

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

License Number: L198-50135 **Police File Number:** 13365

Date of Application: January 4, 2013

Inspector: Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

Applicant/Legal Entity: Noble House Minneapolis, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: The Commons Hotel

Complete Address: 615 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Taryne Tovar

Public Hearing Required: Yes

License Conditions: None

Purpose of Application: Permanent Outdoor Expansion of Premises & New Manager Approval

Current License Type: On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class A

Neighborhood/Ward: University of Minnesota / 2

Zoning District: C3A/MR/UA – Community Activity Center/Mississippi River Critical Area Overlay/University Area Overlay

7 acre requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that no additional spaces are required.

Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises: None

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: A SAC determination letter dated June 19, 2012 advised that there are 18 SACs due for the renovation project at this hotel that also includes the expansion of premises. This was paid for by the applicant on August 20, 2012.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

The Radisson Hotel operated an On-Sale Liquor License at this location from 1984 to 2011. The current licensee has operated this hotel since August, 2011.

POLICE LICENSING 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.

PREMISES

The applicant would like to add 815 square feet for an outdoor patio in front of the hotel adjacent to the restaurant space in the hotel. There would be tables and seating for 22 patrons. The additional space would be compact and contiguous. Minneapolis Development Review will have appropriate staff perform inspections of the buildouts to assure health and safety.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

The applicant intends to operate the business in the same manner as since 2011 with no changes to their business plan.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this license application. 101 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises on January 29, 2013. An electronic notice was emailed to the Stadium Village Commercial Association on January 25, 2013. The public hearing will be held on February 11, 2013 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

NEW MANAGER

The new Manager at The Commons Hotel is Taryne Tovar. Ms. Tovar has about fourteen years of experience working in the hospitality, food and alcohol service industry from Staccato, Checkers Hotel Hilton, Aloft Minneapolis, Restaurant Cru and Hotel Ivy. Ms. Tovar has passed a basic criminal background check.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an outdoor permanent expansion of premises and a new manager for The Commons Hotel.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

None at this time.