

Board says 'si' to restaurant's request

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Prince Frederick, MD – When the weather warms up a little bit of sunny Mexico will likely be coming to North Beach. Plaza Mexico has been open at 7th Street and Bay Avenue in the bayfront town for nearly two years. During its Thursday evening, Oct. 23 meeting, the Calvert County Liquor Board granted approval to the eatery to expand their licensed premises to an outdoor area.

Owner Benigno Ayala told the board town officials favor the outdoor expansion.

Tyler Fadely of Calvert Commercial Real Estate, the contractor assisting Ayala with the outdoor project, explained town officials "really want this to happen" since it would provide beachgoers with an outdoor gathering location within walking distance of the beach.

Ayala said the outdoor facility would only be open during the warm weather season. While there might be music playing in that area, Ayala said it would be "a family area." The hours for the outdoor seating area would be 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"If there's an issue it would be a noise issue, sound travels, you all know that," said Lt. Todd Ireland of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, who handles liquor inspections.

"We don't want problems with the neighbors or anybody," Ayala affirmed.

The board's approval is contingent on Plaza Mexico obtaining all of its required permits from the town.

The liquor board adjourned after the Plaza Mexico decision. The meeting lasted about 10 minutes, one of the shortest on record. The board will not meet in November. Their next meeting will be in December on a date that has yet to be determined.

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