

**SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

Chair David Chung called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Bryan Campbell, David Chung, Kelli Narde and Alternate Member Greg Simpson were all present. Jon Brusco & Alternate Member Brandy Wilks were absent. Also present were Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool, Town Clerk Administrative Specialist Amy Putch, Detective Nathan Finley and Authority Attorney Katie Vera.

Chair Chung led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bryan Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 Special Licensing Authority meeting.

Kelli Narde seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Greg Simpson - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION (MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITUOUS)

Applicant:	Douglas County Libraries
Event:	A Storybook Holiday Event
Location:	20105 East Mainstreet
Date:	March 27, 2022

There was no one from the public to comment on this item.

The applicant submitted a Special Events Permit Application on February 4, 2022, with supporting documents and fees. The applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on February 7, 2022, ten (10) days prior to the hearing, as required by law.

Talayna Akrie, Event Manager of Douglas County Libraries, described the event to the Authority. She stated it would be very similar to the event last year. Biscuits and Berries will be catering the breakfast and will also be serving mimosas. The foods included in the event would mirror the foods talked about in the book.

Kelli Narde asked how age compliance would be handled to ensure there would be no underage

drinking. Talayna stated the wristbands would be used to show age compliance. Servers will check IDs and the caterer will use different colored glasses. One color will be for the mimosas and the other color for non-alcohol beverages. Additionally, she noted that staff will monitor the entrance and exit to the event area.

Kelli Narde asked how many drinks were allowed and how that would be monitored. Talayna stated that since this is a breakfast and family event, they have not had issues with event goers having more than one drink.

Greg Simpson asked about the number of staff working this event. Talayna stated there would be 20 to 30 staff members including volunteers.

Greg Simpson moved to approve the Special Events Permit Application (Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor) for the Douglas County Libraries Storybook Holiday event on March 27, 2022, at 20105 E. Mainstreet.

Kelli Narde seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Greg Simpson - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

B. ADDITIONAL LIQUOR-LICENSED DRUG STORE APPLICATION (NEW)

License Type: Additional Liquor-Licensed Drug Store

Applicant: Costco Wholesale Corporation
d/b/a Costco Wholesale #1022

Location: 18414 Cottonwood Drive

The Public Hearing opened at 6:43 p.m.

The Applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on February 7, 2022, and publication was made in *The Douglas County News Press* on February 3, 2022.

Attorney, Brian Proffitt for Costco, introduced Costco's General Manager Aaron Johnson and Eva Garretson, owner of LiquorPros and the petitioning company for the applicant. Both Aaron Johnson and Eva Garretson were sworn.

Brian Proffitt asked General Manager Aaron Johnson to describe the business model to the Authority. Mr. Johnson stated Costco is a retail store that sells food, clothing and other goods. Costco is an international corporation that has 800 warehouses with many of the stores holding liquor licenses.

Mr. Johnson also talked about the types of alcohol Costco plans to carry. He also stated all employees will be TIPS trained.

Greg Simpson asked if all the employees who work the registers are 21 or over? Aaron stated that most of the people at the register are over 21 and that Costco usually has those who are 21 or younger working as stockers or on the floor.

Kelli Narde asked what Costco's footprint would look like and if there would be wine displays next to the cheese and/or other parts of the store? Aaron responded that they would only advertise within the liquor section. However, occasionally, they may advertise at the front of the building as there is a lot of foot traffic there and people can see what is available within the store.

David Chung asked about the relationship between Costco, the current liquor store in Costco and Hilltop Liquors. Aaron stated that the other area inside Costco would only be accessible from inside the store and would hold some additional alcoholic products, but would only be utilized for storage. Hilltop liquors will be utilized as a retail store.

Authority Attorney Katie Vera had an administrative question concerning the current Costco floorplan as it did not include the current liquor store area filed with the application. Attorney Brian Proffitt said he did not know until now that the current liquor store area would be included. Attorney Katie Vera responded Costco will need to file a premises modification to include this existing liquor store in the current floor plan. Attorney Brian Proffitt said they will do that and would include the door that Costco would like to add to the storage area.

Eva Garretson with LiquorPros described the petitioning process to the Authority. Petitions to establish the reasonable requirements of the defined neighborhood were circulated and submitted by LiquorPros, to the Town Clerk on February 4, 2022. Eva reported that COVID is still having an impact on petitioning as many people do not want to open their doors for fear of exposure. She concluded that the results from the survey were positive even with COVID. Eva provided the petitioning results as follows:

- 113 Eligible Signatures Favoring
(Residential – 59; Business – 54)
- 3 Eligible Signatures Opposing
(Residential – 2; Business – 1)
- 116 Eligible Signatures

Brian Proffitt asked that he be allow to provide a corrected floor plan showing the additional area of the current liquor store so that a modification of premises would not have to be filed at a later date. The Authority was agreeable to the having the corrected floor plan included with the application. Attorney Vera asked for a motion to allow for a corrected floor plan to be filed with the application.

Bryan Campbell moved and Greg Simpson seconded to allow for the corrected floor plan to be filed with the application which included the area where the current liquor store is located.

A roll call vote was taken:

Greg Simpson - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

Kelli Narde moved to approve the application for a new additional liquor-licensed drug store for Costco Wholesale Corporation, d/b/a Costco Wholesale #1022, 18414 Cottonwood Drive, with the following conditions:

- *That all Wholesaler Affidavits of Compliance certificates are filed with the Town Clerk's Office;*
- *Upon the closing/purchase of the two retail liquor stores, the Bill of Sale for each store is filed with the Town Clerk's Office;*
- *Applicant to comply with the provisions of C.R.S. § 44-3-410 regarding transfer, change of location, and merger and conversion of licenses following the Authority's approval; and*
- *The Surrender Affidavit for the Fermented Malt Beverage license for Costco Warehouse #1022 is coordinated and surrendered to the Town Clerk's Office.*
- *That once the floor plan is verified, they are allowed to submit a new floor plan to include the current liquor store area or they can maintain the floor plan originally filed with the application.*

The motion was seconded by Greg Simpson.

A roll call vote was taken:

Greg Simpson - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Kelli Narde moved to adjourn the Special Licensing Authority Meeting at 7:29 p.m. Bryan Campbell seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

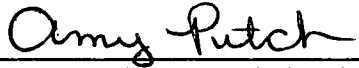
Greg Simpson - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.



Amy Putch, Town Clerk Admin. Specialist



David Chung, Chair