

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L235-50065/L190-50174 **POLICE FILE NUMBER:** 13392/13393

DATE OF APPLICATION: April 18, 2013

INSPECTOR: Greg Buenning

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: Food Group Holdings, LLC

DBA/TRADE NAME: Social House

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 2919 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55408

LICENSE REQUESTED: Permanent Expansion of License and liquor license upgrade to Class "B" On-Sale liquor

CURRENT LICENSE: Class C-1 On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: To gain approval for their business to permanently expand their premises and upgrade their liquor license to a Class "B" On-Sale Liquor license with Sunday Sales

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT: A public hearing is required

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: Lowry Hills East/Ward Ten

ZONING: C3A

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

SEATING: 126

FIRE OCCUPANCY: 170

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: \$9,740.00/paid

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This location has been home to Social House since 2006. The expanded area which faces Lagoon Avenue has housed retail space, most recently I-Beach Tanning.

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. The applicant has also passed a criminal background check.

PREMISES

The applicant is requesting to permanently expand the interior seating to 126 by adding 52 seats inside. The new area will add 1,612 square feet to the building bringing the total square footage to 4,892 square feet from the existing 3,280 square feet. The expanded area which was formerly the home of I-Beach Tanning faces Lagoon Avenue. The only entry point to the newly expanded area will be through the main entrance on Lagoon Avenue which will remain where it has been since this business has been there.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

If approved, Social House will remain to be a restaurant as they have since 2006. The liquor upgrade request to a Class "B" On-Sale liquor establishment will afford Social House the ability to have a disc jockey on Friday and Saturday night. They indicate that they will still model the business as a fusion sushi lounge and the ability to provide a disc jockey will enhance the dining experience. The expansion will give Social House the ability to offer the fine dining experience to more people. They will still be required to comply with the 60/40 food to liquor ratio.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this application. 112 public hearing notices were mailed out to residents and property owners, and 19 multi-family residences were posted within 600 feet of the premises, and e-mailed to the Lowry Hills East Neighborhood Association on May 29, 2013. Business Licensing received no responses to the public hearing notices that were sent out. A public hearing was held on June 11, 2013, at Grace Trinity Church, 1430 West 28th Street. No people attended the public hearing besides the business manager and City of Minneapolis employees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for Social House. The license application for a permanent expansion of premises and an upgrade of their liquor license to a Class "B" On-Sale liquor license is recommended for approval.