

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Ian R. Pomplin

RE: Elixir & Oak., Devin Cain, Agent
300 Sixth Street

Meeting date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Departments: Clerk, Police, City Development and Attorney in person,
Building and Health submitted a written report due to scheduling conflicts

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

Business plan and premises description. Mr. Cain intends to operate a martini bar and Mexican/Asian fusion restaurant. He intends to operate as both a bar and restaurant, but with more focus on the bar portion of the establishment. The establishment is not yet open but is able to begin operation imminently.

Owner/agent experience. Mr. Cain has no prior experience owning or operating a licensed establishment. He has not worked in the bar or restaurant industry.

Health department. The establishment has yet to receive approval by the health department. The applicant is currently working with the City to obtain this approval and ensure it can be appropriately licensed. Due to the prior establishment also being a bar and restaurant, it is likely that there will not be any major issues.

City Development and Building. The establishment has been approved by City Development and Building. An occupancy permit has been issued. Mr. Cain was informed to contact City Development if he intended to change any outside signage or perform other external changes to the property. Further, Mr. Cain inquired about the potential for a sidewalk café license, and he was informed that he could apply for such license with the Clerk’s office.

Police Department issues. Mr. Cain discussed the common issues that arise for businesses that hold liquor licenses with Sgt. Cruz. Mr. Cain was reminded that he needed to have staff with operator’s licenses to serve alcohol. Information was provided on licensed premises checks. Sgt. Cruz provided information that the prior establishment in this location has had minimal contact with law enforcement. The applicant was provided with information on strategies to reduce misbehavior due to the high traffic nature of this downtown location.

Application. Deputy Clerk Williams reviewed the application with Mr. Cain and identified no issues. No amendments are needed at this time.

Overall Summary

The premises at 300 Sixth Street raises slight concerns for city staff due to Mr. Cain's inexperience in the alcohol industry. These concerns are tempered by the establishment being both bar and restaurant, provided that the premises is operated within the scope of the written business plan. Prior to opening, Mr. Cain must obtain the necessary approval from the Health Department that he has yet to receive.