#### TOWN OF DILLON LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

This was a public hearing before the Local Liquor Licensing Authority for the Town of Dillon whether the application for Dillon Hotel Associates, LLC dba Homewood Suites / The Vue (applicant) located at 122 Lake Dillon Drive, Dillon CO, should be granted or denied. Hearing Officer Kendra L. Carberry, of Hoffman, Parker, Wilson & Carberry, P.C., presided and called the meeting to order at 11:00 am on October 5, 2021. Also present were Authority Secretary Adrienne Stuckey, one of the owners of Dillon Hotel Associates, LLC, Daniel Eilts and Brian Friedman, Food and Beverage Director of Homewood Suites / The Vue. This hearing was conducted pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado and the Ordinances and procedures of the Town of Dillon.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no changes to the agenda, it stood approved as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no changes to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

## CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR DILLON HOTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC dba HOMEWOOD SUITES / THE VUE LOCATED AT 122 LAKE DILLON DRIVE, DILLON COLORADO.

Staff received a completed application for a hotel and restaurant license on August 31, 2021. The property was posted and notice of this hearing was published in a publication of general circulation.

Kendra L. Carberry, local liquor licensing authority, stated this is a liquor license application hearing for Dillon Hotel Associates, LLC dba Homewood Suites / The Vue. Ms. Carberry asked who was present today and Brian Friedman, Food & Beverage Manager and Danny Eilts, one of the owners of Dillon Hotel Associates, were present. She then opened the public hearing at 11:01 a.m.

Mr. Friedman chose to testify on behalf of Dillon Hotel Associates. Ms. Carberry swore in the Food & Beverage Director, Brian Gregory Friedman. Mr. Friedman stated he has ten years of restaurant/hotel management. He hasn't seen so much excitement for a hotel bar/restaurant in all of his years. Residents were looking forward to coming in and booking the establishment for special events. Businesses seemed excited as well in drawing more people to the area and elevating the level of experience and expectation for Dillon.

Ms. Carberry asked the applicant if he circulated the petitions himself. Mr. Friedman replied that he, Mr. Eilts and General Manager, Vivian Shaw, circulated them.

Ms. Carberry stated she saw a lot of support from the signed petitions.

Ms. Carberry then asked Daniel Eilts, owner of Homewood Suites, LLC, if his ownership was 28.6% and since no one else was listed did that mean the rest of the owners were less than 10%?

Mr. Eilts replied yes. Ms. Carberry then swore in Mr. Eilts. Ms. Carberry asked if everyone else owned less than 10%. Mr. Eilts replied yes, they are all less than 10%.

Ms. Carberry asked if this is an existing or new hotel. Mr. Friedman replied it is a new hotel. Ms. Carberry asked will all the all four levels of the new hotel be liquor licensed. Mr. Friedman replied yes, all four levels – the entire hotel will be under the liquor license. If a guest purchases an alcoholic beverage in the restaurant, he/she can go to the lobby or his/her room. If a guest brings his/her own alcohol, the guest must bring it to his/her hotel room. Ms. Carberry asked could they get room service as well. Mr. Friedman replied yes.

Ms. Carberry inquired about entrances. Mr. Friedman replied Level One has the main lobby entrance. There are key carded entrances by the pool area and there are two wings of the building that have key card entry.

Ms. Carberry asked if he has experience in alcohol beverage sales and service. Mr. Friedman replied yes and will be the manager on site. Ms. Carberry inquired if his employees will be certified in alcohol beverage service. Mr. Friedman replied they will all have SERV Safe training.

Ms. Carberry asked if the Town Clerk needs additional information. Adrienne Stuckey, Town Clerk, replied no. Ms. Carberry then asked when they planned to open the hotel. Mr. Friedman replied their goal is to open mid-late November.

Ms. Carberry stated until they have their liquor license in hand and get inspected, you cannot serve any alcohol.

Mr. Eilts asked if after they receive their liquor license, will someone from the State of Colorado do an inspection of the property. Ms. Carberry replied it's often the Town Clerk's office that does the inspection. Ms. Stuckey replied our Dillon Police Department will drop off the license and complete the inspection.

Hearing Officer Carberry stated based on the testimony and petitions, the current needs and desires are not being met by the current liquor establishments and the applicant is qualified to hold this license, she granted the hotel and restaurant license for Dillon Hotel Associates, LLC dba Homewood Suites / The Vue.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Hearing Officer Carberry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Adrienne Stuckey, Authority Secretary