

**Liquor Hearing Officer
Minutes of the February 7, 2024 Meeting
Carson City Community Development Conference Room A
108 East Proctor Street, Carson City, Nevada**

A Liquor Hearing Officer meeting was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in the Carson City Community Development Conference Room A, 108 East Proctor Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT

APPLICANT: Mary Sellars, M&M FROGS LLC dba Remedy's Bar
Chandan Mehta, Janu Enterprises dba Lucky Market 2

STAFF: Hope Sullivan, Community Development Director – Liquor Hearing Officer
Natalie Kiel, Business License Specialist
Erin Lewis, Business Licensing Assistant
Briana Munoz, Public Meetings Clerk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record. These materials are on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, and available for review during regular business hours. The hearing materials are on file in the Planning Division and are available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sullivan entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.A DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN/BAR LIQUOR LICENSE (LIQUOR-008386-2023) WITH CHANDAN MEHTA AS THE LIQUOR MANAGER FOR JANU ENTERPRISES DBA LUCKY MARKET 2 LOCATED AT 262 W WINNIE LN, CARSON CITY, NV 89703.

Ms. Sullivan introduced the item. Ms. Kiel noted that there were no changes to the Memorandum, which is incorporated into the record. The Applicant, Chandan Mehta and his daughter Sanjna Mehta, were in attendance. Ms. Mehta spoke on Mr. Mehta's behalf. Ms. Mehta stated that Mr. Mehta had read and understood the Staff Report. She confirmed that Mr. Mehta sold alcohol to a minor and explained that Mr. Mehta was under stress on the day of the incident, December 14, 2023, as he was grieving the death of a family member. She noted that Mr. Mehta has owned and operated another store in Minden for forty years and never had any issues.

Ms. Mehta stated that Mr. Mehta had recently appeared in court where he pleaded guilty. She added that Mr. Mehta paid a fine and that his misdemeanor would be forgiven in a year.

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Ms. Sullivan entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

Ms. Sullivan referenced the letter from the Carson City Sheriff's Office, which is incorporated into the record. She noted that the Sheriff's Office recommended denial and stated that she would deny the application based on it. Ms. Sullivan told the Applicant that he has a right to appeal the denial and explained the process.

Ms. Sullivan requested that the letter of denial clearly explain the appeal process outlined in Carson City Municipal Code 4.13. 0102.

ACTION: Ms. Sullivan denied an application for the Tavern/Bar Liquor License (LIQUOR-008386-2023) with Chandan Mehta as the liquor manager for Janu Enterprises dba Lucky Market 2 located at 262 W Winnie Ln, Carson City, NV 89703, based on the finding that the applicant is unsuitable for the issuance of a liquor license.

4.B FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN/BAR LIQUOR LICENSE (LIQUOR-008318-2023) WITH MARY SELLARS AS THE LIQUOR MANAGER FOR M&M FROGS LLC DBA REMEDY BAR LOCATED AT 306 E WILLIAM ST, CARSON CITY, NV 89701.

Ms. Sullivan introduced the item. Ms. Lewis noted that there were no changes to the Memorandum, which is incorporated into the record. Ms. Lewis stated that there was late material, which included public comment from Dane Faber and is incorporated into the record.

In response to Ms. Sullivan, the Applicant, Mary Sellars, clarified that the name of the bar is "Remedy Bar."

Ms. Sullivan entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

Ms. Sellars stated that she had read the Staff Report and the Carson City Sheriff's Office Recommendation. Ms. Sullivan referenced the public comment from Dane Faber. Ms. Sellars confirmed that she had been added to the existing lease of the property with Mike Sellars.

Ms. Sullivan said she felt inclined to deny the application based on the Sheriff's Office recommendation. She told Ms. Sellars that she has the right to appeal the denial and explained the process.

Justin Clouser, an attorney representing Ms. Sellars, stated that the FBI Fingerprint Return was received by the Sheriff's Office on January 16, 2024 and showed that Ms. Sellars had a clean criminal record. Mr. Clouser noted that since the Sheriff's recommendation was contingent upon the FBI Fingerprint Return, there was no justification for retracting the approval.

Ms. Sullivan expressed concerns regarding Ms. Sellars' background investigation, noting that there was additional information related to Mr. Sellars and a business arrangement tied to the lease. Mr. Clouser clarified that Mr. Sellars' presence on the lease was a separate financial commitment, unrelated to Ms. Sellars' application.

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Ms. Sullivan stated that she was not inclined to go against the recommendation of the Sherriff. She added that Ms. Sellars could appeal the decision and explained the appeal process.

ACTION: Ms. Sullivan denied an application for a Tavern/Bar Liquor License with Mary Sellars as the liquor manager for M&M FROGS LLC dba Remedy Bar at 306 E William St, Carson City, NV 89701 based on the finding that the Sheriff's Office does not recommend approval for the liquor license.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sullivan entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The February 7, 2024 Liquor Hearing Officer meeting minutes are respectfully submitted on this 27th day of February, 2024.

William Scott Hoen, Clerk-Recorder

By:



Briana Munoz, Public Meetings Clerk