## **Good Neighbors Report**

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: Harold's Chicken & Ice Bar, LLC., Gia Muhammad, Agent and Owner

Meeting date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Departments: Attorney and Building

License(s) requested: Class "B" license (beer) and "Class B" (intoxicating liquor)

## **Topics Discussed**

Amendment of hours and operation: Mrs. Muhammad states she will operate primarily as a restaurant, with food being served anytime the premises is open. The restaurant will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., but allow for Doordash (or other third-party commercial delivery services) food deliveries only between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. No patrons will be permitted in the restaurant after 10:00 p.m., and the restaurant will not be open for individual pick-up orders during that time.

Agent/manager experience. Mrs. Muhammad will manage the daily operations of the business to start with, but may delegate managerial duties to her husband or other employees as needed in the future. She has experience working at her family's restaurant and as a server at the Truth Sports Bar (also known as the Zodiac Lounge) between 2019 and 2021. Her husband, Malachi Muhammad, owned the Truth Sports Bar which closed in 2021.

Status of building/health permit and license. Mrs. Muhammad is in the process of renovating the building with new floors, lighting, paint and updating the bathrooms. She is in the process of applying for an occupancy permit and a restaurant license. She intends to open the restaurant at the beginning of April. She understands that this would be a conditional grant of the license, and that she will have six months from the date of the common council approval to start operating.

## **Overall summary**

Mrs. Muhammad intends to operate a franchise restaurant at the old Corner House location. After some initial discussion as to whether she intends to operate primarily as a bar or a restaurant, Mrs. Muhammad amended her hours as noted above. She is hopeful that this change will prevent any nuisance issues that are typically associated with late-night crowds. If the committee approves, it should be with the amended hours of 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., with third-party commercial deliveries only between 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.