CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date:

August 18, 2014

General Plan Element:

Land Use

General Plan Goal:

Support a diversity of businesses.

ACTION

Permanent Extension of Premise for Sushi Brokers 9-EX-2014. To consider forwarding a recommendation of denial to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Permanent Extension of Premise for a series 12 (restaurant) liquor license.

OWNER

Sushi Broker LLC

APPLICANT CONTACT

RL Miller

LOCATION

17025 N Scottsdale Rd

BACKGROUND

This establishment is currently operating with a Series 12 (restaurant) liquor license and has been at this location since 2000.

APPLICANTS PROPOSAL

Goal/Purpose of Request

This request is for an Extension of Premise of a Series 12 (restaurant) liquor license and is requesting to add 405 sq. ft. patio.

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IMPACT ANALYSIS

Current Planning Department

Development Information.

This establishment is 3,835 sq. ft. in size, including an existing 303 sq. ft. patio and a proposed 405 sq. ft. patio.

Restaurant Operations.

This owner intends to operate this location as a restaurant. Staff has assessed the applicant's responses to the State's Restaurant Operation Plan categories: Personnel, Equipment, Menu, Live Entertainment, Bar Games/Televisions, Name of Establishment, Bar Seating Area and Dinnerware. Staff finds that the establishment is designed and intended to operate as a restaurant. The bar service area is 420 sq. ft. or 13 % of gross floor area, and the kitchen area is 800 sq. ft. or 24% of the gross floor area. The operational characteristics and floor plan qualify as a restaurant.

Outdoor Patio.

The proposed patio, on the southwest side of the building is 405 sq. ft. and does not encroach into the adjacent pedestrian walkway. There is a minimum 6 ft. clearance for pedestrian access **Zoning.**

This site is zoned Central Business District (C-2). The C-2 district allows restaurants as a permitted use. The applicant has been notified of the City's expectation that the business will operate as a restaurant as defined by City Code.

Parking.

The additional patio space does not increase the parking requirements. Parking is in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

Public Safety

Police Department: Recommendation Denial

The licensee/operator of this establishment, Randon Lee Miller, has not sufficiently demonstrated that he is operating his establishment in a manner that is in the best interest of the community and/or public convenience. The owner has, on more than one occasion, been on or about the licensed premises in a manner that has been disruptive, disorderly, and contrary to the peace and quiet of the community. Mr. Miller has been convicted of Disorderly Conduct, Failure To Obey Police Officer, and Refusing To Provide Lawful Name in conjunction with imbibing in his restaurant. In addition, Mr. Miller has failed to provide complete financial disclosure consistent with ARS 4-202.F."

Major life safety issues: None noted.

Code Enforcement: There are no current cases of code violations at this time in relation to the liquor license.

STATE GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION

A.R.S. 4-207.01; Granting a License for an Extension of Premise

A spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing that the best interest of the community will be substantially served by the issuance of an extension of premise for a series 12

(restaurant) liquor license at a particular licensed location.

COUNCIL OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council Options

The City Council has the option of recommending approval, denial or no recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Staff Recommendation

The City of Scottsdale staff has conducted a review and advises that the license request does not meet the criteria imposed for determining that the community's best interest is substantially served by the issuance of the liquor license.

Next Steps

The City Council's recommendation of approval, denial or no recommendation will be forwarded to the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for their consideration. If approved, the proposed addition will be permanently added to the licensed are of the establishment.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Planning, Neighborhood and Transportation Division Public Safety Division Economic Vitality Division

