

October 3, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Commissioner
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
ShaRon Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Shepherd, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:05 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a 450 Drive – In Liquor**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, SJ Spirits, Inc., 7904 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Wing Chan stated that he is a resident of Bowie; that he represents SJ Spirits; that the trade name is 450 Drive-In Liquors; that he is here to apply for a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that he's not sure if there are other stores around with Sunday Sales, but thinks there may be one; that he believes having Sunday sales is important because they're a small store; that their revenue is small; that Sunday sales would give them the ability to gain revenue; that he bought the business 2 years ago; that he has not had any violations or fines; that he doesn't have anyone with him in support or opposition; that the store is 2,500 square feet; that his annual revenue is approximately 1.2 million; that he has a positive relationship with the community; that he helps old people with shortages when they come in the store; that he has only been there for 2 years; that he is hoping to be able to do more.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Avenue Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, DHRUV, LLC, 3318 Walters Lane, Forestville, 20747– Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Roland Lee, Esquire.

Rekhaben Patel stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she has owned the business since 2003.

Ronald Lee stated that Ms. Patel corrected the violations she had; that the violations were for sale to a minor and the sale of a cup of ice; that the shopping center has been renovated; that she supports the Fire Department and the community; that the license accommodates the public because it is within walking distance for the community; that most of the public gets around by walking and public transportation; that the public won't take a bus for alcohol; that the business has security seven days a week; that Sunday sales would help the community.

Rekhaben Patel stated that she has support tonight; that she has had 2 fines; that she has had the license since 2001; that she was a partner at first; that she became the sole owner in 2004 or 2005; that her annual revenue is approximately 1.5 million; that she's not sure on the size of the business; that she assists with the Fire Department, Police Department and churches; that she gives donations; that the last time was 3-4 months ago to the community church; that she donates between \$250 - \$400 at a time typically; that there is one store nearby with Sunday sales.

Jacqueline Schuler stated that she is a resident of Forestville; that she is here in support; that there is a family atmosphere at the store; that it is pleasant; that she is the Assistant Secretary of the Dunbar High School Alumni Federation; that they donate a lot of money for scholarships; that they gave two months ago for the first time; that it was also the first time she had asked. A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Bell's Drive In Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, OHMKAR, INC., 5901 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Ajay Patel stated that he is a resident of Kennett Square, PA; that he is here for a Special Sunday Sales Permit for Bell's Liquors in Capitol Heights; that he has pictures of the business and a letter from a local pastor at the church they donate to; that he appreciates the opportunity to apply; that he has a member from the council of the town of Capitol Heights with him as well; that he has an employee of 20 years in support as well; that they are a clean and safe facility; that they have a security guard and an officer there from 8:00 p.m. to midnight; that they are a gateway for Prince George's County from Washington, D.C.; that Washington, D.C. has Sunday sales; that there is a store 50 feet away in Washington D.C. that can sell on Sunday; that he estimates a loss in revenue of \$700,000 from not having Sunday sales; that he has a letter of recommendation from a local Pastor, not necessarily in support of sale on Sunday, but speaking of his donations and support of the business; that he has been there for 20 years; that he works 12 hours a day Monday through Saturday; that the revenue lost is not only lost to him but also to the town of Capitol Heights, Prince George's County and to Maryland.

Mariann Ford stated that she is a resident of Washington, D.C.; that she has worked at the store for 40 years; that the original owner was her first employer; that Mr. Patel came along 20 years ago; that Mr. Patel is a good employer and owner; that he donates to and supports the community; that he is a good person; that there is a family atmosphere; that he helps employees; that he deserves the permit; that he is right across from the Washington, D.C. line; that she sees there are a lot of people going into the Washington, D.C. stores; that he's missing out on sales; that he donates water and goods and makes monetary donations as well; that on Halloween he gives money for the community's Halloween activities to help the kids; that she is proud to work for him.

Ajay Patel stated that he made about \$2.3 million in 2016 and \$1.7 million last year; that he has lost about \$700,000 in revenue because he doesn't have Sunday sales; that it also decreases his sales overall because of the late Saturday evening and early Monday sales he could make if others didn't have a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that people want alcohol for events and football on Sundays; that it also hurts his business over long weekends; that people can go to Washington, D.C. and no longer have to go before or after; that Washington, D.C. also has a price advantage.

