

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

Chair David Chung called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Appleby, Kelli Narde David Chung, Jon Brusco, Bryan Campbell and Alternate Brandi Wilks were present. Alternate Greg Simpson was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool, Town Clerk Administrative Specialist Amy Putch, Detective Nathan Finley and Authority Attorney Katie Vera. (The minutes were corrected on May 19, 2022, to reflect the correct spelling of Kelli Narde's last name.)

Chair Chung led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bryan Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 Special Licensing Authority meeting.

Jon Brusco seconded the motion.

A voice roll call vote was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Applicant:	Foundation for Douglas County Schools
Event:	2022 Apple Awards
Location:	18301 Lincoln Meadows Parkway
Date.:	April 2, 2022

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

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

Tricia Strahler, Event Manager, described the event to the Authority. The event is to recognize the best teachers, principals, administrators and department staff within the Douglas County School District. She stated that the event would take place from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The agenda for the evening will be an awards ceremony with dancing to a live band. She said that there would be a food truck in the parking lot for those who might get hungry. At this time, they plan to host about 650 attendees.

Alcohol will be served by Peak Beverages and dessert will be provided by Biscuits & Berries. Tricia Strahler stated that there would be two bars set up on the main floor and one bar set up on the second floor. Additionally, there would be four bartenders upstairs and one bartender downstairs. Tricia also stated that they would have Biscuits and Berries catering and they would help monitor the food and beverages that evening as well. Bryan asked if the bar was a cash bar and Tricia answered with yes. She stated that each nominee would receive two complimentary drink tickets. After the second glass, nominees would have to purchase their next drink.

Kelli Narde asked how age identification would be checked. Tricia stated that all the guests have to be 18 or older. However, she said at this point, no one younger than 21 had RSVP'd to attend. Guests will be teachers and administrators and they are of age.

Jon Brusco asked about security. Tricia said that the Vehicle Vault would provide several off-duty officers. Additionally, she will have five staff members from the Foundation and ten additional volunteers to help monitor and work the event.

Jon Brusco moved to approve the Special Events Permit Application (Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor) for the Foundation for Douglas County Schools 2022 Apple Awards Event on April 2, 2022, at 18301 Lincoln Meadow Parkway.

Mike Appleby seconded the motion.

A voice roll call vote was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

B. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION (MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS)

Applicant:	The Backpack Society
Event:	Fundraising Dinner & Dance
Location:	18301 Lincoln Meadows Parkway
Date:	May 14, 2022

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

The applicant submitted a Special Events Permit Application on February 18, 2022, with supporting documents and fees. The applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on March 7, 2022, ten (10) days prior to the hearing, as required by law.

Kim Hernandez, member of the Backpack Society, described the event. She stated that the society would be hosting a fundraising benefit from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Vehicle Vault. Dinner will be served. There will be dancing, performances, a paddle race and a silent auction. She said that they are expecting to host no more than 150 people. Kim said that the Vehicle

Vault would provide one off-duty officer for security. She also said that as attendees walk through the front doors their identification will be checked and each attendee given a wristband. Attendees not drinking or not of age will be given a red wristband. A green wristband will be given to attendees who plan to have a drink. There will be a three-drink maximum.

Mike Appleby asked what the mission is for the Backpack Society. Kim Hernandez stated that the Backpack Society was started by June Everett as she came to realize through her son that many students in Douglas County were going to school without lunch. The Backpack Society started to address this problem and provide hungry students with lunch during the school week. The Society also seeks to provide meals for students during the weekends as well.

David Chung asked about who was going to donate the alcohol. Kim stated that they have reached out to Republic National Wine distributor, but had not heard anything back. She said that if they do not hear back from them, they will plan to purchase the alcohol. Republic National Wine distributor has agreed to donate bottles of wine for their silent auction.

Kelli Narde moved to approve the Special Events Permit Application (Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor) for the Backpack Society Dinner and Dance Event on May 14, 2022, at 18301 Lincoln Meadows Parkway.

Bryan Campbell seconded the motion.