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7/21/2014

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ATTACHMENTS

#1: Aerial Map

#2: Close-up Aerial Map

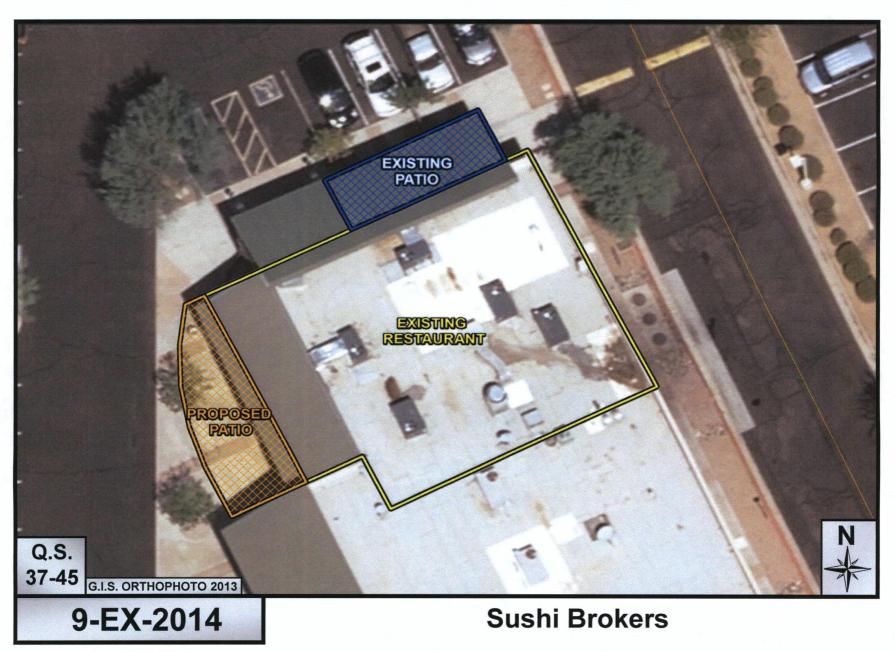
#3: State Application

#4: Floor Plan



ATTACHMENT #1

Sushi Brokers



ATTACHMENT #2

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES & CONTROL 9-EX-2014

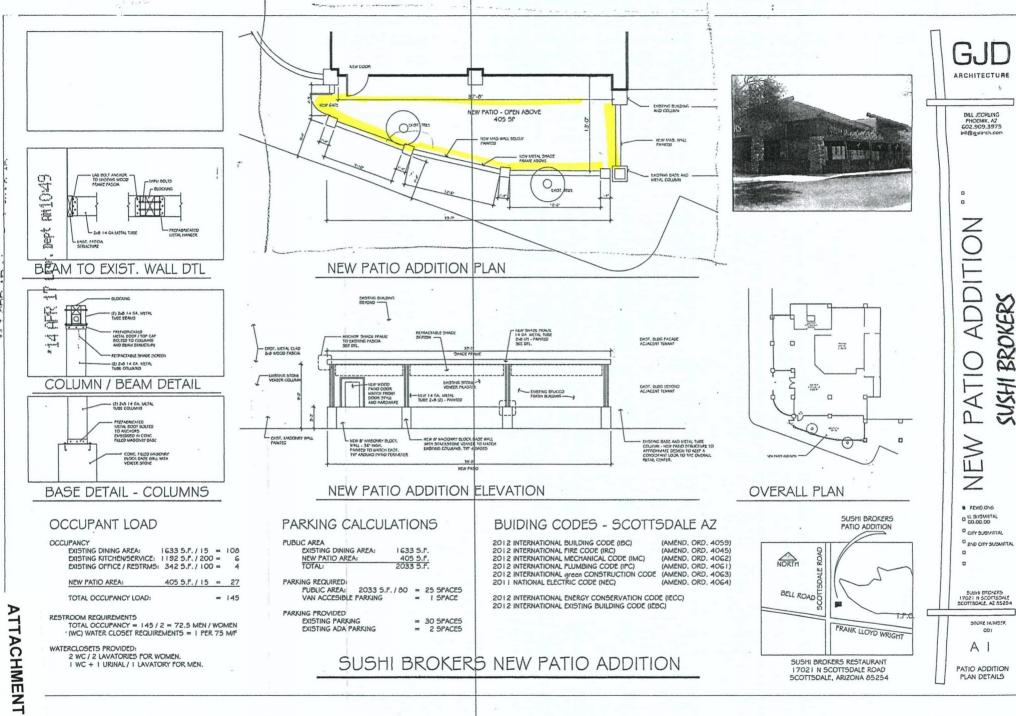
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Date payment received	
CSR Initials	

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PREMISES/PATIO PERMIT

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR

Permanent change of area of service. A non-refunda	ble \$50 fee will apply. Spec	cific purpose for change: Added
a patio to give waiting	customers an	area to sit and drink.
Temporary change for date(s) of:/thro	ugh/ List s	pecific purpose for change:
		
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1. Licensee's Name:	Kandon	Middle
2. Mailing Address: 4032 E. Paradise by	. Scottstale &	State Zip
3. Business Name: Sushi Brokers Li	,LICI	ENSE # 120741009
4. Business Address: 17025 N. Scotts do City	COUNTY	State Zip
5. Business Phone: (480) 515-5000	Residence Phone:(_)
6. Do you understand Arizona Liquor Laws and Regulations		
7. Have you received approved Liquor Law Training? N	OXI YES If so, when does	s your Certificate expire? <u>O2 /09 2019</u>
8. What security precautions will be taken to prevent liquor v9. Does this extension bring your premises within 300 feet or		
10. IMPORTANT: ATTACH THE REVISED FLOOR PLAN CL		
PROPOSE TO ADD.		
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Request for a Permanent Extension of Premises

