

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

License Number: L180 50169 **Police File Number:** 13370

Date of Application: January 15, 2013

Inspector: Craig Eliason

Applicant/Legal Entity: BRE/AmeriSuites Properties, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Aspen Suites

Complete Address: 425 7th Street South

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales
Hotel
Swimming Pool

Current License(s): On-Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales
Hotel
Swimming Pool

Purpose of Application: New Owner

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Michael Axtell

Public Hearing Requirement: Not Required

License Conditions: No

Neighborhood/Ward: Downtown West / 7

Zoning: B4-1 This is a permitted use in the Downtown Business District.

7 acre requirement: N/A

Off-Street Parking: No parking requirement

Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises: N/A

Seating: Inside: 46 Outside: N/A

Fire Occupancy: Inside: 350 Maximum Outside Capacity: N/A

Food Service Requirement: The applicant will operate a full service restaurant and provide room service within the hotel.

Hours of Operation: Lounge: 4:00 PM-1:00 AM Daily
Restaurant: 4:00 PM-10:00 PM Daily
Room Service: 4:00 PM-10:00 PM Daily

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: None

HISTORY OF LOCATION

A hotel has operated and held an on sale liquor license at this location since 1985.

APPLICANT

The applicant is BRE/AmeriSuites Properties, LLC, a Minnesota corporation formed on September 22, 2004 under Chapter 322B (File Number 1051094-4) and having the required restriction on the transfer of stock. The sole shareholder of BRE/AmeriSuites Properties, LLC is Select Hotels Group, LLC. The officers of BRE/AmeriSuites are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Rakesh K. Sarna	President
Rena H. Reiss	Vice President/Secretary
Gebhard F. Rainer	Vice President/Treasurer
Bradley R. O'Bryan	Vice President
Jerry M. O'Connor	Vice President
Patrick J. Roxworthy	Vice President
Stephen M. Sokal	Vice President

MANAGER

The general manager of Aspen Suites will be Michael Axtell. Mr. Axtell has been employed as the general manager of the current licensee, Comfort Suites, since 2008. He has passed the criminal background check.

POLICE REVIEW

Police Licensing and this inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and has passed the criminal background check. The applicant has also undergone a security review with the First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

PREMISES

The licensed premises will consist of the same physical space as the currently licensed establishment. The premise consists of 213 guest rooms. The hotel operates a restaurant/lounge, City Lights Bar and Lounge, on the main level of the hotel. The restaurant/lounge offers seating for 46 persons. The applicant will also provide food and beverage service to the hotel's banquet rooms and provide room service.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

The applicant plans to operate in the same manner as the previous licensee. The applicant will operate as a full-service hotel with an on-site restaurant/lounge, City Lights Bar and Lounge. The restaurant will be open to the public for food service from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM and alcohol service from 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM daily. Room service will be available from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM daily. The applicant indicates that it will not sponsor sports teams, offer charitable gambling or offer amusement devices on the premises.

RECOMMENDATION

Business Licenses recommends approving this application for On-Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales, Hotel and Swimming Pool licenses.