A voice roll call vote was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Licensee: Jordan Restaurant Group LLC
d/b/a Tailgate Tavern & Grill
Location: 19552 East Mainstreet
License Type: Hotel & Restaurant

The licensee submitted their renewal application on February 9, 2022. Since possible derogatory information was found in the police reports, the application could not be approved administratively.

Kelli Narde stated that she continues to have concerns about the business as she feels like \$150,000.00 is being spent on security guards when the root of the problem is not being addressed, which is over service. She stated that she would like to see the business not have to spend that much on security. She also stated that she would like to see the Tailgate come up with some solutions to address the root cause, so the business does not have to appear before the Special Licensing Authority each year.

John Kesterson, owner of Tailgate stated that he believes there is no problem with over service as the business generated \$5.2 million in sales this past year, which is more than any other business in Parker. He believes the incidents are relatively low considering the number of patrons served during the year.

Chair David Chung stated that he believes that the Tailgate is trying to do the right thing, as when there is a problem, the employees are the ones reaching out to the police and asking for help. However, David Chung did say that several people did become intoxicated within the restaurant and that was a concern. He commended their efforts to ensure that when things get out of control, law enforcement is contacted to ensure safety and compliance. Many incidents in the police reports were ones in which the employee refused service as the patron was visibly intoxicated.

Bryan Campbell counted up to 21 times the police were contacted. He is concerned about the amount of police involvement as well as the fact that several people were arrested and failed sobriety tests. He stated that the Special Licensing Authority exists to ensure public safety and when he sees these types of incidents, it concerns him.

Mike Appleby asked a question about whether there was a way to trace the police incident reports back to a specific server who might have overserved that particular customer. John Kesterson stated that if there was an issue with one of the servers, it would be obvious. However, it is hard to tell as no one stands out.

Jon Brusco asked what improvements the Tailgate Restaurant was looking to make during this coming year. Mr. Kesterson said that he plans to continue to have each of his staff members complete the T.I.P.S. training every two years, which is extensive training. Jon suggested that Mr. Kesterson keep track of the bartenders to see if any of the bartenders are consistently over serving. John Kesterson said that he is open to any suggestions.

Kelli Nardie suggested using buttons that the servers can wear that say, "Drink responsibly." Mr. Kesterson said that he liked this idea and is open to any other suggestions.

Kelli Nardie said that she would approve on the condition that Tailgate looks into doing something different to ensure that patrons are not overserved. Bryan Campbell suggested using a technological solution to monitor service or reducing the portion size on the second or third rounds. John Kesterson said he would give these suggestions some consideration.

Jon Brusco moved to approve the Hotel & Restaurant Liquor Renewal Application for Jordan Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Tailgate Tavern & Grill, 19552 East Mainstreet.

Mike Appleby seconded the motion.

A voice roll call vote was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell – Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND PETITIONING BOUNDARIES

License Type: Hotel & Restaurant

Applicant: La Loma Parker LLC
d/b/a La Loma

Location: 9355 Crown Crest Blvd.

Kelli Narde moved to approve a Public Hearing date of April 21, 2022, for a Hotel & Restaurant license for La Loma Parker LLC d/b/a La Loma, 9355 Crown Crest Boulevard, Parker, CO 80138, and the neighborhood petitioning boundaries included in the staff report.

Jon Brusco seconded the motion.

A voice roll call was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kelli Narde asked Detective Nathan Finley if the Parker Police Department was having a problem staffing events. Detective Nathan Finley said that they have not, as most of the time they are able to hire internally or can utilize Douglas County sheriffs.

Kelli Narde also asked if we could reschedule a tour at the Vehicle Vault. Chris Vanderpool said staff will get a tour set up.

Bryan Campbell asked that additional questions be added to the Special Event questionnaire. He would like to add questions about security, service of the alcohol, and ensuring age compliance. Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool said staff will update the questionnaire.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Brusco moved to adjourn the Special Licensing Authority Meeting at 7:16 p.m. Mike Appleby seconded the motion.

A voice roll call was taken:

Mike Appleby - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

David Chung – Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Bryan Campbell - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

Amy Putch, Town Clerk Admin. Specialist

David Chung, Chair