

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

**License Number:** On Sale Liquor Class E with Sunday Sales L216-50170  
Catering, L152-50404  
Grocery, L155-50871  
Food Distributor, L154-50099

**Police File Number:** F13567

**Date of Application:** July 30, 2014

**Inspector:** Julie Casey

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Wedge Community Co-op, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Wedge Table

**Complete Address:** 2412 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

**License Requested:** On Sale Liquor, Class E with Sunday Sales, Catering, Grocery, and Food Distributor

**Current License:** None

**Purpose of Application:** The applicant is intending to operate a multi-use food business to include a restaurant area, catering, a grocery store and food distributing. The applicant intends to serve alcoholic beverages in their restaurant area.

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Joshua Resnik

**Public Hearing Requirement:** Yes

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Whittier / Ward 10

**Zoning:** C1

**7 acre requirement:** Met

**Off-Street Parking:** Off street parking is not required under the Nicollet Avenue pedestrian overlay district.

**Schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises:** None

**Seating:** Interior: 76                      Fire: 201

**Food Service requirement:** 60% food ratio to 40% alcohol ratio.

**Hours of operation proposed:** 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: 18 SAC paid.**

**History of Location**

2412 Nicollet Avenue was the location of Hai Nguyen Supermarket. It was licensed as a grocery. There has been no alcohol establishment at this location.

**Applicant**

The Wedge Community Co-op, Inc. is registered under Minnesota Statute 308A.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Sarah Wovcha	President	fractional
Philip Bradley	Vice President	fractional
Marjorie Hegstrom	Vice President	fractional
Mike Dooley	Secretary/Treasurer	fractional
Emily Anderson	Board Member	fractional
Matt Stowell	BoardMember	fractional
Dale Wiehoff	Board Member	fractional

The Wedge Community Co-op, Inc. is a membership organization and all members have an equal share in the business. The currently have a store located at 2105 Lyndale Avenue South. Their current location does not offer alcohol. This will be a first venture into providing alcohol to their patrons.

**Manager**

The manager is Danielle Rydel. She supplied criminal history documents that contained no criminal history.

**Police Review**

Minneapolis Police Licenses and 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct reviewed the application for the criminal, financial and security plans for the Wedge Table. They have determined that the application meets minimum ordinance qualifications.

**Premises**

The premises will be in a one story building including an extensive kitchen area, grocery store area, café, meeting room and an education room for a total square footage of 15,545. Alcohol will only be offered in the café, meeting room and the education room. There will be signage to prevent alcohol from the grocery area of the building. There will be a total of 34 seats in the café area, 20 in the community room and approximately 22 seats in the education room. There will be both counter and table seating available. There will be no outside area.

**Business Plan/Operations**

The Wedge Table plans on offering grab-n-go food items, bakery and grocery items with a commitment to healthy, and certified organic foods. Food offering include an artisan bake house featuring breads and pastries, deli items, fresh juice, coffee and smoothie bar, a daily food menu focusing on seasonal and local ingredients. The facility offers café dining, a community meeting room, and an education room. They plan on offering classes in the use of alcohol in cooking and alcohol education. They intend to offer a

few signature cocktails, a limited wine bar menu with local/organic wines, and a microbrew menu with local brews. There will be no live entertainment, only prerecorded background music.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held at the August 19, 2014 Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee. There were 230 notices sent to property owners and residents within 600 feet of the Wedge Table. Apartment buildings in the area were posted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approval of an On Sale Liquor, Class E with Sunday Sales, Grocery, Catering and Food Distributors licenses.