LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – FINAL FEBRUARY 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Chairman Max K. Ehlert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Max K. Ehlert, Chairman
W. Stan Godlewski
Andrew Kaltsounis
David S. Ogg
Timothy P. Payne
Bohdan L. Ukrainec

ABSENT: Patrick C. Hall

ALSO PRESENT: Officer James Feld
Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney
Lauren Harden, student representative
Dane Lepola, student representative
Pat Gladysz

Resolution to Excuse Committee Member Hall

Resolution #LC2011-02-001
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Payne

RESOLVED, That the absence of Committee member Hall at the Liquor Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2011 be **EXCUSED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Hall

Resolution to Approve Minutes of December 13, 2010 Meeting

Resolution #LC2011-02-002
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Payne

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Hall

Agenda Items

1. **JJWM, LLC** requests to transfer ownership of 2010 Class C Licensed Business, located at 5D 1933 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County, from Café Sushi, LLC and requests New Official Permit (Food) {MLCC Req. 573485}.

Present to answer questions from the Committee were attorney Kelly Allen, and business partners Jing Yu and Jian Yu. Two other business partners, Wei Yu and Wensheng Zhou, were not present at the meeting.

Ms. Allen explained that the four partners have vast experience in the restaurant business and have entered into an agreement with the current owners to purchase the business.

Ms. Allen explained that one of the partners, Jian Yu, disclosed two convictions in his criminal history. In 1994 at the age of 18, he was convicted of a misdemeanor for malicious destruction of property. In 1995 at the age of 19, he was convicted of a misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. Since 1995, he has had no arrests. Ms. Allen informed the Committee that the MLCC generally considers the previous seven years in an applicant's criminal history.

Another of the partners, Jing Yu, disclosed a criminal conviction but nothing was located during Ms. Allen's search. Officer Feld reported also that nothing was located and it is possible that this event may have occurred when Mr. Yu was a juvenile.

The partners will retain the current menu and staff. They plan to employ a general manager and 15-18 additional people. All employees will be TIPS/TAMS trained.

Officer Feld reported that the previous owners had sales to minor violations in 2005 and 2008. Also, the Fire Department needs to make a reinspection.

Resolution #LC2011-02-003
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Payne

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of JJWM, LLC to transfer ownership of 2010 Class C Licensed Business, located at 5D 1933 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County, from Café Sushi, LLC and

request for New Official Permit (Food) be **APPROVED** with the stipulation that all four business partners participate in the TIPS/TAMS training.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Hall

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2. **The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.** (a Delaware Corporation) requests a new Direct Connection-1 to be held in conjunction with 2010 Class C and SDM Licensed Business with Official Permit (Food), located at 2705 West Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan 48084, Oakland County {MLCC Req. #178061}.

Present to answer questions from the Committee was Darlene Anderson, Operations Manager of the Neiman Marcus Troy location.

Ms. Anderson explained that this "Direct Connection-1" is a requirement of the MLCC. This permit allows customers to walk through the retail store to get into the cafe where alcohol is served.

Resolution #LC2011-02-004
Moved by Godlewski
Seconded by Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. (a Delaware Corporation) for a new Direct Connection-1 to be held in conjunction with 2010 Class C and SDM Licensed Business with Official Permit (Food), located at 2705 West Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan 48084, Oakland County be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Hall

Officer Feld advised the Committee on the following:

Mr. Pizza, Inc.
This is a transfer of ownership and should appear on next month's Agenda.

Hotel Management Advisors-Troy, LLC
This is a transfer of ownership and should appear on next month's Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Max K. Ehlert, Chairman

Patricia A. Gladysz, Secretary II