

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: Festival Park, LLC., dba Racine Civic Center/Festival Hall and Racine Civic Center/Memorial Hall, Stacy VanOost, Agent

Meeting date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Departments: Attorney, Health, Building, City Development

License(s) requested: Class "B" license (beer)

Topics Discussed

Agent/manager experience. Ms. VanOost has a long history of managing events, as well as working in the alcohol industry, specifically as a bartender. She is already licensed as an operator, but this will be her first time in the role of an agent. Attorney Arn gave her a brief overview of the most relevant and local alcohol regulations.

Status of building/health permit and license. Ms. VanOost does not intend to undertake any renovations, and as such, will be ready to operate as soon as the facility is licensed. She is in the process of applying with both the Health and Building Departments for the proper license/permit.

Overall summary

Ms. VanOost is applying with the city on behalf of Festival Park, LLC., to sell fermented malt beverages out of both Festival Hall and Memorial Hall. They have also applied separately with the Department of Revenue for a "Class B" license to sell intoxicating liquor license as a public facility. Festival Park will manage both facilities on behalf of the city, under very specific terms and conditions under a separate agreement approved/to be approved by the Common Council. Given the agreement and experience of the agent, city staff does not have any specific concerns to report at this time.