

IN THE MATTER OF THE * BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION BY SHRI SIDDHI *
MANAGEMENT, LLC t/a GLENWOOD * BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
WINE & SPIRITS IN THE NAMES OF *
SEEMA PARIKH AND JAIMIN SHAH * FOR
FOR A TRANSFER OF A CLASS *
A-1 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR 7 DAY * HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFF-SALE LICENSE *

DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Rules and Regulations of the Liquor Board, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On January 22, 2013, the Hearing Board heard the application of Seema Parikh and Jaimin Shah (“Applicants”), on behalf of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits (“Shri Siddhi Management, LLC”), for a transfer of a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7 day off-sale license currently held by Corinne Gorzo on behalf of Maplebrook, Inc., t/a Glenwood Wine and Spirits, for a 2,800 square foot package goods store located at 2465 Route 97, Glenwood, Maryland 21738. The Applicants were represented by Kelcie L. Longaker, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

The following documents were presented to the Hearing Board and entered into the record: a letter dated December 10, 2012, from the Applicants’ attorney enclosing a copy of the application, a copy of the floor plan, the background investigation questionnaires from the Applicants; a copy of the I-797A immigration form for Jaimin Shah; a copy of the Passport from the Republic of India for Jaimin Shah; an executed copy of Articles of Organization for Shri Siddhi Management, LLC; a Bulk Transfer Act Affidavit by Corinne Gorzo; a memorandum dated December 13, 2012, from the Liquor Board to the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector, the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, the Bureau of Environmental Health, and the Department of Planning and Zoning; the background investigations of the Applicants by the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector; a memorandum dated December 20, 2102, from the Department

of Planning and Zoning; a letter dated December 13, 2012, to the Department of Finance; a letter dated December 14, 2012, from the Department of Finance; a letter dated December 13, 2012, to the Comptroller of Maryland; a letter dated December 18, 2012, from the Comptroller of Maryland; a fax transmission to the Applicants' attorney enclosing a letter dated December 13, 2012, with notification of the hearing date and the necessity to advertise; and a memorandum dated January 7, 2013, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

Applicants' attorney stated that Seema Parikh has been involved in various liquor stores, and is therefore experienced in the alcoholic beverage business, and that Jaimin Shah has a background in marketing and sales, which would also assist in the operation of the package goods store.

Seema Parikh, 10% owner of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, was sworn and testified that she would be the resident agent, and that she is a registered voter and is alcohol awareness certified. Ms. Parikh testified that she plans to work in the store during the morning shift approximately ten to fifteen hours per week and that her duties will include accounting. Ms. Parikh testified that she is familiar with the Rules and Regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Ms. Parikh testified that the hours of operation for the package goods store are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., and Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Ms. Parikh testified that they have six employees, who are all trained. Ms. Parikh testified that they have a written policy which all of the employees are required to read and sign. She stated that if any of the employees violate the policies, they could possibly be terminated, depending upon the circumstances. Ms. Parikh testified that the policy is to require identification from any customer who appears to be under the age of forty, and that they plan to buy a scanner to assist in reviewing identification cards.

Ms. Parikh testified that she has experience, as she has worked in liquor stores for four years. Ms. Parikh testified that she has a financial interest in a liquor store in Carroll County.

Jaimin Shah, 90% owner and Managing Member of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, was sworn and testified that his role will be to maintain the business, control the purchase and sale of alcoholic beverages, and be involved in the hiring and firing of employees. Mr. Shah testified that he has prior experience because his family was involved in the alcoholic beverage business,

and that he has spent his spare time learning about the operation of a liquor store. Mr. Shah testified that he is alcohol awareness certified, and is familiar with the Rules and Regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Shah testified that he plans to be in the store on the weekends and from 3:00 P.M. until closing on weekdays. He plans to be in the store for approximately thirty-five to forty hours per week.

Mr. Shah testified that he feels this is a good neighborhood store and that it is in a good location. Mr. Shah testified that he plans to offer customers high-end wines and micro-brews. He stated that he plans on adding more security cameras at the store, so that he can view the outside parking lot. Mr. Shah testified that he will have the employees trained, and that he will be making changes to their policies, and will require them to read and sign the policies.

The following Exhibit was entered into the record:

Exhibit #1 – a Google map showing the area of Rt. 97 and Carrs Mill Road

The hearing was initially not advertised in accordance with Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland because the wrong class of license was listed in the advertisement. Accordingly, the Applicants' attorney requested that the hearing be continued so that the correct advertisements could be published. The Hearing Board granted this request as described below.

The hearing was continued until February 12, 2013 to allow the Applicants to re-advertise with corrected information. On February 12, 2013 the application was called at the Hearing Board's regular meeting. No one appeared in opposition to the application. Because of the lack of a quorum of Hearing Board members eligible to vote on the application, the hearing was continued to February 26, 2013. On February 26, 2013, Katherine Taylor, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Applicants and the following document was presented to the Hearing Board and entered into the record: certification of advertisement from the Patuxent Publishing Company.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, Ms. Taylor waived the Applicants' right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearings, the Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Seema Ashish Parikh and Jaimin Dipakbhai Shah, on behalf of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits, have applied for a transfer of a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7 day off-sale license currently held by Corinne

Gorzo on behalf of Maplebrook, Inc., t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits, for a 2,800 square foot package goods store located at 2465 Route 97, Glenwood, Maryland 21738.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Seema Ashish Parikh has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, is alcohol awareness certified, and a 10% owner of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Seema Ashish Parikh and Jaimin Dipakbhai Shah, on behalf of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits, have applied for a transfer of a Class A-1 Beer, Wine and Liquor 7 day off-sale license currently held by Corinne Gorzo, on behalf of Maplebrook, Inc., t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits for a 2,800 square foot package goods store located at 2465 Route 97, Glenwood, Maryland 21738.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Seema Ashish Parikh meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(S), 1.09(T), and 2.10 of the Rules and Regulations of the Liquor Board concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 7th day of March, 2013, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, Maryland **ORDERED** that the application by Seema Ashish Parikh and Jaimin Dipakbhai Shah, on behalf of Shri Siddhi Management, LLC, t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits for a transfer of the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and

Liquor 7 day off-sale license currently held by Corinne Gorzo, on behalf of Maplebrook, Inc., t/a Glenwood Wine & Spirits, for a 2,800 square foot package goods store located at 2465 Route 97, Glenwood, Maryland 21738, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

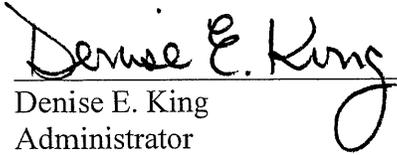
1. That this **PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER** shall become final when the Applicants obtain the license and comply with the following conditions:

a. That the Applicants comply with all State and County rules and regulations; and

b. Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license before March 31, 2013, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND

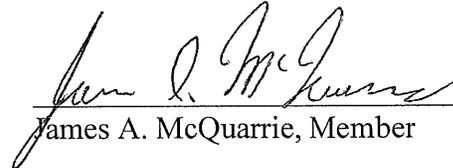

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Absent

William Neault, Member