



Alcohol Review Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 18, 2016,
Lilburn Municipal Complex Auditorium
6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman: Kathy Rall
Board Members: John Lazenby, Demetrius Galfas, Margot Ashley, Jimi Taylor
Counsel: Angela Couch
Records: Kaleigh Frederick
Police: Lt. Chris Dusik

Guests: Molly Frasier, GUIDE
Representatives of Businesses for Compliance Review
Representative of Sri Sadhguru, Inc. for new application

Ms. Rall called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and declared a quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the **July 21, 2016 meeting** were accepted unanimously as written. Motion by Ms. Rall, seconded by Mr. Lazenby.

NEW BUSINESS:

Compliance Reviews

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by Kroger at 4155 Lawrenceville Highway

Tim Hendricks represented Kroger at this final review meeting for the Supervised Action Plan. The store continues to hold hour-long on-site training for employees, utilizing a representative from the District Office as trainer. Most recently, classes have included relief help and new hires. This practice is only being followed at 4155 Lawrenceville Highway, not corporation-wide.

Mystery Shoppers visit the store every four weeks. Kroger has scored 100% on each of these visits. Mr. Hendricks reported that the software for the self-checkout lanes has been changed to require that the customer go to a manned register for alcohol purchases. The cashier must enter a date of birth or the transaction cannot be completed. Points of sale continue to be monitored weekly for possible use of one date of birth repeatedly. The stated policy is that the offending cashier may be subject to dismissal.

Kroger has completed its term for Supervised Action Plan and Mr. Hendricks was dismissed.

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by Armeen Inc dba Rockbridge Food Mart, 5474 Lawrenceville Hwy

Ramen Diboca represented Armeen, Inc. and reported that the registers in the store have been replaced so that date of birth is required to complete the sale. Training of employees continues to emphasize compliance with the ordinance, including checking identification. As a result, an employee refused to sell to a minor who attempted to purchase alcohol. Mr. Diboca is selling the store and the applicant will be present later in the meeting.



Small town. Big difference.

This is the conclusion of Armeen's Supervised Action Plan. Mr. Diboca was dismissed but chose to remain to appear with the new owner.

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by ASAS Inc dba Rocky Food Mart, 5044 Lawrenceville Hwy

Amin Mithuani represented ASAS, Inc. and explained that he missed the last meeting due to a construction accident that occurred: a crane dropped a beam of the new BP sign, requiring immediate attention. Mr. Mithuani called Lilburn City Hall the following day to explain his absence.

He reported that a new cash register system has been installed which requires the date of birth to be entered to complete the transaction. The store continues to have signs posted informing customers of the requirement to check identification with alcohol purchases. He has received some complaints from long-established customers, but continues to follow the required practice.

ASAS has complete the term of its Supervised Action Plan and Mr. Mithuani was dismissed.

Compliance review of the supervised action plan presented by Kim's Shell Station at 331 Rockbridge Road

Mr. Kim represented Kim's Shell and reiterated that this is a family-owned business. He reported that he has hired a part-time employee and has told him daily to check identification. He also stated that the cash registers has been upgraded to require reporting that ID has been checked. Members of the ARB verified that Mr. Kim understands what to look for on the identification (date of birth), not just that the person has identification.

Kim's Shell will appear at the Sept 15th meeting to complete its Supervised Action Plan.

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

Patrick Anglin represented Highway 29 Liquor. He reported that Training Institute for Responsible Vendors (TIRV) has continued to do random checks on the sales in the store. The most recent visit was while the license was suspended, so the store was closed. Mr. Anglin would like the TIRV staff to come twice a month, but has not been able to achieve that. He has discontinued the security guard but has increased the amount of staff working in the evening. Cameras are working in the store and can be reviewed at any time.

Hwy 29 Liquor will appear at the Sept 15th meeting to complete its Supervised Action Plan.

New Applications

Review new application submitted by Ari Arunachalam, for Sri Sadhguru Inc. located at 5474 Lawrenceville Highway.

Ari Arunachalam represented Sri Sadhguru, Inc in applying for a new license to assume ownership of Rockbridge Food Mart. Ms. Frederick reported that all documentation is in place.

Mr. Diboca (the current owner) appeared with Mr. Arunachalam since he will continue as manager "for the transition"; all other employees will continue to work there. Mr. Diboca reported that he has explained recent events, concerns and security measures to the new owner and reported that it was the new owner who made the decision to replace the cash registers.

This is Mr. Arunachalam's first store ownership experience but he has extensive retail experience. He stated that he intends to be an active owner, and will continue to follow the policies established in the store. He lives in Marietta but considers it a short drive to Lilburn. He acknowledged that he



will train new employees and ensure that the alcohol ordinance is followed. Mr. Lazenby made a motion to approve the application of Sri Sadhguru at 5474 Lawrenceville Highway; it was seconded by Ms. Rall and approved unanimously. Ms. Couch informed Mr. Arunachalam that a letter would be sent the next day and he will be able to pay his license fee at that time.

Public Comment

Ms. Rall called for public comment. There was none.

Due to concerns regarding traffic delays, it was agreed to change the meeting time to 6:30 PM for future meetings. The next meeting will be on September 15 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rall made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM. It was seconded by Mr. Lazenby and unanimously approved by those present.

Kathy Rall, Chair
Alcohol Review Board

Date

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Ashley