

TROY LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Chairman Max Ehlert in Conference Room C.

PRESENT: David Balagna
Max Ehlert
W. Stan Godlewski
James Moseley
James Peard
Thomas Sawyer
John Walker
Sergeant George Zielinski
Marsha Livingston, Office Coordinator

ABSENT: Jennifer Gilbert

All members were PRESENT.

Moved by Peard, seconded by Walker to APPROVE the minutes of the December 18, 2000 meeting as printed.
APPROVED unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **NINO SALVAGGIO FRUIT & VEGETABLE MARKET OF TROY, INC.**, requests a new Specially Designated Distributor license located at 6835 Rochester, Troy, MI 48098, Oakland County, to be held in conjunction with existing 2000 Specially Designated Merchant license with On-Premise Seating. [MLCC REF #91519]

Present to answer questions from the committee was Kirk Taylor.

Mr. Taylor passed out a packet of information to all of the members. The information included a Certificate of Excellence presented to Nino Salvaggio by the City of Troy, a layout of the store, a picture, an employee handbook, cashier guidelines, a memo to employee on how liquor will be accessed, and Techniques of Alcohol Management Training. The Techniques of Alcohol Management Training was first implemented 1½ years ago and is mandatory for all cashiers. This is taught on location four times per year.

All alcohol sales are at the front end of the store. The register prompts the cashier to check the ID of the buyer. Mr. Taylor was not sure if the cashier had to enter a date of birth.

One member asked about the turnover rate at Nino Salvaggio's and Mr. Taylor answered they had about 170 employees and they distributed about 370 W-2 forms for last year.

Moved by Moseley, seconded by Sawyer, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

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2. **B & R ENTERPRISES, INC. (Ashoka Indian Cuisine)** requests to transfer ownership of 1999 Class C licensed business (in escrow) with Entertainment Permit, from **C & P MINE CO.**; and transfer location (governmental unit) (MCL 436.1531[1]) from 161 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, Oakland County to 3642 Rochester, Troy, MI 48083.

Present to answer questions from the committee were Bharath Reddy and Raveena Reddy.

They have been in business for the last year. They would like to be able to sell alcohol at their restaurant because they feel this would draw in more customers. They feel they are losing customers by not selling alcohol. Mr. Reddy presented the members with menus from the restaurant.

The restaurant is located in Century Plaza and has a bar in place. They completed the construction but will need to do some changes for storage. This location used to be two stores. They have a total of 3,200 square feet. There are 96 seats, and 4 people can sit at the bar. Alcohol storage will be under lock and key.

The hours of operation are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. during the week and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the weekends. They currently have 8 employees and are planning on hiring a bar person. Mr. & Mrs. Reddy have plans for TAM training, which Mrs. Reddy will attend along with the bar person. In addition, everyone will be told the rules. According to Mr. Reddy, their employee turnover rate is 15%.

The only experience they have with alcohol sales is when they lived in India and owned a hotel/restaurant.

Moved by Sawyer, seconded by Walker, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

3. **7-ELEVEN, INC.** requests to add **Mizan M. Rahman** as Co-Licensee in 2000 Specially Designated Merchant licensed business, located at 5020 John R, Troy, MI 48098, Oakland County. [MLCC REF #97843]

Present to answer questions from the committee was Mizan Rahman.

The 7-11, located at John R and Long Lake Road, is currently a corporate store. Mr. Rahman will be as a partner with the company. He is running two stores now under company policy. The Troy location being one of the stores and the other store is located in Sterling Heights at 15 Mile and Ryan. Once this is approved Mr. Rahman will only be running the Troy store along with his family.

Mr. Rahman has worked for 7-11 for 18 years. He started as a clerk and worked his way up to running 8 stores in the Florida division. He decided to move here because there are no franchise opportunities available in Florida. His wife has worked for 7-11 for 8 years. Either Mr. Rahman or his wife will be at the store at all times.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Moseley, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

Moved by Moseley, seconded by Walker to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:01 p.m.
APPROVED unanimously

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