

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn
RE: Pub 41 LLC., Pub 41 Banquet Hall, Sarah Aragon, Agent
Meeting date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Departments: Attorney, Health Department
License(s) requested: Class “B” (beer) and “Class B” (liquor) licenses

Issues Identified/Discussed:

Business plan. Based on the license application and conversation with the agent and owner, this place will operate as a bar, restaurant and banquet hall. The main kitchen will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for lunch and dinner services. After 10:00 p.m., only “bar food” and snacks will be served, up until bar closing time. The banquet hall will be used for catering and larger events and will typically close no later than midnight.

Agent/manager experience. Ms. Aragon currently serves as the agent and manager for a small bar and gas station in Milwaukee, also owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walia. Sarah has worked there for approximately six years and is familiar with alcohol licensing regulations. She will be primarily in charge of the premises and will be commuting from Milwaukee up to six days a week. Mrs. Walia is the only one listed as an owner under the company, but Mr. Walia has been involved in every aspect of the licensing procedure. As such, it was recommended that he place his name on the licensing application to identify himself as one of the owners of Pub 41, LLC. Mr. Walia appeared at the good neighbors meeting and indicated that his main involvement will be primarily from a landlord’s perspective, overseeing all of Elmwood Plaza.

Police Department issues: Sgt. Thillemann was unable to attend the meeting, but may provide more information to the committee during its meeting.

Status of building/health permit and license. This specific location has not been licensed as a restaurant since 2018 and will need to be updated to get it up to code. The owners are working with both the health and building department to make the necessary updates to obtain an occupancy permit and restaurant license. They hope to start operating within the next couple months.

Overall summary

The owners of Pub 41, LLC., intend to turn this space at Elmwood Plaza into a bar, restaurant and banquet hall. Despite the presence of the banquet hall, it will operate primarily as a bar between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. (2:30 a.m. on weekends). The space is certainly large enough and there is ample parking. The agent and owners were encourage to take a proactive approach in dealing with any nuisance issues that may arise and to call the police department for assistance where needed.