

Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: The Fifteen-Eighteen, LLC., dba Fifteen-Eighteen, Shikeyla Buckley

Meeting date: Monday, September 19, 2022

PS&L agenda date: Monday, September 26, 2022

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

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

Topics Discussed:

- Agent and owner experience. Ms. Buckley does not have any experience managing or operating a bar/restaurant, or possessing a license for alcohol. She was given a brief overview of the city's alcohol regulations. Although Mr. Buckley will continue to work part-time in the health care industry, she intends to manage the day-to-day operations of the bar/restaurant. Ms. Buckley's father, Tyrone Buckley, states he will not play a role in managing the premises once it is operating, although he does own the building.
- Bar/restaurant. Ms. Buckley states that food will be served during all operating hours. When the premises is not rented out for birthday parties, weddings, graduation parties, or corporate events, it will be open to the public. The premises will close at midnight every night and operate only on the lower level of the building.
- Police department issues. Sgt. Ortiz highlighted the need for surveillance cameras and security. Ms. Buckley recently installed 32 new cameras, both inside and outside. She plans to use an ID card reader machine and intends to check for weapons upon entry. Sgt. Ortiz encouraged Ms. Buckley to call the police whenever issues arise and to take a proactive approach to mitigate issues. He also advised the applicant of potential noise complaints from the surrounding residents around and above the premises, and encouraged the applicant to reach out to those neighbors to open a dialog.
- Health/building departments. Ms. Buckley is working with both city departments to obtain approval and various licenses/permits before she can operate. She has submitted applications and scheduled inspections with both departments. She hopes to be open within a month.

Overall summary:

Ms. Buckley originally applied for and was granted a liquor license by the city to operate Fifteen-Eighteen in the spring of 2021. However, due to numerous construction and renovation

delays, she was unprepared to open the premises more than a year later and was asked to surrender the license. She is now re-applying for a license and hoping to operate within a month's time. At the time of this report, inspections have yet to take place, so it is unclear whether there are any big health/building department issues, which might prevent that from happening. Given the current status of renovations, it is recommended that the committee "approve a conditional grant of the license," which would require her to open within six months.