

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
MINUTES**

**On January 11, 2012, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members Roland Meerdter, David Grayson and Robert Tabler were present as well as Jon Scruggs, Counsel to the Board; and Nancy David.**

**10:05 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.,** Case 5621, Application of Lily Law for the use of Hang Fung Inc. for the transfer of the existing Class B – Beer, Wine & Liquor License issued to Eva Wu for the use of Wang Fat, Inc., t/a Forbidden City Chinese Restaurant, 12 & 13 Carroll Plaza Shopping Center, Westminster, in Election District 7. Upon motion of Mr. Grayson, seconded by Mr. Tabler, the Board found the Applicant to be a fit and proper person and approved the application.

**11:05 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.,** Discussion of proposed legislation concerning increase in fees for Class A and Class D liquor licenses. Three licensees attended the meeting: Mike Ball, Jerry Ader and Mel Higgs. Mr. Meerdter stated the Board is trying to be equitable to all license holders. Mr. Ball and Mr. Ader stated they feel some increase is necessary and inevitable but questioned the increase all at one time. The Board stated they feel a mistake had been made over the years by not bringing the fees up to date since the Class A fee had not been raised since the 1950's nor was this addressed in 2008 when the license was changed to a 7-day license. Mr. Scruggs informed the Board the next step would be to present the proposed legislation to the County Commissioners.

11:50 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the December 14, 2011, meeting of the Board was approved upon a motion of Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Grayson.
2. A letter from Kirk Seaman, informing the Board of the closure of Café Tuscany and requesting an additional extension of 60 days to keep the liquor license active while marketing the business, was presented and approved by the Board until the end of March (renewal deadline). The Board stated that no further extensions would be granted taking into consideration the accommodation of the public.
3. Johanna, the Budget Analyst, met with the Board to address budget issues and discuss the proposed increase to Class A and D licenses and how the money could help to make the changes needed to do the job to protect the public (enforcement). Inspector Kaizer reported on his discussions with the Westminster Police to work overtime with volunteers on age compliance checks using grant funds being given to the Health Dept. Discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Health Dept. concerning this work was had and Mr. Scruggs will work with the Inspector to develop this document. This year the budget will reflect FICA, Medicare, 401K.
4. A letter from Paul Nichols, of the Monocacy Valley V.F.W., informing the Board of upcoming dates in 2012 for outdoor events, was presented and approved.

5. A letter from Robert Jones, of the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277, requesting to have his name removed from the license as he has resigned his position, was presented and approved by the Board.
6. A fax from The Whiskey Basket, informing the Board of a change in their hours and days of operation was presented and approved.
7. A copy of the new Rules and Regulations (green book) was shared with the Board prior to the final copying. The new books will be distributed to all licensees as they bring in their annual license renewal forms.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Nancy David  
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