

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF BHUPINDER SINGH	*	
ON BEHALF OF POLO CLUB, LLC, t/a	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ANANDA, FOR A RESIDENT AGENT	*	
CHANGE ON A CLASS B BEER, WINE,	*	FOR
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 16-40
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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 August 23, 2016 and September 27, 2016, the Hearing Board heard the application of Bhupinder Singh (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda (“Polo Club, LLC”), for a resident agent change from Raymond Walsh to Bhupinder Singh on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,496 square foot restaurant with a 1,394 square foot outdoor patio located at 7421 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Fulton, Maryland 20759. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article 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: a copy of the application; a copy of the background investigation questionnaire for the Applicant; a copy of the Certificate of Award for Bhupinder Singh for

completion of an alcohol awareness course; a copy of the voter notification card for Bhupinder Singh; a letter dated May 2, 2016, from Raymond Walsh terminating his resident agent agreement; a copy of the Termination of the Resident Agent Agreement dated April 29, 2016, between Bhupinder Singh and Raymond Walsh; a copy of the Second Amendment to Operating Agreement of Polo Club, LLC, dated March 3, 2016; a copy of the Membership Interest Assignment Agreement, dated January 1, 2016, for the Polo Club, LLC; a copy of the Assignment and Transfer of LLC Membership Interest, dated January 1, 2016, between Bhupinder Singh and Kehar Singh; a memorandum dated July 14, 2016, from the Liquor Board Administrator 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 July 28, 2016; a letter dated July 22, 2016, from the Office of the Fire Marshal; a memorandum dated July 21, 2016, from the Department of Planning and Zoning; a memorandum dated July 25, 2016, from the Bureau of Environmental Health; a letter dated June 8, 2016, to the Department of Finance; a letter from the Department of Finance; a letter dated July 14, 2016, to the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated July 21, 2016, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated July 14, 2016, to the Applicant with notification of the hearing date and the necessity to advertise; and an e-mail dated July 27, 2016, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Bhupinder Singh, 100% owner of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda, was sworn and testified that he has now lived in Howard County for two and a half years, and would like to remove Raymond Walsh as the resident agent. Mr. Singh testified that he has been a licensee

at Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda since 2014, and that he is a registered voter.

Mr. Singh did not place the required legal advertisement in the Howard County Times and the Baltimore Sun newspaper. Therefore, it was necessary to hold the record open until September 27, 2016, so that the legal advertisements could be placed.

On September 27, 2016, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board continued the hearing for Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda. Mr. Singh submitted the certificates of advertisement of public hearing from the Howard County Times and the Baltimore Sun.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived his 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 Bhupinder Singh on behalf of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda, has applied for a resident agent change from Raymond Walsh to Bhupinder Singh on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,496 square foot restaurant with a 1,394 square foot outdoor patio located at 7421 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Fulton, Maryland 20759.

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 Bhupinder Singh has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 100% shareholder of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda.

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 Bhupinder Singh on behalf of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda, has applied for a resident agent change from Raymond Walsh to Bhupinder Singh on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,496 square foot restaurant with a 1,394 square foot outdoor patio located at 7421 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Fulton, Maryland 20759.

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 Bhupinder Singh 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

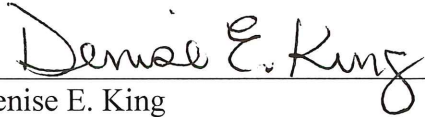
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 25th day of October, 2016, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Bhupinder Singh on behalf of Polo Club, LLC, t/a Ananda, for a resident agent change from Raymond Walsh to Bhupinder Singh on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a

5,496 square foot restaurant with a 1,394 square foot outdoor patio located at 7421 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Fulton, Maryland 20759, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to 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 December 30, 2016, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

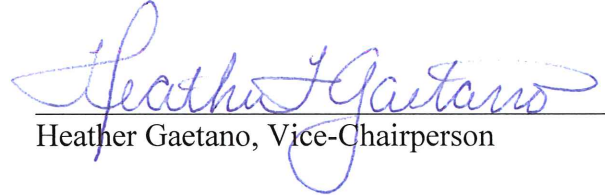
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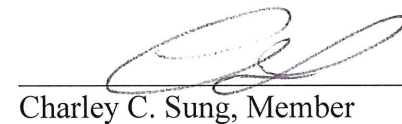
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