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ALCOHOL REVIEW BOARD
Thursday, September 15, 2016
Lilburn Municipal Complex

Present: Chairman: Jimi Taylor
Board Members: John Lazenby, Demetrius Galfas, Margot Ashley
Records: Kaleigh Frederick

Guests: Molly Frasier, GUIDE
Representatives of Businesses for Compliance Review
Representative of Khushi Tarshi, LLC for new application

Ms. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS: Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2016
The minutes of the August 18, 2016 were approved unanimously as written; motion by Mr. Galfas, second by Mr. Lazenby.

NEW BUSINESS:

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by Kim's Shell Station at 490 Pleasant Hill

Mr. **Yung On Kim** represented Kim's Shell Station for their Supervised Action Plan. He noted that he continues to remind their new hire of the importance of checking identification when selling alcohol to customers. He continues to have complaints from some older customers, but refers to the posted signs stating requirements to check IDs of all patrons. He went on to say that this is the first time in 38 years that they have been cited and he intends to continue the practice of checking all IDs.

Kim's Shell Station has completed its term for Supervised Action Plan and Mr. Kim was dismissed.

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by Highway 29 Liquor at 4132 Lawrenceville Highway

Mr. Patrick Anglin represented Highway 29 Liquor for their Supervised Action Plan. He stated that there have been no new hires and they continue to have a Mystery Shopper from Training Institute for Responsible Vendors (TIRV) once a month. At the TIRV visit in August, the store was compliant. All cashiers check identification for customers and management intends to continue this practice.

Highway 29 Liquor has completed its term for Supervised Action Plan and Mr. Anglin was dismissed.

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by ASWAN Corporation at 331 Rockbridge Road

Mr. Anwarali Ratani represented ASWAN Corporation for their Supervised Action Plan. He reported sending a letter to the City of Lilburn stating that the conversion of the cash registers is delayed due to backlog from installation of credit card chip readers by the company. Mr. Ratani



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anticipates that it may be December before the new cash register can be installed. The current cash register has been changed to require entry of the date of birth before alcohol sales can be completed. Two people are working in the store in addition to Mr. Ratani. He agreed to send a letter notifying the City of the installation of the new equipment. The members of the Board agreed that there is no need for continued appearance by ASWAN before the Alcohol Review Board.

ASWAN Corporation has completed its term for Supervised Action Plan and Mr. Ratani was dismissed.

Review new application submitted by Murad Ali, for Khushi Tarshi, LLC. located at 4971 Lawrenceville Highway. Background checks have been completed.

Mr. Murad Ali represented Khushi Tarshi in this application for new license to sell alcohol. He is the owner of the location at 4971 Lawrenceville Highway, has worked previously in Douglasville for six months (15 years ago) and currently has two stores in Henry County. Two employees, in addition to himself will be working at the store. Cash registers require entry of the year of birth prior to completion of the sale of alcohol. Signage is posted in the store stating that alcohol will not be sold to underage customers. It is Mr. Ali's intention to be present in this store. He noted that the store has been licensed for the last six years to sell alcohol and it was his understanding that he would be grandfathered in to continue those sales.

Ms. Frederick reported that all paperwork (fingerprints, background check) is in place.

Mr. Galfas raised a question regarding proximity to Lilburn Middle School for alcohol sales. The store is across Hwy 29 at a 45 degree angle from the school. Pertinent selection from Lilburn City Ordinance Sec. 6-64 states

- (a) No person, knowingly and intentionally, may sell or offer to sell any alcoholic beverage in or within 100 yards of a church building or within 200 yards of any school ground.
- (b) .
- (c) .
- (d) For purposes of this section, distance shall be measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground and shall be measured in the following manner:
 - 1) From the front door of the structure from which alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale
 - 2) .
 - 3) .
 - 4) To the front door of the church building, or to the nearest portion of the school grounds, whichever is applicable.

Mr. Lazenby made a motion to table this application for no more than 30 days until further research could be conducted with the Office of Zoning. Mr. Galfas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ali was advised to return to the October 20, 2016 meeting of the Alcohol Review Board, for a decision to be made on his application.

Review of new application submitted by Kamalpreet Manihani, for The Cellar of Lilburn, LLC. located at 735 Pleasant Hill Road. Background checks are pending.

No representative appeared before the Board. Ms. Frederick reported that background check has



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been completed and the store wants to be open by November 1, 2016.

Mr. Lazenby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galfas, to table the decision on this location pending the report from the Office of Zoning. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

Mr. Anglin had remained to the end of the meeting to request information about the survey submitted by The Cellar. He was informed that he can complete an open records request with the City.

Ms. Molly Vance from Gwinnett United in Drug Education (GUIDE) expressed appreciation to the Board for the work being done to prevent underage drinking.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM following a motion by Mr. Galfas and second by Mr. Lazenby.

Kathy Rall, Chair
Alcohol Review Board

Date

Respectfully Submitted,
Margot Ashley