



ALCOHOL REVIEW BOARD  
DECEMBER 15, 2016  
6:30 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Board Members: Margot Ashley, Demetrius Galfas, John Lazenby and Jimi Taylor  
Records: Kaleigh Frederick  
Legal Counsel: Angela Couch

In the absence of the chairperson, Ms. Couch served as moderator of the meeting.  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and a quorum was declared.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lazenby made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2016 ARB meeting, seconded by Ms. Taylor. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Review new alcohol application for GULF FOOD MART at 127 Arcado Road. Change of ownership to Himanshu Patel and Deedar Ali.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the application from Gulf Food Mart. Mr. Himanshu Patel represented the company at 127 Arcado Rd. He has been an employee there for four years and is buying out the current owner. This is his only business and two additional employees will continue working from the previous ownership. Background check and Occupation Tax certificate are completed. The cash register requires entry of date of birth before alcohol sales can be completed and all employees are aware of the responsibility of selling alcohol. Ms. Couch explained that the City of Lilburn takes alcohol sales seriously and conducts undercover checks to ensure proper business practices for alcohol sales. Mr. Lazenby made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Taylor. The motion carried 4-0.

**Review new alcohol application for HAVEN Restaurant and Lounge at 375 Rockbridge Road. Change of ownership to Neeraj Kumar.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the application from Haven Restaurant and Lounge. Mr. Neeraj Kumar represented the company at 375 Rockbridge Road. He has no association with the previous owners and reported that he is very strict with his employees about checking identification. Signs notify customers of their intention to check IDs for all customers before the order is placed. Employees sign a consent form acknowledging their responsibility for selling alcohol sales and all possess alcohol permits. He has directed them to complete TIPS training although several are new and have not done completed the training. Ms. Taylor questioned arrangements for the parking lot, which has been an issue in the past. Mr. Kumar stated that either the bouncers will monitor the parking lot, or, if there is a large group, he will arrange for off-duty Lilburn Police officers to be present. A door monitor will check identification at the door and issue wristbands to help control sales to appropriate customers. Ms. Frederick reported that background checks have been completed and Mr. Kumar stated that the Fire Marshall completed inspection earlier that day so the Occupation Tax Certificate is in place. Mr. Kumar



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plans to have nine employees, currently employing seven. Mr. Kumar has worked with his father at a gas station and now has a restaurant on Grayson Highway, prior to buying this business. That restaurant is also applying for alcohol sales license. He intends to continue working at the Grayson restaurant during the day, and has a manager who will be on-site at Haven (which opens at 5 PM) at all times. Ms. Couch iterated the serious nature of alcohol sales and noted that Lilburn Police conduct undercover checks to ensure proper business practices. Mr. Galfas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lazenby to approve the application. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**Review alcohol renewal for AGRAFFE LLC located at 4132 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol license renewal for Agraffe LLC dba Highway 29 Package Store. Mr. Patrick Anglin represented the company at 4132 Highway 29. He reported that they continue to have TIRV inspections twice a month and also had a visit from State Department of Revenue inspectors who attempted to purchase beer without presenting a license. Mr. Anglin was at the register and refused the sale. Two days later, he received a letter commending their professional actions. He reported that they continue to check IDs for all customers and will do this in the coming year as well. Mr. Lazenby made a motion, seconded by Ms. Taylor, to approve renewal of the license. It was approved unanimously.

**Review alcohol renewal for THE KROGER COMPANY #438 located at 4155 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY #2, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol license renewal for the Kroger Company #438. Mr. William Chupp represented the company and reported that they have been very busy in recent weeks but continue to maintain practices of checking identification. The staff completed their last training of the year for controlled items this week. Mr. Galfas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lazenby to approve the renewal of the license. It was approved unanimously.

