

## **Good Neighbors Report**

To: PS&L Committee  
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn  
RE: GN meeting following Formal Expression of Concern  
Doobie's Beer Joint, Inc., Kevin Dubiak  
Meeting date: Monday, October 17, 2022  
Departments: Attorney and Police

### **Overall summary:**

Mr. Dubiak met with the City Attorney's Office and the Racine Police Department ("RPD") following the issuance of a formal expression of concern on 9/12/22. The Committee originally called in Doobie's Beer Joint as a result of an incident involving an underage person drinking on premises and subsequently causing a major accident. Investigations by RPD revealed that the licensee was not checking for identification when the underage person entered the bar, that the bartender did not ask the underage person to immediately leave the premises even after she knew he was underage, and that she was not properly licensed at the time.

During the meeting, Lt. Ortiz addressed the underage drinking problem. Attorney Arn clarified that no underage person is permitted to enter or remain on the licensed premises without a guardian, even if that person only intends to consume food. There is an exception under state law for those premises operating primarily as a restaurant, but Doobie's Beer Joint currently does not fall under that exception. Mr. Dubiak states that every bar has an underage problem and does not believe his bartenders are doing anything wrong, and that this was an isolated incident. He states the bartender has since renewed her license.

Lt. Ortiz also addressed some loud noise and loitering issues in the parking lot, which has resulted in several police calls for service. Mr. Dubiak requested further assistance from RPD to address the issue.