

## Good Neighbors Report

To: PS&L Committee

RE: **509 Social Lounge, LLC, located at 509 6th Street**  
**Micah Tharpe, Agent**

Meeting date: Thursday, August 15, 2019

PS&L agenda date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Present dept's: Building, Health, Police, Clerk, Development, Attorney

License requested: "Class B" (conditional surrender from King Daddies, LLC, doing business as 509, Lavonda Perkins as agent)

### Topics discussed:

- **RPD:** Sergeant Webb stressed the importance of properly managing potentially unruly patrons upfront to avoid common bar-related issues that impact the community. Sergeant Webb also discussed with Mr. Tharpe the existing bar (509)'s history, both positive and negative, so that Mr. Tharpe may learn from it. Some of the negative associations with 509 included noise complaints, a double-shooting that stemmed from a fight within the bar, and large crowds at closing. Due to 509's geographical proximity to Nash, Sergeant Webb made Mr. Tharpe aware of potential issues surrounding parking disputes. Sergeant Webb confirmed the presence of cameras on the premises and that an officer from the Racine Police Department will be present and working at 509 Social Lounge on Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Signage:** In response to Mr. Tharpe's intent to modify the exterior signage, which is indicated in his business plan, Mr. Towne of City Development provided Mr. Tharpe with the appropriate application and informed him of the process to appear before the Downtown Area Design Review Commission.
- **Application:** It was suggested that Mr. Tharpe ensure his application agree with his business plan. For example, the business plan describes drink specials, yet the application states 509 will have none.
- **Occupancy:** Inspector Nichols of the Building Department explained that Mr. Tharpe must seek an occupancy permit.
- **Health Dept.:** Ms. Fernholz, Director of Environmental Health, reminded Mr. Tharpe that pursuant to his intent to serve food, approval from her department is also required (no application submitted yet).

### Overall summary:

Mr. Tharpe appeared at the Good Neighbors Meeting eager to accept helpful direction and suggestions as he navigates the different procedures and processes required to acquire and

operate 509 Social Lounge. At the meeting, Mr. Tharpe was accompanied by the bar manager, Billy Smith; Mr. Smith's daughter, Ms. Alexia Gates; and an employee, Mr. Andre Jenkins (PS&L Committee approved Mr. Jenkins' operator's license August 13, 2019).

Mr. Tharpe seeks a "Class B" liquor license conditionally surrendered by King Daddies, LLC (DBA 509).

Due to the previous ups and downs at 509, the discussion primarily focused on Sergeant Webb's multitude of suggestions to encourage Mr. Tharpe to find what approach works best for him and his business to balance the community's concerns with the police department's concerns to ultimately be a good neighbor to all.