

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn
RE: **El Buen Manantial, Abigail Rapeta (agent)**
Meeting date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020
PS&L agenda date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Departments attended: Attorney, Police, Building, Health, and City Development
License requested: Class "B" and "Class C" (beer and wine)

Topics Discussed:

- Conditional grant of the license. This business is not yet operational but Ms. Rapeta hopes to be open by the end of March. Given its current renovation status, she is aware that the committee will issue a conditional grant of the license, which requires her to start operating under the license within six months of common council approval.
- Best practices from police perspective. Lt. Smith stressed the importance of having a working surveillance system in place and allowing police prompt access to any video images when requested. Given the early closing hours (11:00p.m.) as stated on the license application, Lt. Smith does not anticipate any large crowds or other issues associated with such.
- Permits required for certain work. Mr. Nichols explained that some work (such as putting in a new hood or certain plumbing work) requires a permit from the building department, which can be pulled by a licensed contractor. He advised Ms. Rapeta to check with her contractors to ensure that a permit is always pulled when required, rather than having to face penalties after the fact.
- Use of the garage. At the time of the application, Ms. Rapeta is not requesting that the premises description include the garage, but she states that it might be a possibility in the future. She was informed that she must apply for a change of premises description if and when that time comes, as well as contact the health department for an inspection.

Overall summary:

Ms. Rapeta also owns the Dynasty Restaurant on Lathrop, so she is familiar with the alcohol beverages regulations within the city. Given Dynasty's history of compliance, city staff does not anticipate any issues associated with this particular premises. Ms. Rapeta is taking over the premises formerly known as "Tacos el Rey," so there is no change in the premises. Although the anticipated opening date is scheduled for the end of this month, the committee should nonetheless approve a conditional grant of the license (assuming it chooses to grant the license at all), pursuant to section 6-41 of the ordinance.