

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
THE APPLICATION OF YUNJUNG	*	
SUNWOO ON BEHALF OF ASTEVAN,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
INC., t/a DOBBIN SQUARE LIQUORS,	*	
FOR A RESIDENT AGENT CHANGE	*	FOR
ON A CLASS A-1 BEER, WINE, AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF-SALE LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 16-01

DECISION AND ORDER

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

On December 8, 2015, the Hearing Board heard the application of Yunjung Sunwoo (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors (“Astevan, Inc.”), for a resident agent change on the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 1,927 square foot package goods store located at 6480-B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was not represented by an attorney. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: the application; the background investigation questionnaire for the Applicant; a copy of the Certificate of Naturalization for the Applicant; a copy of the Alcohol Awareness

Certification for the Applicant; a letter dated September 14, 2015, to the Board of License Commissioners from the Applicant; a copy of the Meeting Minutes, for Astevan, Inc.; a letter dated November 27, 2015, to the Board of License Commissioners from the Applicant; a letter dated July 27, 2015, from the Howard County Health Department to Dobbin Square Liquors regarding a compliance check on June 12, 2015; a letter from the Howard County Health Department to Dobbin Square Liquors regarding a compliance check on September 15, 2015; a copy of a retail alcohol inspection dated June 5, 2015, for Dobbin Square Liquors by the Comptroller of Maryland; a memorandum dated November 2, 2015, from the Liquor Board to the Alcohol Beverage Inspector, the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, the Bureau of Environmental Health, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Office of the Fire Marshal; the background investigation of the Applicant by the Alcohol Beverage Inspector, dated December 1, 2015; a memorandum dated December 2, 2015, from the Bureau of Environmental Health; a letter dated November 10, 2015, from the Office of the Fire Marshal; an email from the Office of the Fire Marshal; a memorandum dated November 6, 2015, from the Department of Planning and Zoning;; a letter dated November 2, 2015, to the Department of Finance; a letter from the Department of Finance; a letter dated November 2, 2015, to the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated November 24, 2015, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter to the Applicant dated November 2, 2015, with notification of the hearing date and the necessity to advertise; a copy of the certification of advertisement from the Baltimore Sun and Patuxent Publishing; and an email dated November 30, 2015, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Yunjung Sunwoo, President and 100% shareholder of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, was sworn and testified that she has lived in Howard County for more than two years, and that she is a registered voter. Ms. Sunwoo testified that her uncle was the previous resident agent, because when they originally applied, she was not a citizen of the United States. Ms. Sunwoo testified that she is now a citizen, and her uncle would like to resign.

Ms. Sunwoo testified that she and her husband have been operating the store since it opened and that they have not had any violations. Ms. Sunwoo testified that she is in the store approximately 20 hours per week.

Martin Johnson was sworn and testified that he has been working with the Applicant, and that he has visited the store more than six times in four months. Mr. Johnson testified that he feels the business is being run exceptionally well. Mr. Johnson testified that he has completed two in-house inspections, and the Applicant passed both times. Mr. Johnson testified that Ms. Sunwoo and her husband are very regimented, and that they inspect themselves regularly.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Yunjung Sunwoo on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, has applied for a resident agent change from Hwan Sunwoo to Yunjung Sunwoo on the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 1,927 square foot

package goods store located at 6480-B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Yunjung Sunwoo has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 100% shareholder of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors.

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 this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Yunjung Sunwoo on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, has applied for a resident agent change from Hwan Sunwoo to Yunjung Sunwoo on the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 1,927 square foot package goods store located at 6480-B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Yunjung Sunwoo meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for

the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 24th day of February, 2016, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Yunjung Sunwoo on behalf of Astevan, Inc., t/a Dobbin Square Liquors, for a resident agent change from Hwan Sunwoo to Yunjung Sunwoo on the Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 1,927 square foot package goods store located at 6480-B Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

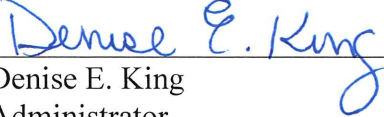
1. That this **PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER** shall become final when the Applicant obtains the license and complies with the following conditions:

(a) That the Applicant complies with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and

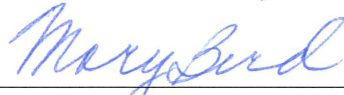
(b) Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license by March 31, 2016, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND



Denise E. King
Administrator



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ABSENT
Harry Evans, III, Vice-Chairperson


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