**Review alcohol renewal for ASAS INC located at 5044 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol license renewal for ASAS. Mr. Amin Mithuani represented the company at 5044 Highway 29. He reported a visit by the State Department of Revenue and that his staff passed, receiving a letter of commendation for sound business practices. He stated that they continue to check identification and will maintain that practice in the future. Mr. Lazenby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galfas, to renew the license. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**Review alcohol renewal for ASWAN CORPORATION located at 331 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol license renewal for ASWAN Corp. Mr. Anwarali Ratani represented the company at 331 Rockbridge Road. He reported that their registers have been updated to require date of birth entries prior to completion of alcohol sales. His employees still check identification and he has every intention of continuing this practice. Ms. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galfas, to approve the renewal of the alcohol license. The vote was unanimously in favor.



**Review alcohol renewal for SWEET BEVERAGE WORLD, LLC located at 501 INDIAN TRAIL ROAD, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol application for Sweet Beverage World. Mr. Lang Chen represented the company at 501 Indian Trail Road. He reported that they were visited by State Department of Revenue inspectors and also passed, with a letter of commendation. He noted that the staff continues to check identification for new customers. If he gets a new employee he will require 100% on the in-house sales test before alcohol sales are allowed by that employee. He again noted that this is the first time in 18 years that they have had an issue and hopes it will not happen again. Mr. Galfas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lazenby, to approve the renewal of the license. The motion passed 4-0.

**Review alcohol renewal for KIM'S SHELL located at 490 PLEASANT HILL ROAD, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of the alcohol application for Kim's Shell. No one was present for the company; Ms. Frederick placed a call to the store and requested someone appear. Mr. Jung Ho Kim arrived within ten minutes. He stated that he had the meeting on his calendar, but it slipped his attention. He reported that they continue to have customers complain about the review of identification. His response is that it is the requirement of the City and he will not change his practices in spite of foul language by the customers. He also noted that he has to pay closer attention because of attempts by underage students to purchase controlled substances. He has one new part-time employee and he is working to train him. He noted that it is harder to make a living in this time, but that they appreciate the patrols by Lilburn Police late in the evening, including their escort as he is leaving the building. Mr. Galfas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lazenby, to approve the renewal of the alcohol license. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review alcohol renewal for GEORGIA CVS PHARMACY, LLC located at 5575 LAWRENCEVILLE HWY, for selling alcohol to an underage customer.**

Ms. Couch called for review of Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC. No representative was present for the company. Ms. Frederick called the store and was told the manager would call her back. She reported that the letter stating the location and date of the meeting with the renewal application was sent to Rhode Island. However, the application was signed by the local manager and it was apparent from this that he understood the requirement to appear at this meeting.

Ms. Couch stated that three options exist for the ARB:

1. Approve in absence of the representative
2. Deny the renewal
3. Table the renewal to be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting of the ARB.

Mr. Lazenby reported that the CVS has been chaotic whenever he has visited the store, that this is a local problem and it is important for the manager to understand the seriousness of the sale of alcohol. He proposed tabling the renewal to a meeting only if there is other business to conduct. Concerns about Lilburn's having an environment friendly to business caused further discussion; however, it is very clear that the store has been non-compliant in the past and does not pay attention to detail. It is possible for the store to request a called meeting on Dec 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 if they wish to pay the fee. Ms. Couch will draft a letter and send by fax or hand-delivery. Mr. Lazenby restated the motion to table the



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application until the next scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Review Board, when other business will be conducted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Galfas, with unanimous approval.

Ms. Frederick noted that there are other businesses which have not renewed their licenses as of the December 1 due date.

**Review and discuss revision of Alcohol Ordinance**

Ms. Couch presented a proposed revision to the Alcohol Ordinance to bring it in line with wording with the State of Georgia Department of Revenue regulations. The revisions were initiated due to application by the Branded Barrel's proximity to a school within Berkmar United Methodist Church. The ordinance would be changed to read:

Sec. 6-64 Distance requirements  
(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) In a straight line from the front door of the structure from which alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale  
(2) To the front door of the building of a church, government-owned treatment center or a retail package store, OR  
(3) To the nearest property line of the real property being used for school or educational purposes

Mr. Galfas made a motion to approve the proposed wording, seconded by Mr. Lazenby. The motion to submit the wording to the Council passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lazenby made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Galfas and approved unanimously.

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Kathy Rall  
Chair, Alcohol Review Board

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Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Ashley