Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: Valtoni Enterprises, LLC., dba/ Toad Hall, Juana Antonio, Agent

611 Wisconsin Avenue

Meeting date: December 3, 2024

Departments: Attorney, Health Building, City Development

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

Issues Identified/Discussed:

<u>Business plan</u>. The applicant has purchased Toad Hall and will be keeping its name and menu. The business model will remain the same, with some changes in staff. Based on the income estimates provided on the license application, the business will operate primarily as a restaurant. If this changes, the applicant understands that it shall be subject to the restrictions on underage persons on premises.

<u>Agent/manager experience</u>. This business is jointly owned. Ms. Antonio is the agent and will be primarily in charge of the premises. She does not have any experience in the alcohol industry. Her partner, Ms. Valeriano, has approximately seven years of experience working at Brewsters and Reefpoint Brewery tending bar.

<u>Police department issues:</u> The RPD liaison was unable to attend the meeting but may provide more information to the committee during its meeting.

Status of building/health permit and license. Toad Hall has been operating at this location for many years and requires minimal upgrades. The applicant was scheduled for a final inspection with both the Health and Building Department at the beginning of December to obtain their restaurant license and occupancy permit.

Overall summary

The only concern is with respect to underage persons on premises. Where a premise operates under both a Class "B" license and a restaurant license, the principal business conducted is presumed to be the sale of alcohol beverages, but the presumption may be rebutted by competent evidence. The income figures on the license application are merely estimates at this point by the applicant and may not accurately represent the actual income percentages of food versus alcohol. If the premise operates primarily instead as a bar, the applicant will have to ensure that no underage persons are allowed on the premises without a legal guardian.