

## Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: **Mr. Kool Sports Bar, LLC., Donna Elise Paschen, Agent**

Meeting date: Monday, February 21, 2022

PS&L agenda date: Monday, March 7, 2022

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

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

### **Topics Discussed:**

- Amendment to application packet. During the Good Neighbors meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Paschen stated that they would like to amend their application as follows:
  - Amend closing hours for Friday and Saturday nights to 2:30 a.m., rather than 2:00 a.m., in order to allow more flexibility.
  - Amend premises description to include basement storage to state as follows, "1200 square foot tavern on first floor with basement storage."
  - Add Shane Thomas Paschen, who is not currently listed on the application, as the manager of the limited liability company.
  - Change out the number/type of amusement devices on the application, due to an upcoming change in vendor.
- Police Department issues. Sgt. Ortiz emphasized the importance of having an operating camera surveillance system and an effective security team. Mr. Paschen stated he has yet to hire a security team, but intends to. Sgt. Ortiz indicated that security staff should be aware of any potential issues occurring at the parking lot to the north of the premises and work to mitigate those issues, since patrons have parked there in the past.
- Lack of experience. The Paschens do not have any experience in the restaurant/tavern or alcohol industry, although they do manage four other properties in the uptown area. They have hired Yolanda Blair, who will act as the on-site manager for the vast majority of the time. Ms. Blair owns and operates Yogi's Pudding, and is the recent new owner of Golden Chicken on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. In August of 2017, the Health Department cited Ms. Blair for operating without a license for allegedly selling food out of her home despite multiple cease and desist orders. The city administrator, as a one-time courtesy, ultimately waived those fines.

**Overall summary:**

The Paschens own four other commercial properties in uptown, so they are heavily invested in this area. They have purchased this building from the prior owner, and will continue to operate Mr. Kools with minimal changes. Given the applicant's lack of relevant experience in the alcohol industry, Attorney Arn underscored the importance of being responsible for the acts of his/her employees and/or managers and what it means to be a good neighbor.