Jason Small stated that he is the Town Administrator for Capitol Heights; that he is testifying as the Town Administrator; that he passes the store daily on his commute; that when he began as Town Administrator two years ago he was told he didn't have to worry about Bell's; that they take care of their property and business; that they support the town; that they donate snacks and water for Capitol Heights Day; that they have security in their parking lot; that they ensure no one is loitering; that the business across the street doesn't maintain their space as well.

Ajay Patel stated that he has had no issues lately; that from 8:00 p.m. to midnight they have an officer in the parking lot; that they try hard to keep it clean; that they have strict policies; that they don't allow loitering or illegal activities; that they currently have 9 employees; that their space is 4,000 square feet.

Jason Small stated that from the Town's perspective that is all accurate; that most calls they receive are a mistake; that is actually the Washington, D.C. side that has the problems; that people will go across the street to the Washington, D.C. side to cause problems.

Ajay Patel stated that it is important to have Sunday Sales; that the senior citizens in the area feel that the store is safer and cleaner than across the street; that they would feel better if they could go to Bell's instead; that they are the only store in the area not behind glass; that the store is open; that females and seniors come in and feel safe; that he believes they have had two violations and they were taken care of; that they were for serving underage; that they were taken very seriously.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Big Daddy's Barbeque & Discount Liquors**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Big Daddy's Barbeque & Discount Liquors, LLC, 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Diljaan Melhi stated that he is a resident of Clarksville; that he is here to request a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that it is a beautiful premises; that they have a drive thru; that it is a hub for the community; that it is a family environment; that there was approximately \$600,000 lost in revenue since the last Special Sunday Sales Permit was issued; that the revenue is not only lost to them but lost to the County in taxes; that it's not just a liquor store; that they are also a part of the community; that the permit should be issued for their location; that it will help with business; that they are expecting an increase in traffic with a new light being put up; that they work with the community; that they try to encourage those that shoplift and cause problems to channel their energy positively; that his role is a manager and bookkeeper; that he is not actually on the license; that his sister is and she is home with flu; that the other licensee is in Vegas as part of a birthday tradition.

Juanel Patel stated that he is here in support; that he is also a manager.

Diljaan Melhi stated that the establishment is approximately 6,000 square feet; that he recently started bookkeeping there and managing; that they do approximately 1.25 million in revenue; that they have eleven employees; that when they had their Special Entertainment Permit they had more events with the community there; that they forfeited the permit for violations they received; that they have block parties with other tenants; that they had rapper 50 Cent there to do a bottle signing; that if they need employees they look to the community; that they allow the use of their parking lot; that they have not given monetary donations; that they give everyone who comes in looking for advice guidance and love; that they give 50% off brunch at the restaurant to senior citizens after church services; that he knows of three violations in eight years; that there was a disruption that came out of their business during a special event and they forfeit their Special Entertainment Permit; that they have had serving to a minor violation; that he didn't realize how many they had had; that they haven't had any lately; that their last violation caused them to have a 90 day suspension of the business; that they worked to prevent violations after the last one; that they raised their standard.

Juanel Patel stated that the violations were improved by further training; that if they received the permit it would accommodate the public; that they have a bigger selection with a drive-thru; that they sell responsibly; that they make sure not to sell through drive thru to someone who already appears intoxicated.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Blue Sky Liquors**, Blue Sky Wine & Spirits, LLC., 6430 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Ray Ford, Esquire.

Shaileshkumar Patel stated that he is the owner's nephew; that he works in the store; that he helped to set up the store; that they have not had any violations since taking over the store; that they are renting with a 10 year lease with 2 5 year renewals; that they have an option to buy; that they are closing in 60 days; that they have made improvements to the premises; that they have spent \$130,000 in improvements; that they intend to make more improvements; that they have two walk in coolers already added since application was submitted; that they do approximately \$30 - \$32,000 per week; that they are 4 miles from the Washington, D.C. line; that there are no other stores in the area; that their establishment is 2,000 square feet; that there was someone previously with a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that since they closed there are not any others; that they have had good customer feedback; that the customers like the changes; that they have worked with the Prince George's County Police Department on getting out people that loiter; that they took down the bullet proof glass to make the community feel safer; that by taking the glass out they also say they feel safe with the community; that the community wants this; that they have a petition with 600 signatures.

Robert Oliver stated that he is there in support; that the applicants came to the area 3 months ago; that they are nice people; that the people there before were crazy; that the community appreciates friendliness; that it is the only liquor store in that area; that most people in the area can get to it without transportation; that improvements have been made.

