

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: **Corner House on the Lake, Ben Nelson, Agent**

Meeting date: Tuesday, June 4, 2020

PS&L agenda date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Departments attended: Attorney, Building, and Health

License requested: "Class B" fermented malt beverage and liquor license

Topics Discussed:

- Conditional grant of the license. This business is not yet operational, but Mr. Nelson expects to start operating by July 1st. Renovation of the premises is expected to be limited to routine upgrades, such as new paint, carpeting and equipment. There are no extensive plans for remodeling, so the opening date is firm. Mr. Nelson is aware that the committee will issue a conditional grant of the license, which requires him to start operating under the license within six months of common council approval.
- No police or fire department issues. Lt. Smith of the police department indicated there have been no issues with the Corner House in the past and does not expect any trouble at this new location. Cpt. Ford of the fire department likewise indicated that he does not expect to see any issues associated with this particular premises.
- Restaurant license still needed from the health department. Mr. Nelson was made aware that he will have to apply separately for a restaurant license from the health department, pay the appropriate fees, and schedule an inspection for approval before a license may be issued to him. Mr. Nelson indicates he intends to submit the application and fees within the next day or so, to ensure that he can operate by July 1st.
- Occupancy permit still needed from the building department. Mr. Nelson was made aware that he will also have to apply for an occupancy permit with the building department and schedule an inspection for approval before a license may be issued to him. Mr. Nelson likewise indicated he will submit the application immediately.

Overall summary:

Mr. Nelson currently owns and operates the Corner House on Washington Avenue, so he is very familiar with the liquor licensing regulations in the city and state. Given Mr. Nelson's history of compliance, staff does not anticipate any issues associated with the premises. If the committee wishes to grant the license, it should approve a "conditional grant" of the license herein.