynn Shulman

Members Absent: Walter W. Jahn – Vice Chair

Counsel Present: Michael Raine, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Arlene Moreno, Interim Board Administrator

A. Call to Order

The hearing of the Arizona State Liquor Board was called to order on October 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. with Mr. Campbell presiding. Google Meet was utilized for facilitating the meeting. Board members, staff, and all parties participated telephonically.

Roll Call

Mr. Jahn was absent. All other members were present.

B. 10:00 a.m. Agenda: Review, consideration and action

1. Restaurant Liquor License, Application No. 109590 – Original Application

Keya Tehrani, Agent
Coffee X Change
6841 E. Camino Principal
Tucson, AZ 85715

This matter is set for hearing because of public protests. The Applicant, Coffee X Change, and its Agent, Keya Tehrani, appeared at the hearing and were represented by Jonathan Rothschild. Mr. Tehrani testified in support of the Applicant. Public protestor Douglas Crockett appeared and testified at the hearing, and was represented by Brian A. Laird. Public protestors James Lemas, Marcelyn Lemas, and Patty LeCompte appeared and testified at the hearing. Public protestor Lauri Lautzenheiser arrived late and could not provide testimony during the hearing.

There were opening statements by the parties. Mr. Rothschild described the support for the application. Coffee X Change and Mr. Tehrani received approval from all of the required Tucson City departments – police, planning and development services, transportation, and financial services. The City Council did not recommend disapproval or approval of the application. Mr. Tehrani submitted a petition with over 100 signatures in support of the application. Mr. Laird described the concerns of the protestors

and the problems Mr. Tehrani has had with law enforcement and the liquor department at other locations. The protestors described the issues of outdoor lighting, inadequate parking, loud music, and the negative effects of alcohol consumption in the neighborhood.

Mr. Rothschild questioned Mr. Tehrani. Mr. Tehrani has owned Coffee X Change since 1995. Mr. Laird cross-examined Mr. Tehrani. Protestors were given an opportunity to question the Applicant. There were questions from the Board. Mr. Tehrani described an incident involving a tree limb and an altercation with a neighbor.

Mr. Laird questioned Mr. Crockett. Mr. Crockett's family has lived in the Indian Ridge Neighborhood since 1991. He referenced the number and variety of businesses where alcohol can be purchased within a one mile radius. Mr. Rothschild cross-examined Mr. Crockett. There were questions from the Board.

Mr. Campbell announced that Mr. Oravits and Mr. Widener need to leave the meeting early. Mr. Campbell invited the protestors to add any additional comments. There were comments by each protestor. There was Board discussion.

Mr. Widener discussed the neighbor's concerns with the location and the applicant. He noted that it is not an inappropriate location, however, there seems to be a lot of personal animosity involved in this matter. Ultimately, the decision is based on the track record of the applicant operating a liquor licensed establishment, and the noise and nuisance the activity has been in the immediate neighborhood. Mr. Widener made a motion that the Board deny the series 12 license based on the applicant's reliability and the bases that he mentioned before.

Motion to deny application -	Widener
Seconded -	Campbell
Yay -	Widener, Campbell, Oravits, Shulman
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	License denied

2. Bar Liquor License, Application No. 112441 - Original Application

Jeffrey Craig Miller, Agent
Rock the Block LLC
The Mayor
101 S. San Francisco Street
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Motion to consolidate agenda items 2 and 3 -	Campbell
Seconded -	Widener
Yay -	Campbell, Widener, Oravits, Shulman
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	Agenda items 2 and 3 consolidated for hearing

3. Bar Liquor License, Application No. 112459 - Original Application

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Peter H. Schelstraete, Attorney for the Applicant, and Craig A. Bouchard, Attorney for the Protestor, argued Applicant's Motion to Vacate Hearing. There were Board comments. Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to grant or deny Applicant's Motion to Vacate Hearing. Mr. Widener and Mr. Oravits had left the meeting, and the Board lost its quorum.
Meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.



Arlene A. Moreno
Interim Administrator of the
Arizona State Liquor Board

12/3/20

Date