Shaileshkumar Patel stated that the business is 4,000 square feet; that the family works there currently; that there are no other employees at this time; that about 3 family members work there

currently; that their projected annual revenue is 1.5 million; that they have only been there for 3 months, but they want to set up donations to the Prince George's County Police Department as a thank you; that they want the community to come there instead of going to Washington, D.C. A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Brothers Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 2 Brothers, Inc., LLC, 12788 B Old Forte Road, Fort Washington, 20744 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Abigaile Bruce-Watson.

Kashmir Singh stated that he is the owner; that he is a resident of Laurel.

Abigaile Bruce-Watson stated that it is a Priority Funding Area; that the store was acquired in 2016; that they effectuated the license in 2017; that they had to do build outs prior to opening; that she has a petition with 200 signatures; that there hasn't been any violations since the transfer; that there is one liquor store within a mile.

Kashmir Singh stated that the establishment is 2,900 square feet; that they do approximately \$75 - \$85,000 per month; that they have two employees.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Charlie's Restaurant and Liquor**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Charlie's One, LLC, 5711 Silver Hill Road, District Heights, 20747 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Abigaile Bruce-Watson.

Kiranjit Kaur stated that she is the sole licensee; that she is a resident of Laurel.

Abigaile Bruce-Watson stated that the business has been open more than ten years; that it is a restaurant and off sale package; that it is in a Priority Funding Area and a Tax Credit Area; that they have lost income from not having a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Kiranjit Kaur stated that their annual revenue is approximately 1 million; that it used to be 1.5 million; that they don't have Sunday sales so customers go elsewhere; that the decrease started 7-8 months ago.

Abigaile Bruce-Watson stated that there are over 100,000 people in that area; that a Special Sunday Sales Permit would accommodate the public; that the community is in support; that she has a petition with 160 signatures; that they make contributions to the White Rose Foundation; that there was a \$5,000 donation made in September of this year; that there have not been any violations since Ms. Kaur took over.

Kiranjit Kaur stated that the establishment is 5,000 square feet; that she has owned the business for about 2 years; that she has eight employees; that there are 4 for the bar and 4 for the liquor store; that her revenue is about 1 million annually.

Doris Brown stated that she is a resident of Suitland; that she is there almost every day; that it is "Cheers" bar; that they go on Sundays to watch the game.

Harold Pearson stated that he is a resident of Forestville; that he's been a resident for about 43 years; that they are very nice people; that they have good service and food; that he goes there because he doesn't like most of the places near him; that he feels welcome.

Leo Williams stated that he is a resident of Forestville; that he moved into the area 6 years ago; that they were looking for somewhere to call home when they moved; they found it at Charlie's; that there is police security; that he loves the food; that he loves the place and the people. A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Cox's Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Multi-Bil II, Inc., 7200 Martin Luther King Highway, Landover, 20785 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Eric vonVory, Esquire.

Judy Lee stated that she is the owner and is a resident of Highland.

Eric vonVory stated that they have already done lots of renovations; that Ms. Lee has been the licensee for 22 months; that they don't have Sunday sales; that many others have it in the area; that they need it to compete; that the estimated annual sales were 2.2-2.3 million in November 2016; that the public is accommodated, but that they are trying to compete to make a living; that there isn't anyone present in support; that there is not a petition with signatures.

Chen Hang stated that he is a resident of Columbia; that they donate money to churches and Prince George's County Police Department; that he doesn't remember the last amount donated; that he doesn't remember the last date donated; that they have done it 3-4 times.

Yan Wen Chen stated that he is in opposition; that he is close to the neighborhood; that Palmer Restaurant and Liquors is owned by his family; that the Cox family sold it to him; that they sell the same things; that they are 100 meters away; that it would be more fair to give it to someone who needs it more; that it should go to someone that's not already close to a place with a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that Palmer Restaurant and Liquor is next to Cox's and Jimmy's Crab House; that there are 3-4 licenses already; that there is lots of competition; that he and his wife's license will be affected if Cox's Liquors has one too.

Yan Wen Chen stated that they make about \$4-5 million per year; that the establishment is 6,000 square feet.

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In the matter of **t/a Crescent Wine and Beer**, Class D, Beer and Wine, SRISAL, LLC, 15501 Annapolis Road, Bowie, 20715 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Shravan Chincode stated that he goes by Shawn.

Linda Carter stated that they have 1400 labels of wine, 12 taps and 500 types of beer; that they intend to devote 10% of the floor space to liquor and have 400 bottles; that they have petitions from customers wanting them to be able to sell liquor and those people also want them to be able to have Sunday sales; that they had 1 violation in 2013 at their previous location; that they also

had a violation at the new location as well for failure to open the business when they thought they would; that the violation was for not in operation.

