

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ALEXIS SUK	*	
BIBLE, KATRINA YVETT GREENE,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
AND CHANDRA ANIKA MICHELLE	*	
GOODMAN, ON BEHALF OF G	*	FOR
SQUARED ASSOCIATES, LLC T/A	*	
TAPVILLE SOCIAL FOR A NEW	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
CLASS D BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 23-13
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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 March 28, 2023, the Hearing Board heard the application of Alexis Suk Bible, Katrina Yvett Greene and Chandra Anika Michelle Goodman (the “Applicants”) on behalf of G Squared Associates, LLC t/a Tapville Social ("Tapville Social") for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 300 square foot restaurant located at 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 20144.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Mr. Martin Johnson was hired as a consultant for the Applicants and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All of the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Chandra Anika Michelle Goodman, 45% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Goodman testified that she is an educator by trade with a background in health promotion. Ms. Goodman stated that she has been a wine consultant for a number of years, and plans to partner with local wine and beer companies. Ms. Goodman stated that she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Goodman stated that the business concept consists of customers being greeted by a pour ambassador, checking an ID, getting a pour pass, and swiping a credit card. Ms. Goodman testified as to photographs of the layout of the space. Ms. Goodman stated that they will utilize 26-ounce cups, that after the limit of 32 ounces is reached, the pour pass will deactivate, and that customers will be assessed for refills. Ms. Goodman stated that there will be a variety of beers, frozen cocktails, wine and light fare. Ms. Goodman stated that there will be a total of 30 seats on both sides of the escalator along with pub tables.

Ms. Goodman stated that drinks will need to be consumed in the licensed area with a one-way entrance and exit, that staff will be monitoring customers, and that they won't play loud music. Ms. Goodman stated that the capacity of the restaurant is for about 30 people, and that she estimates people would stay for approximately 60 to 90 minutes at a time. Ms. Goodman stated that she plans to be a good corporate citizen by arranging events and offering art projects. Ms. Goodman stated that there will be signs posted regarding where alcohol is allowed to be consumed, and that mall security will assist. Ms. Goodman stated that there are other Tapville Social locations, and that they plan to have a barrier in the back of the space. Ms. Goodman stated that she plans to hire 6 to 8 employees from within Howard County, and that patrons will

not be allowed to walk around the mall with alcoholic drinks. Ms. Goodman stated that the cost of a drink will be 38 cents per ounce, and a typical beer will cost around 5 dollars.

Alexis Suk Bible, 10% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Bible testified that she lives in Howard County, that she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Bible stated that she has no violations, and that she has 10 years of experience working at other restaurants and selling alcohol. Ms. Bible stated that she will help with the business operations as needed, that she will make sure all Rules are being followed and that she will make surprise visits. Ms. Bible stated that she will check for underage drinking and intoxicated customers. Ms. Bible stated that she has her own business, but that she will make time to ensure the restaurant is being run correctly.

Mary Williams, Manager of The Mall in Columbia, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Williams testified that she has spoken with the proposed licensees, and that they will be required to monitor all customers and staff properly, and enforce the Liquor Board Rules. Ms. Williams stated that the mall has security, and that people will not be allowed to walk around the mall with alcohol. Ms. Williams stated that the owners are part of the Partner to Empower Program, which provided funds for the business. Ms. Williams stated that if modifications are needed, she will escalate them quickly, and that the barriers around the business are important. Ms. Williams stated that the mall closes at 8 p.m., and that the business will not be serving alcohol after that time. Ms. Williams stated that a new policy is in place at the mall, which implements parental or adult supervision of teenagers under the age of 18 on Fridays and Saturdays beginning

at 4 p.m.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived their 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 Alexis Suk Bible, Katrina Yvett Greene and Chandra Anika Michelle Goodman (the “Applicants”) on behalf of G Squared Associates, LLC t/a Tapville Social ("Tapville Social") have applied for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 300 square foot restaurant located at 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 20144.

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 Alexis Suk Bible, the resident agent applicant, meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations 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 finds that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Alexis Suk Bible, Katrina Yvett Greene and Chandra Anika Michelle Goodman (the “Applicants”) on behalf of G Squared Associates, LLC

t/a Tapville Social ("Tapville Social") have applied for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 300 square foot restaurant located at 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 20144.

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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 10th day of May, 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Alexis Suk Bible, Katrina Yvett Greene and Chandra Anika Michelle Goodman (the "Applicants") on behalf of G Squared Associates, LLC t/a Tapville Social ("Tapville Social") for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 300 square foot restaurant located at 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 20144, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by

September 28, 2023, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and

- (c) That the Applicants wall off the rear section of the space so that there is only one entrance and exit; and
- (d) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

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Kel Berg
Board Administrator (Acting)

Harry Evans

Harry Evans, Chairperson

Kel L. Berg for

Charley Sung, Vice-Chairperson

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ABSENT

Steven Chen, Member