

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn
RE: CJD's, LLC., dba/The Blue, Charles DeLotell, agent/owner
Meeting date: Monday, October 3, 2022
Departments: Attorney, Police, Building, Health, and City Development
License(s) requested: Class "B" and "Class B" (beer and liquor)

Topics Discussed:

- Agent and owner experience. Mr. DeLotell does not have any experience in the alcohol industry, but states he has a big network of bar owners willing to assist him. His manager, Michelle McFarland, does have over 20 years of experience as a bartender.
- Police department issues. Sgt. Ortiz informed Mr. DeLotell that in the past, there has been a lot of issues related to crowds, loitering, noise violations, and fights occurring at the adjacent parking lot (and sometimes inside what is formerly known as Maxine's). The premise is surrounded by residential properties, so noise is a concern. There is some concern that these issues might continue to occur, especially during the summer months with the outdoor patio. Sgt. Ortiz advised the owner on how to prevent these nuisance issues and encouraged him to call the police whenever he needs assistance.
- Conditional grant of the license. Mr. DeLotell state he plans to start operating as early as November, but still has some work to do on the building. Mr. DeLotell was informed that if the Committee/Council approves, it would be a conditional grant of the license requiring him to operate within six months.
- Health/building departments. Mr. DeLotell still has to apply and schedule inspections with both departments to obtain a HD license and occupancy permit.

Overall summary:

Mr. DeLotell inherits a bit of a nuisance property, but he is willing and eager to take a proactive approach in dealing with these issues. He does not have any experience managing a bar, but intends to ask for help when he needs it. Given the current status of renovations, it is recommended that the committee "approve a conditional grant of the license," which would require him to operate within six months, unless otherwise extended by the council.