Sushi Brokers LLC dba Sushi Brokers 17021 North Scottsdale Road State License#12074609

Overview

- Sushi Brokers is a restaurant that is presently 3,835-square feet, including a 303-square foot patio.
- Sushi Brokers is requesting a Permanent Extension of their licensed serving area to an additional 405-square feet.
- Sushi Brokers is primarily owned and operated by Randon Lee Miller

Chronology of SPD Incidents Involving Sushi Brokers

- 1/10/13: Randon Miller behaved in a disorderly manner and attempted to interfere with an investigation being conducted near his licensed premises (SPD DR#13-00675)(No Charges Pending).
- 1/10/13: Miller was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Failure To Obey a Police Officer, and Refusal to Provide Lawful Name while drinking in Sushi Brokers (SPD DR#13-00715). Convicted, June 2014
- 4/9/13: Sushi Brokers paid a fine of \$500 to ADLLC for an Employee Consuming On Duty on 12/31/12.
- **12/29/13:** Miller was arrested on Suspicion of Marijuana Possession, Drug Paraphernalia Possession, DUI-drugs, DUI, DUI-BAC .08 or More (trial pending)(SPD DR#13-29945).
- 1/9/14: Miller was arrested on suspicion of assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, liquor violations, refusal to allow an inspection, interference with a court order, failure to obey a police officer, and failure to disclose ownership to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (trial pending)(SPD DR#14-00654).
- 2/14/14: Miller's attorney was served with an ADLLC Subpoena demanding that the licensee provide financial disclosure documents by 3/4/14. Miller has yet to provide the documents as requested.

Statutory Foundations for Opposition

- ARS 4-202.F: ADLLC shall not renew a license for any person who fails to provide the ADLLC with complete financial disclosure statements.
- **ARS 4-207.01:** Requires licensee to receive ADLLC approval for greater space or additional entrances before their use.
- ARS 4-210.A: ADLLC may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any license for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. Repeated acts of violence or disorderly conduct
 - 2. Licensee fails to maintain capability, qualifications, and reliability requirements per 4-202 or 4-203.
- ARS 4-244.14: It is unlawful for a licensee or other person who is disorderly or obviously intoxicated to enter or remain on the premises, to be served, or to remain on or about the premises
- R19-1-207: Licensee not to allow service of alcohol outside licensed premises w/o first making application with ADLLC.

Violation of ARS 4-202.F (Failure to Provide Financial Disclosure)

- ARS 4-202.F: ADLLC shall not renew a license for any person who fails to provide the ADLLC with complete financial disclosure statements.
- ADLLC served a subpoena upon the licensee's attorney on 2/14/14 which required response by 3/4/14. The licensee has to provide the financial disclosure per that subpoena.

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Violations of ARS 4-210.A (Foundation for Refusal to Renew)

- ARS 4-210.A: ADLLC may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any license for any of the following reasons:
 - Repeated acts of violence or disorderly conduct
 - Licensee fails to maintain capability, qualifications, and reliability requirements per 4-202 or 4-203.
- Miller was disorderly on 1/10/13, twice; was disorderly on 1/9/14; has been charged with resisting arrest; has been convicted of disorderly conduct once; has repeatedly interfered with police officers conducting traffic stops near his business; and, has refused to provide financial documents consistent with the subpoena issued by the Director of the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

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Violations of ARS 4-244.14 (Allow to Enter, Remain or Serve Obviously Intoxicated or Disorderly Patron/Employee)

- ARS 4-244.14: It is unlawful for a licensee or other person who is disorderly or obviously intoxicated to enter or remain on the premises, to be served, or to remain on or about the premises.
- Miller was disorderly inside/outside his establishment on 1/10/13, twice; was charged with resisting arrest on 1/9/14; has been convicted of disorderly conduct once; and, has repeatedly interfered with police officers conducting traffic stops near his business.

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Summary of Foundation to Deny a Permanent Extension of Premises

- Applicant has not complied with Arizona Liquor Law in the management and operation of his licensed establishment.
- Applicant has behaved in a disorderly, confrontational and obviously intoxicated manner when police officers are in or around his business.
- Applicant has refused to answer a subpoena issued by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.