

TROY LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Monday, April 9, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Max Ehlert in Conference Room C.

PRESENT:	David Balagna	ABSENT:	Thomas Sawyer
	Max Ehlert		John Walker
	W. Stan Godlewski		
	James Moseley		
	James Peard		
	Jennifer Gilbert, Student Representative		
	Sergeant George Zielinski		
	Lynn McDaniel, Clerk-Typist		

Moved by Balagna, seconded by Moseley to EXCUSE the absent member(s).  
APPROVED unanimously

Moved by Moseley, seconded by Peard to APPROVE the minutes of the March 12, 2001 meeting as printed.  
APPROVED unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **HOUSEFIELD, LLC** requests to transfer ownership of 1999 Class C licensed business, located in escrow at 28333 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, Oakland County, from **BLAKENEY’S RANCH HOUSE, INC.**; and transfer location (governmental unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 1941 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County. [MLCC REF #99351]

Present to answer questions from the committee was Makato Ieda.

Mr. Ieda, sole owner of TAKE FIVE, passed out a packet of information to all of the members. The information included was a floor plan and menu for his new restaurant. Mr. Ieda has worked in the restaurant business as a chef and general manager for 30 years. He has been responsible for front line sales of alcohol at the restaurants he has managed. He pointed out the location of the alcohol storage area in the back of the restaurant.

Mr. Ieda presented a copy of the alcohol training program from the Capital Grille and plans to adopt it for his restaurant. He has also contacted other restaurants in Troy about their alcohol training programs that are in use. Mr. Ieda stated he will be at the restaurant at all times during the first months of operation. One member asked if he had ever had any liquor violations at prior locations. Mr. Ieda stated he had never had a liquor violation.

One member asked how many people will be employed and Mr. Ieda answered they anticipate about 30 full and part-time employees with an estimated turnover rate of 20-30% per year.

Moved by Balagna, seconded by Peard, to APPROVE the above request.  
APPROVED unanimously

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2. **CAFÉ SUSHI, LLC** requests to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed business, located in escrow at 1536 Crooks, Clawson, MI 48017, Oakland County, from **ROY’S LOUNGE, INC.**; transfer location (governmental unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 5 D, 1933 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County; and requests a new Entertainment Permit and new Outdoor Service Permit. [MLCC REF #93228]

Present to answer questions from the committee were Shigeru Yamada, Fari Sanatgar, George Nakashima and Terrence Jolly.

Mr. Yamada is the owner of the Cherry Blossom in Novi, MI. He has had no alcohol violations at this location. Mr. Yamada, Mr. Sanatgar and Mr. Nakashima plan to open Café Sushi in the new Walmart strip mall. The restaurant will seat 166 patrons. Blueprints were presented to the committee that showed the sushi bar, alcohol bar and cooking bar located in the restaurant. The outdoor service request has been cancelled. Menus for Café Sushi will be similar to the Cherry Blossom menu. The hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 pm. Sunday. One of the three owners of Café Sushi will be in attendance at all times of operation.

Mr. Yamada has a T.I.P.S. Trainer certificate and plans to train the employees. He does not have an Employee and Bartender Alcohol Training Manual made up yet but plans to have one in place by opening of business, scheduled for November 2001. He plans to have one bartender serving alcohol.

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

Moved by Peard, seconded by Godlewski to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:10 p.m.  
APPROVED unanimously