

**MINUTES FOR
LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
7500 West 29th Avenue, Municipal Building**

January 25, 2018

Chair Worth called the Liquor Authority Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Liquor Authority Members present:

Robert Alldredge
Bruce McIntyre
Paul Shaver
Carolyn Peterson
Anthony Davia

Absent: Claudia Worth, John Miks, Elizabeth Nazarene

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Robin Eaton; Police Officer Steve Berkowitz; Christopher Graves, Applicant; C.J. Pallaro, Attorney for Applicant; Tina Scott, Oedipus Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 11, 2018

Motion by Member Peterson to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018, seconded by Member Shaver; Motion carried 3-2, with Alldredge and McIntyre abstaining.

Item 1. Introduced by Vice Chair McIntyre; a New Application for a Beer and Wine Liquor License Application for Category 99 Inc., dba Bardo Coffee House located at 6150 W, 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge CO 80033.

Vice Chair McIntyre opened the public Hearing

Deputy Eaton gave the initial findings for the staff report and entered Exhibits 1-6 into the record, showing the applicant has fulfilled all of the requirements to hold a liquor license. He explained that Bardo Coffee House is a new Beer and Wine applicant, currently open at this location for business mainly as a coffee establishment that would like to include the retail sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption.

Vice Chair McIntyre swore in Mrs. Scott, and Mr. Graves.

Tina Scott spoke about Oedipus, Inc. and stated that Wheat Ridge has a wonderful reputation as a good place for businesses. She used model testimony from past hearings as to the methods Oedipus uses to conduct the surveys. Being an existing coffee shop that had opened earlier was a good thing as people already had knowledge of it.

The survey was conducted in a one-mile radius with the applicants business at the center. Both residences and businesses were surveyed in the blue area of the map of the survey. Included with the petition verbiage, people were made aware of what they signed for, one miscellaneous reason for not wanting it.

Ms. Scott described on page two of the survey that 189 of those surveyed were in favor of the new liquor license, while there were 6 signors opposed to it. That comes out to 96.92% margin in favor of issuance.

The applicant Christopher Graves spoke about the business being mostly for good coffee lovers and people who want to hang out with a Wi-Fi connection. This would be the second location as the other is located at 238 S. Broadway in Denver. He used to own an internet company but got burned out and built his first coffee house. He enjoys more interaction with great people compared to the internet company where everyone, from all over the world was angry.

Mr Graves spoke about being a coffeehouse guy for sure, and he used to hang out in them all the time but found Denver was too expensive. He looked at other cities around here and decided on Wheat Ridge at the old Lewis building. The sign out front had the wrong phone number on it and had to go to a meeting at the Rec Center, Where Steve Art gave him good contact number.

He finished saying that along with regular and special coffees, they will also have Espresso, and Italian sodas. Sandwiches by local vendors as well as local beers and wines as much as possible. He has good friends in neighborhood and with Wheat Ridge Connections and Facebook, they received over 100 comments and 300 likes in just a few days.

Vice Chair McIntyre asked for any questions from the Members.

Mr. Davia asks what the hours of operation will be.

Mr. Graves responds that it will most likely be 6:00 Am until midnight but probably won't start selling alcohol until around 3 PM. There's not too much of a beer crowd in the morning.

Mr. Davia asks if the other shop on Broadway sells alcohol.

Mr. Graves says that there is no design for that to happen and the space is very limited so it is doubtful that they ever will.

Ms. Peterson asks how many employees he has at the coffee house.

Mr. Graves states that there are currently nine at the Wheat Ridge location while there are at least nine at the other location as well.

Ms. Peterson also asked if there will be liquor training classes taken and provided to his employees.

My Graves said that he looked into TIPS training for on-site persons or everybody that has-hands on the liquor. It seems to be the most widely used and they have on-site training classes.

Officer Berkowitz apprised Mr. Graves that the City Clerk's office will be the contact for the minor warning sign and notice to report fight signs that are required to be in public view.

Mr Davia asks if there will be entertainment of any sorts at this establishment.

Mr. Grave responds that it might happen but not very practical as it is not consistent with what his customers are all about. They like to sit in a spot to relax and not be kicked out when say the Karaoke person is about to start. A movie night might be a possibility, maybe on Sunday night out in the back lot.

Ms. Peterson asks if there is ample parking for his establishment.

Mr. Grave answers that this is another great reason to locate in Wheat Ridge and not the Highlands per se where people have to park in the neighborhoods. There are 7 spots to park up front along with 10 or more in back. If he takes over the small lease of the adjacent unit, it would provide even more.

Vice Chair McIntyre asks if anybody else has any questions for the applicant with no reply, then asks for a motion.

Motion by Mr. Alldredge to approve the issuance of a new Beer and Wine Liquor License for Category 99, Inc. dba Bardo Coffee House 6150 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge CO 80033 on the basis of the following findings:

1. Public Notice of the hearing on the Application was published and posted on the property as required by Colorado law;
2. The applicant is qualified to obtain a liquor license pursuant to C.R.S. Section 12-47-307;
3. The premises is in a location eligible to conduct the proposed liquor licensed business pursuant to C.R.S. Section 12-47-313 and the zoning laws of the City;
4. The applicant is entitled to possession of the premises for which the application is made;
5. The neighborhood under consideration is considered to be within a one-mile circumference around the proposed licensed premises;
6. The inhabitants of the neighborhood desire an additional establishment that serves liquor;
7. The needs of the neighborhood are not met by the existing outlets."

Seconded by Mr. Davia; motion carries 5-0

CITY CLERK'S MATTERS

Deputy Clerk Eaton spoke on the following items:

- Responding to the request for more information to be gathered concerning the reduction of the radius concerning needs and petitioning, Mr. Eaton submitted research showing a few sample jurisdictions such as Aurora, Centennial, Co.

Springs, Greeley, and a few other jurisdictions that have reduced their radius for petitioning the neighborhoods for the needs and desires for new liquor license applications. Also that an outline of the proposed motions that are currently being reviewed by Joe Rivera, Assistant City Attorney.

- Processed renewal applications for Lil Nick's, Kickin Wings, Rockette Tavern and Hoppers Sports Grill.
- Upon renewal license distribution to Hoppers, they was appraised of being in violation of the City Amusement Licensing Code for not reporting 2 machines.
- Similarly a gambling device was found at another Wheat Ridge location and the licensee took immediate steps to have it removed and unplugged the machine.
- After making contact this month at Wheat Ridge Liquors and informing them that they were out of compliance of Reg. 47-304 for not reporting the change of financial interests within 30 days, I have received contact from Dill and Dill of a pending corporate change application to be submitted.

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS - none

POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS –

An Adams County Sheriff was shot and killed this morning in the Thornton area and the search is still on for the perpetrators.

Be aware of your surrounding seminar will go upcoming along with some new elderly scams that are going around trying to get money from them by saying their grandchildren is injured and needs money for an ambulance ride or to get out of jail.


Go Patriots

LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS MATTERS - none

Meeting adjourned at: 9 37 a.m.

Robin Eaton, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY LIQUOR AUTHORITY ON MARCH 8, 2018 BY A VOTE OF 7 TO



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