

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: **BAA2, LLC., Brandon Thomas, Agent**

Meeting date: Monday, August 22 2022

PS&L agenda date: Monday, August 29, 2022

Departments: Attorney, Building, Health, and City Development

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

Topics Discussed:

- Agent and owner experience. Two members of this limited liability company, Andrew Wensing and Brandon Thomas, also own and operate the Pub on Wisconsin. Similarly, Austin Schwartz has worked at the Pub on Wisconsin for the past three years and will be primarily in charge of the premises here, while Mr. Wensing and Thomas will split their time between the two locations. All three are very familiar with the alcohol beverage licensing laws and regulations in the City of Racine.
- From Icebox to Olde Mke Pub. Mr. Thomas states that the operating hours will be extended from that of Icebox's, but that in general, this will remain a small neighborhood bar. The property has been sold at this point, with no relation to the previous Icebox owner, despite the name being mentioned in the business plan numerous times.
- Other department licenses pending. The target opening date would be Labor Day weekend, or shortly thereafter, assuming all inspections by the Health and Building Departments will be completed by then.
- Police department issues. Sgt. Ortiz was unable to attend the meeting, but will highlight police issues, if any, associated with the premises at the committee meeting.

Overall summary:

There are no obvious concerns given the combined experience of the owners and their familiarity with city alcohol licensing regulations. However, at the time of this report, it is unclear whether there is any history of police issues associated with either the Pub on Wisconsin or former Icebox locations.