

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

LICENSE NUMBER: POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13396

DATE OF APPLICATION: 5/2/2013

INSPECTOR: Mohamed Ismail

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: GFP, LLC

DBA/TRADE NAME: Sandcastle

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 4955 West Lake Nokomis Pkwy

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: New Business

LICENSE REQUESTED: Charter On-Sale Wine/Strong Beer, Class D

CURRENT LICENSE: None

RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL:
Amy Greeley

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS: Required

LICENSE CONDITIONS: None

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: Nokomis East Neighborhood Association

ZONING: R1

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: This has not been met.

OFF-STREET PARKING: The Minneapolis Zoning Department does not require additional off street parking.

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES:
None

SEATING: Inside: 25 Seats Outside: 105 Seats

MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY: Inside 25 Seats Outside 214 Seats

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: The applicant is required to meet the minimum food service requirement of 70/30 food to alcohol.

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HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: Inside and outside hours will be 9:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. daily. Sandcastle is open seasonally April 1 – October 15, weather permitting.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services has reviewed the SAC assignment for Sandcastle. The City will be charged no additional SAC Units for this project.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This location was previously licensed as a Short Term Food Permit.

APPLICANT

GFP, LLC, dba Sandcastle, was incorporated under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 322B, File # 638527200022, on January 7, 2013. The corporation minutes contain the necessary restriction of the transfer of shares. The applicant has also provided documentation showing adequate funding for this venture.

Name	Title	Share
Douglas Flicker	Owner/Executive Chef	50%
Amy Greeley	Owner/Manager	35%
Michele Payer	Secretary	15%

MANAGER

The owners will be the managers.

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 3rd Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

PREMISES

Sandcastle is uniquely located on the big beach of Lake Nokomis in a Minneapolis Park Board building. The business, GFP, LLC dba Sandcastle has entered into agreement with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) to provide food concessions. There is a total of 3600 square feet of public space that will be used for the applicant's business operation. The restaurant will have interior seating for 25 people at tables and chairs. The applicant has additional seating outside for 105 people at tables and chairs. The patio area is compact and contiguous to their inside operations. The Minneapolis Zoning Department has reviewed the application and has signed off on the application.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

Businesses licensed under Charter Wine Amendment 144 must have a full menu with a minimum of four entrees. Sandcastle's menu will consist of lunch and dinner.

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Additionally, patrons are required to order meal before any alcoholic beverages are served, therefore, the establishment must have food available during operating hours. Because the restaurant is located in a residential area of less than seven acres, it must operate as a restaurant subject to the 70/30 ratio of food to alcohol sales. A full kitchen was indicated on both their floor plan and the Environmental Health food plan review.

The applicant will not offer mechanical amusement devices or charitable gambling on the premises. They are not sponsoring any sports teams and no entertainment is planned.

The applicant's plan indicates owners will be taking an alcohol liability training class from Best Beverage. They will then provide regular training to their staff as part of their orientation. The establishment will check the identification of customers appearing to be under the age of 30 and terminate employees who do not comply. They have a reward and discipline policy for employees and they will reward those employees who pass a self-check.

Sandcastle's security plan states that the Park Police will be their first contact for emergencies. Sandcastle will have security lights and are hoping to have cameras as well.

The Minneapolis Park Board will install a fencing enclosure including an emergency exit gate. The gate will remain closed unless needed. People will be directed to enter and exit by the concession windows (NE side of building). This will allow Sandcastle to monitor people leaving and ensure they are not carrying alcohol. The Minneapolis Park Board will install a temporary tent for indoor dining during the 2013 season, and will build a permanent structure for indoor dining for the 2014 season. In addition, they will have appropriate signage and the menus will state the rules for alcohol consumption. They anticipate that their internal security needs will be met through their regular staff and management personnel.

The license holder is requesting a Class D Entertainment license which permits the use of non-amplified music by one (1) musician, group singing by patrons of the establishment, live solo comedians, and ethnic dance.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this license application. Three notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, and the Longfellow Business Association on May 15, 2013.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

"Your business license will be granted under the following conditions:

1. For the 2013 license year, Sandcastle may operate with a temporary outdoor structure (tent) to comply with alcohol license requirements for indoor seating. By April 30, 2014, a permanent structure must be constructed to comply with alcohol license requirements for indoor seating."

RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for a Charter On-Sale Wine/Strong Beer, Class D.