Shravan Chincode stated that Hilltop near him has Sunday Sales; that his store is 6,000 square feet; that they do approximately 2 million in revenue; that they do beer and wine and events with the community; that recently they did a car show and donated the proceeds to St. Jude's; that they donate to St. Jude's twice a year; that most recently they donated \$1,200; that they also donate alcoholic beverages to golf tournaments; that their old customers come to the new location; that he has received requests to sell port wine, sherry, and liquor on Sundays.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Special Sunday Sales Permit with a \$50,000 capital investment, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Fine Beverage Depot**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Chatha Wine and Liquors Enterprises, LLC, 6333 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, 20785 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Sandeep Chatha stated that he is a resident of Virginia; that he is by the Washington, D.C. border; that he is at a disadvantage to liquor stores in Washington, D.C.; that Sunday sales would help the community; that they currently have 10 employees; that they used to have 12 employees; that with Sunday sales they would have 15 employees; that they are down \$300,000 from last year at this point; that they have more competition; that Sunday sales would help their revenue; that their business is 8,500 square feet; that they have police officers Thursday through Saturday and would on Sunday too; that most of their competition comes from Washington, D.C.; that they don't have anyone with them in support or a petition; that they brought a petition the last time they applied; that they have had the license for 8 years; that they have had 3 violations; that the last one was in 2016; that they believe it will accommodate the public; that it will brighten the area and give a better wine selection; that they have employees that have been there 15-20 years; that everyone knows everyone; that they donate to the Prince George's County Police Department to help out the community 2-3 times a year; that they donate approximately \$2,000 per year; that they treat people like family; that they hire off duty police officers for security to help ensure the safety of the community.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a New Vision Seoulia Restaurant and Liquors**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Young's Corp., 10820 J. Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville, 20705 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Youn Sook Kim stated that she is a resident of Laurel; that she is the owner.

Chul Youn Kim stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he is the owner's husband; that the store has a restaurant attached; that people finish their meal and stop at the liquor store; that they don't have Sunday sales; that one mile away there are stores that have Sunday sales; that they have owned the store for 7 years; that it is approximately 5,000 square feet; that the restaurant side takes up 3,5000 square feet; that they have had 4 violations; that in 2013 they had a sale to a minor, 2015 a Sunday sale, 2016 the restaurant was closed while the liquor store was still open and in 2017 for purchase from other than a wholesaler; that he was not aware there was a tax

hold; that their annual sales are approximately 1.25 million; that they have one full time and one part time employee; that they made donations and contributions to the community in 2011-2016 and stopped last year; that they attend the community meetings and send checks from \$150 to \$500; that no one asked them to donate last year; that they don't have anyone present in support or a petition.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a NuWave Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, NuWave Liquors, LLC, 956 East Swan Creek Road, Fort Washington, 20744 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Sunil Khanna stated that he is not an attorney; that he doesn't want one; that they want Sunday sales in the shopping center where his store is located; that customers do their weekly shopping there; that there is a store 3 miles away with Sunday sales; that the shopping center is well kept; that they recently became Maryland lottery agents; that they came to him to ask him to sell lottery; that Sunday sales would add to the Maryland Lottery revenue; that the store is 2,800 square feet; that in 2016 they did about 1.3 million in sales; that lately they have done under 1 million, about \$900,000 without Sunday sales; that Silesia has Sunday sales and is about 3-4 miles away; that they have owned the business since 2006; that other places have had their Sunday Sales since 2015 and that is when their sales began decreasing; that some of the people who have Special Sunday Sales Permits aren't actually using them; that they have it because it makes their business more valuable; that they have 4 employees currently; that they are involved with the community by way of donations; that they typically budget \$1,500 - \$2000 yearly; that they used to do wine tastings at the YMCA; that they support charities; that they have had 2 underage violations; that they hire from the community; that they even hire locally for contractors; that they do not have anyone from the community with them in support; that they do have a letter from a Delegate that resides in the area.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Oxon Hill Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, T.Y.C., Corp., 6369 – 6371 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Kwen Lee Chung stated that she is a resident of Oxon Hill; that they had a B+ license and converted it to an A in May; that the business is 4,000 square feet; that in 2016 they did 1.5 million in revenue; that in 2017 they did 1.4 million; that based on their current sales they project 1.3 million in sales; that she is not an attorney; that she can't have one because her attorney is representing others; that she has a petition with 723 signatures; that she has 4 employees; that she donates beverages, snacks, and food to senior citizens and police; that she has been a licensee for a total of 30 years at this location; that places around have Sunday sales; that she needs the permit to be able to compete; that three others within a mile have a Special Sunday Sales Permit; that she has spent \$250,000 on renovations; that she has redone everything, the ceiling, floor and replaced two coolers; that 2012 was her last violation.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Tony's Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Laurel Bowie 197 Liquors, Inc., 12637 Laurel – Bowie Road, Suite B, Laurel, 20708 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Kaushik Patel stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is the owner; that he is not an attorney; that he doesn't want one; that the annual revenue for 2016 was 1.2 million; that customers ask on Saturday why the store isn't open on Sundays; that his customers are why he applied; that he has 3 full time employees; that the business is 4,000 square foot; that he donates water, juice and snacks to the community; that he will reinvest \$50,000 into the business; that he doesn't have any witnesses; that he doesn't have a petition, but he brought one to a previous hearing and it had over 1,000 signatures.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Aaryan, LLC, 9205 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 20772 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant is represented by Adam Scharff, Esquire.

