

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT  
Rental Hall and Extended Hours License  
L302-50044, L317-50056**

**Purpose of Application:** Applicant is applying for rental hall and extended hours license in order to be open until 12:00 a.m. seven days a week.

**Applicant's Name (Legal Entity):** Van Dusen Mansion and Event Center, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Van Dusen Mansion and Event Center

**Complete Address:** 1900 LaSalle Ave S

**Telephone Number:** 612- 871-2702

**Current License:** None

**Zoning:** OR2

**Current Authorized Hours:** Sunday through Thursday, 10:30 am until 10:00 pm and Friday and Saturday until 11:00 pm.

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Stevens Square/Ward 7

**Date of Application:** February 9, 2015

**Inspector:** Mohamed Ismail

**Public Hearing Requirement:** A public hearing is required for this license application. On March 30, 2015, 18 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises. Also, a notice was posted at four apartment buildings. Electronic notices were e-mailed to Council Member Lisa Goodman, Stevens Square Community Organization, the South Hennepin Business Association, the Loring Business Association, the East Downtown Council, and the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting.

**Background:** The Van Dusen Mansion is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mansion is a full service event center for private events such as weddings, corporate events and social gatherings.

**Findings as required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:** The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

**A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized.**

The Van Dusan Mansion has had a security plan review with 5th Police Precinct. The Mansion employs 1 to 3 off-duty Minneapolis police officers for safety and security at all events. The number of officers hired depends on the size of the event.

**Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise.**

The Van Dusen Mansion's business plan indicates all events involving music end no later than midnight and all outdoor music ceases at or before 10:00p.m. They clean the premises and parking areas twice per day.

**Conformance with applicable zoning regulation, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor and specific development standards.**

The business is categorized as a rental hall which is a permitted use in the OR2 zoning district. The property is zoned OR2 High Density Office Residence District, where a reception/meeting hall use is prohibited. A historic variance to allow a reception/meeting hall to be located in the OR2 District is requested. On October 1, 2013 the Zoning & Planning Committee approved the historic Variance to allow a reception/meeting hall to be located in the OR2 High Density Office Residence Zoning District for the property located at 1900 LaSalle Avenue; and Historic Variance to reduce the minimum parking requirement for a reception/meeting hall. This reduces the minimum parking requirement to 103 spaces. There is no on-site parking. The applicant has off-site parking leases with two nearby property owners: Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis and Minnesota Council of Churches (122 West Franklin Avenue). The lease with Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis includes multiple properties (1820, 1824, 1900, 1913, 1926, and 1934 Nicollet Avenue and 1929 LaSalle Avenue) with up to 151 spaces available for parking. The Minnesota Council of Churches parking lot contains over 100 spaces.

**History of complaints related to the use.**

There are no significant police calls for service at this location. There are no outstanding Fire or Health issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS (pending public hearing):**

**The Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following recommendation regarding this application to extend hours:**

Grant the license applicant the following rental hall extended hours: Open until 12:00 a.m., seven days a week.

This is an annually reviewed license. These hours will be reviewed at the next license renewal period. It will be possible to restrict the hours further if there are violations related to the Extended Hours License.