

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn
RE: **Sleepy Lounge, LLC., Monica Dixon, Agent**
GN meeting date: Monday, November 15, 2021
PS&L agenda date: Monday, November 29, 2021
Departments: Attorney, Police, Building, Health, and City Development
License requested: Class "B" and "Class B" (beer and liquor)

Issues identified:

Police issues.

- Sgt. Ortiz indicated that in the past, issues at this particular location have spilled out into the parking lot. Sgt. Ortiz advised Ms. Dixon to have staff actively monitor the parking lot. Ms. Dixon indicates she has a good working relationship with RPD and city staff as a former city employee.
- The owner, Mark Gill, also owned both King Daddies I and King Daddies II. Please refer to the police department representative on calls/issues associated with these other premises.

Recent allegations of operating without a license.

- Upon conducting an inspection at the premises on November 16, 2021, the Health Department representative identified evidence of alcohol being serve/sold illegally (i.e. numerous bottles of hard liquor, beer and jello shots located on the premises). Carl Stewart (the former owner of Tropical Paradise), who was at the premises with Ms. Dixon at the time of the inspection, stated that the shots were from a "private party." It is unclear what role Carl Stewart has with Sleepy Lounge. At the time of the report, the applicant had not yet obtained an occupancy permit from the Building Department to occupy or use the space.
- Ms. Dixon was notified of the alleged building code violation, and informed that no one can serve or sell alcohol without a license. She states she was not aware of the party. Ms. Dixon understands that as the agent, she would be responsible for any alcohol violations at the premises.

Overall summary:

Ms. Dixon works as a full time real estate broker, and has no experience in the restaurant or alcohol industry. Ms. Dixon states she plans to hire management staff, but will be at the premises on a full-time basis, in addition to working as a broker. She seems to be responsive and cooperative with city staff. That said, it is unclear how much control she has over the premises, if other individuals are throwing parties at the premises without her knowledge.