Ashok Kumar Patel stated that he is the owner; that he opened in 2010; that in June of 2015 the restaurant and liquor store burned down; that the Landlord took the insurance money; that he purchased the building and rebuilt; that he only rebuilt the liquor store; that he invested 2 million into buying, rebuilding and restocking; that it is close to Calvert and Anne Arundel counties and Washington, D.C.; that it is right off the highway; that there is a lot of traffic; that many people come by on Sunday to purchase and can't; that he has a petition with 129 signatures; that he had 3 violations prior to the fire; that they occurred in the restaurant and bar side not the liquor store side; that they have the same owner but two separate entrances; that their annual revenue was 2.5 million prior to the fire; that they have only been open one month since the fire and their sales have been \$130,000; that they have suffered the past three years from not being open; that the previous owners wouldn't rebuild so he did; that he needs to have Sunday sales with a Class A license; that a lot of people stop by; that he has 4 employees; that there isn't a liquor store nearby that can sell on Sunday, only beer and wine.

Mary Price stated that she owns the business next to Tucker's; that it sat there 3 years after the fire as an eyesore; that she's open 7 days a week; that she has seen a lot of people disappointed that he's closed on Sunday; that there are about 50 people that come by each Sunday to try to purchase from Tucker's; that it has been there since the 1950's; that there isn't another drive-thru or liquor store in a 10 mile radius; that they all look out for one another; that it is safer; that on Sunday it's convenient for people to go there.

Carey Llogan stated that she is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that she was there about three times a week before it burnt down; that she would go there to get BBQ sandwiches and spirits; that she frequents all the businesses in that area.

Ashok Kumar Patel stated that the business is 5,200 square feet including storage; that they have had 3 violations; that they have all been on the bar/restaurant side not the liquor store side; that the violations were for tampering which involved mixed drinks and being open past hours. A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

In the matter of **t/a Zach's Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Yaani, LLC, 6519 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, 20784 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Sushilaben Patel stated that she is the owner; that she is a resident of Waldorf; that she does not have an attorney; that she does not want one; that she is here for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Harold Whitley stated that he is a resident of Largo; that he is a county resident; that he is also a licensee; that he worked at Big Z liquors; that he came to give assistance with experience; that he satisfied the county resident requirement; that he is at the location 4-5 hours per week; that he was a full time employee elsewhere when he became a licensee; that he understands he is responsible for any violations they may have; that they do not have any violations; that they have had the license for 3 years; that having Sunday sales would accommodate the public; that they are close to Washington, D.C.; that they make approximately \$65 - 75,000 monthly.

Sangita Patel stated that she is a resident of Crofton; that she is a manager; that she is not on the license; that they have 3 employees; that they donate \$200 at Christmas to the local church; that she does not have any letters in support; that she does have one person with her in support.

Gabrielle Ott stated that she is a resident of Ellicott City; that she went to the store initially after visiting the barber shop nearby with her boyfriend; that they can do everything in one trip, get a pizza, a haircut and alcohol; that she volunteers at the store for her college courses; that she loves to help them; that she lives 45 minutes from the store; that she's willing to travel for them.

A Special Sunday Off Sale Permit was not issued to the applicant; that there was a limited number of Special Sunday Off Sale Permits available for issuance and the permits were issued to another applicant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 10:05 p.m.