

## AMENDED Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: **Twenty Grand Lux, LLC., Cortney Marshall, Owner/Agent**

Meeting date: Monday, December 20, 2021

Amended date: Monday, January 17, 2022

PS&L agenda date: Monday, January 24, 2022

Departments: Attorney, Police, Fire, Building, Health, and City Development

License requested: Class "B" and "Class B" (beer and liquor)

**Amended update:** Upon further review, city staff learned that Mr. Marshall failed to disclose some pertinent information both at the Good Neighbors meeting and on his application. In January of 2019, Mr. Marshall received approval from the City of Kenosha for a "Class B" license to operate a bar called The White Horse. In March of 2019, before the issuance of such license, officers responded to a large party at the premises resulting in a crowd of several hundred people causing a disturbance. Most, if not all, of Kenosha's on-duty officers responded that night to deal with the unruly crowd. As the person responsible for the premises, Mr. Marshall was cited for, and ultimately convicted of, failing to obtain a public entertainment license for the event. During the Good Neighbors meeting, when asked about any relevant experience in the alcohol industry, Mr. Marshall neglected to disclose his affiliations with the White Horse. On his license application, Mr. Marshall also failed to disclose his conviction.

### **Topics Discussed:**

- Agent experience. Mr. Marshall owned a bar in Somers (the Scotch Den), but sold it approximately six years ago. Mr. Marshall also co-owned a restaurant called the Good Garden Café prior to that, so he has relevant experience in the alcohol and restaurant industry. Mr. Marshall intends to hire a full-time manager to run the bar when he is not on the premises. Mr. Marshall will continue to work full-time jobs at both Kenosha Unified and Berkshire Hathaway, when he is not on the premises.
- Police Department issues. Given the history of issues related to the previous licensed premises at this location (GRC), Sgt. Ortiz addressed the importance of crowd control, security, surveillance and cooperation with law enforcement. Sgt. Ortiz also identified the lack of off-street parking as a potential concern, particularly if patrons are permitted to loiter outside the bar/street during and after closing hours. Mr. Marshall intends to hire a security firm to address the above potential issues.

- Building and Health Department permits still needed. Mr. Marshall has yet to apply for an occupancy permit and a restaurant license, but he is holding off until he obtains approval for the alcohol license. Mr. Marshall will also need to install a hood and fire suppression system to be approved by the Fire Department, if he intends cook food at the premises as noted in the application. If approved, he understands that the alcohol beverage license will not be issued until all departments have signed off.

**Overall summary:**

While there are some concerns given the history of issues at this location, Mr. Marshall seems to have the relevant experience needed to run a good establishment. Because Mr. Marshall does not intend to be at the premises on a full-time basis, it is important that he hires a manager who has experience and is cooperative with law enforcement, in order to avoid this becoming another nuisance premises.