

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

RE: **Amos Los Tacos, LLC, located at 230 Main Street**

Kristina Onyon, President

Richard Onyon, Vice President

Anthony Moore, Agent

Meeting date: Thursday, August 22, 2019

PS&L agenda date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Present dept's: Building, Health, Fire, Attorney

License requested: "Class B" (conditionally surrendered from Casablanca de Mexico, Blanca Webers as owner/agent)

Topics discussed:

- **Attendance:** Mr. Moore was approximately fifteen minutes late (he admittedly forgot, but was apologetic). Mr. Onyon did not attend, though the sign-up sheet indicated he would be present.
- **Sidewalk café:** Mr. Towne of City Development relayed that Mr. Moore needs a sidewalk permit to operate both outdoor seating areas. Mr. Moore indicated that he was working on it. Mr. Moore appeared unfamiliar with the floor plan during discussions about it, and indicated upon viewing a copy of it that the bathroom configurations were not documented correctly. It is difficult to discern where alcohol will be served and stored for purposes of the premises report with such uncertainty.
- **White box grant:** Mr. Moore knew only that the white box grant was applied for, but was unsure whether it was granted.
- **Building Dept concerns:** Mr. Nichols of the Building Department noted that no permits for demolition or construction have been pulled, and explained how the outdoor seating areas, as well as the bathroom configuration, among other things, impact the occupancy load. Mr. Nichols listed the benefits associated with hiring an architect to help with certain aspects of the project. Mr. Nichols' discussion with Mr. Moore was helpful and pertinent because Mr. Moore indicated that demolition was starting soon.
- **Conditional surrender:** Mr. Onyon purchased the property on 10-1-18. The Health Department deemed Casablanca "out of business" on 10-3-18. Mr. Moore indicated that he intends to be operating Amos Los Tacos in approximately 6 months (2-22-2020-ish) (potentially sooner).

- **RPD:** Lt. Smith relayed general, alcohol-related concerns, such as noise, large crowds, closing hours, etc. Mr. Moore understood that operating hours need not equate with closing hours.
- **RFD:** DC Perkins mentioned that down the road RFD will need to inspect the premises, including the fire protection hood over the grease burning stove. Mr. Moore indicated that he is familiar with Belle City's services, and remembered the process from undertaking it for Butcher & Barrel Gastropub.
- **Health Dept concerns:** Ms. Fernholz, Director of Environmental Health, inquired as to what materials will be on the walls, floors, and ceiling, to which Mr. Moore replied that he did not know, and remarked, "When we know, you'll know." Mr. Moore indicated that the building is currently an "empty shell" with 2x4s and plywood. The lack of permits was concerning to Ms. Fernholz, as her department confirmed at least one wall had already been removed, evidencing that demolition had started. Ms. Fernholz noted that her department has not yet seen any formal plans for the kitchen.
- **Legal:** Attorney Zbikowski discussed Formal Expressions of Concern and other disciplinary procedures.

Overall summary:

It is undisputed that Mr. Moore has the best intentions regarding the future of Amos Los Tacos, including the anticipated quality of the products and services it expects to introduce to the community. To date, however, the Good Neighbor Meetings have been held with owners and agents who are already operating their businesses or are nearly ready to begin so. Because Mr. Moore, in comparison, is so far from this point, it was difficult to have a fine-tuned discussion about the topics normally covered during these meetings.