

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L190-50171

POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13379

DATE OF APPLICATION: 3-5-13

INSPECTOR: Grant Wilson

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: RWB Development Company, LLC.

DBA/TRADE NAME: Le Meridien Chambers Mpls.

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 901 Hennepin Avenue

LICENSE REQUESTED: On Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales and 2:00 a.m.

CURRENT LICENSE: On Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales and 2:00 a.m.

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: New Proprietor

RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL: Dan DeDecker

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT: No

LICENSE CONDITIONS: No

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: Ward 7, Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Assoc.

ZONING: B4S-2

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: N/A

OFF-STREET PARKING: N/A

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES: N/A

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: Food service requirements are met.

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. daily
OUTSIDE: 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. daily**

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: Paid

HISTORY OF LOCATION

The Le Meridien Chambers Mpls. has operated at 901 Hennepin Avenue since 7-21-06. It was originally licensed for beverage alcohol service by RWB Development Co. LLC. from 7-21-06 to 8-14-09. Since 8-14-09 the hotels' beverage alcohol service licenses have been held by Domenica, LLC. This application, if approved will return alcohol service responsibility back to the hotel operator, RWB Development Co. LLC.

APPLICANT

The applicant is RWB Development Company, LLC., a Minnesota Limited Liability Company formed on 2-18-2004. The ownership structure of this company is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
RWB Holdings Company, LLC.	Sole Manager, Member	71.412 %
Burnet Family Partnership	Ralph Burnet General Partner, Member	5.589 %
Douglas A. Kelly	Trustee for Tom Petters Estate, Member	3.049 %
Ryan Burnet	Member	2.540 %
Ben and Donna Faus	Member	2.540 %

All other investors are less than 1 % share

RWB Holdings Company, LLC. is owned as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Ralph Burnet	Sole Member, Governor, Officer.	100 %

The applicant corporation has the correct restriction on the transfer of ownership units, mandating that the City Council be notified and approve such ownership transfers.

MANAGER

The onsite Manager will be Dan DeDecker. Mr. DeDecker has been employed as the Director of Operations for the Chambers and W Minneapolis Hotels since 2008.

POLICE REVIEW

The Minneapolis Police License Division has reviewed this application, and the Minneapolis Police First Precinct has reviewed the facility security plans.

PREMISES

Because this facility is a licensed hotel it is eligible to serve beverage alcohol in all areas of the premises. Areas of the hotel where alcohol may be served include all guest rooms, banquet and meeting rooms, an outdoor interior court yard, a 5th floor rooftop lounge and balcony, and all other areas of the hotel where the public may occupy. The first floor restaurant area is currently

under renovation and it is the intention of the applicant to have that area licensed for alcohol service by a private restaurant owner who will be leasing that space.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

The Le Meridien Chambers Minneapolis features 60 guest rooms on five floors. The applicant describes the hotel as a luxury art hotel, and displays over 200 pieces of original contemporary art on the premises. The hotel offers full food service for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including room services. A first floor restaurant space is currently under renovation and that area will be operated and licensed by a private restaurant by July of 2013.

The Class B license sought by the applicant will allow them to offer live musical entertainment and dancing common to a hotel of this type. Alcohol server training for all staff is included in the applicant's business plan.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public Hearing is not required for this application as it is an existing facility. The applicant contacted the office of 7th Ward Council Member Goodman, and notified the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood of this application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of this application