

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 4a

Title:

Recommendation to Approve a Proposal for a Class C Liquor License for Dawn's VooDoo Room to be located at 214 W Main Street, St. Charles (Former Acquaviva Winery)

Presenter:

Chief Keegan

Meeting: Government Operations Committee

Date: August 15, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$NA

Budgeted Amount: \$NA

Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary** (if not budgeted please explain):

This is an application request for a new Class C liquor license for Dawn's Voodoo Room, LTD., to be located at 214 W Main Street, St. Charles (former Acquaviva Winery). A late night permit of 2:00 a.m. is being requested. Ms. Hummer (applicant) also owns Dawn's Beach Hut located at 8 N Third Street and this business is in good standing with the City. All paperwork is in order, background check has been completed by the Police Department and BASSET certification is current.

The item was tabled at the August 1, 2016 Government Operations Committee Meeting after a site inspection and based on the business owners floor plans which included relocation of the existing bar and bar seating that would encroach into the required exit path (clearance) of the unit.

On August 5, 2016 a revised floor plan was submitted by Ms. Hummer showing the existing bar remaining in the same location. She was informed it may be approved for meeting requirements provided that:

1. All bar stools shall be of a backless design allowing for required access.
2. No tables, seats, or fixed ledges shall be placed along the east wall.

**Attachments** (please list):

Liquor License Application  
Background Check  
Revised Site Plan  
Business Plan

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** (briefly explain):

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# Memo

Date: 7/11/2016  
To: The Honorable Ray Rogina, Mayor-Liquor Commissioner  
From: James Keegan, Chief of Police  
Re: Background Investigation-Dawn's Voodoo Room (214 W. Main Street)

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The purpose of this memorandum is to document and forward to your attention the results of the background investigation conducted by members of the St. Charles Police Department concerning the above mentioned establishment.

As is customary procedure, a detective was assigned this investigation and reviewed both the site location/floor plans and the corresponding application. In addition, the application material was reviewed by our Fire Department, Finance Department and Community/Economic Development. Each department reviewed the information submitted subject to their purview and area of responsibility; no issues were noted.

We as a police department found nothing of a derogatory nature that would preclude either the site location or the applicant from moving forward with both liquors sales and on-site consumption, subject to City Council approval.

This is a Class C request although very limited food will be offered or sold (similar to The House Pub). The applicant does own and operate Dawn's Beach Hut in St. Charles and has a host of other business experience in the greater Chicagoland area. We have no issues to report at Dawn's Beach Hut.

Please see the detailed drawing and floor plan for further information; all other paper work is in order. A business plan was submitted but not a drink or food menu. Dawn is seeking a Late Night Permit (2:00 am) and will be closed on Monday's

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

**Community & Economic Development  
Building & Code Enforcement Division**

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# Memo

**Date:** August 10, 2016

**To:** Tina Nilles, Senior Administrative Assistant

**From:** Bob Vann, Building & Code Enforcement Division Manager

**RE:** Site Review – 214 West Main Street – Dawn’s Voodoo Room

**Cc:** Police Chief James Keegan, Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet, Rita Tungare,  
Director of Community Development, and Lieutenant John Kessler

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On August 5, 2016, business owner Ms. Dawn Humer provided a revised floor plan that shows the existing bar to remain in the same location. Ms. Humer was informed that the submitted floor plan, dated August 5, 2016 may be approved for meeting the required egress width of 42-inches, provided that:

- 1) All bar stools shall be of a backless design.
- 2) No tables, seats, or fixed ledges shall be placed along the east wall.

Based on St. Charles Building & Code Enforcement Division and St. Charles Fire Prevention Bureau’s reviews, these plans are acceptable for egress purposes.

/Attachments

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) New Application  
( ) Renewal Application

**CITY OF ST. CHARLES**  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER  
TWO EAST MAIN STREET  
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174-1984



**City Retail Liquor Dealer License Application (rev. 12/13) Non-Refundable**

Ordinance 5.08.050.A1 Application must be completed in full Incomplete applications will be rejected

Business Type: Circle one Individual Partnership Corporation Other \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name Dawns Voodoo Room ~~LLC~~ LTD. Sales Tax # \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address 214 W. Main St. Business Phone # [REDACTED]

Contact Person Dawn Humes Title President Phone # [REDACTED]

If Corporation, Corporate Name Dawn's Voodoo Room LTD.

Corporation Address 12890 Rock Creek Circle Huntley, IL 60142

Corporate Officers, plus Manager of Establishment, Officers must include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer Or Sole Proprietor

Have you had a business within the City of St. Charles under any other corporate name:  Yes  No

If yes, list address of business 8 W. THIRD ST.  
DAWNS CAFE LTD - DBA/DAWNS BEACH HUT

Full Name, include Middle Initial Dawn M. Humes Title President

Birth Date, [REDACTED] Birthplace Chicago Driver's License # [REDACTED] Home Phone # [REDACTED]

Home Address 12890 Rock Creek Circle Huntley, IL 60142

Full Name, include Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name, include Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

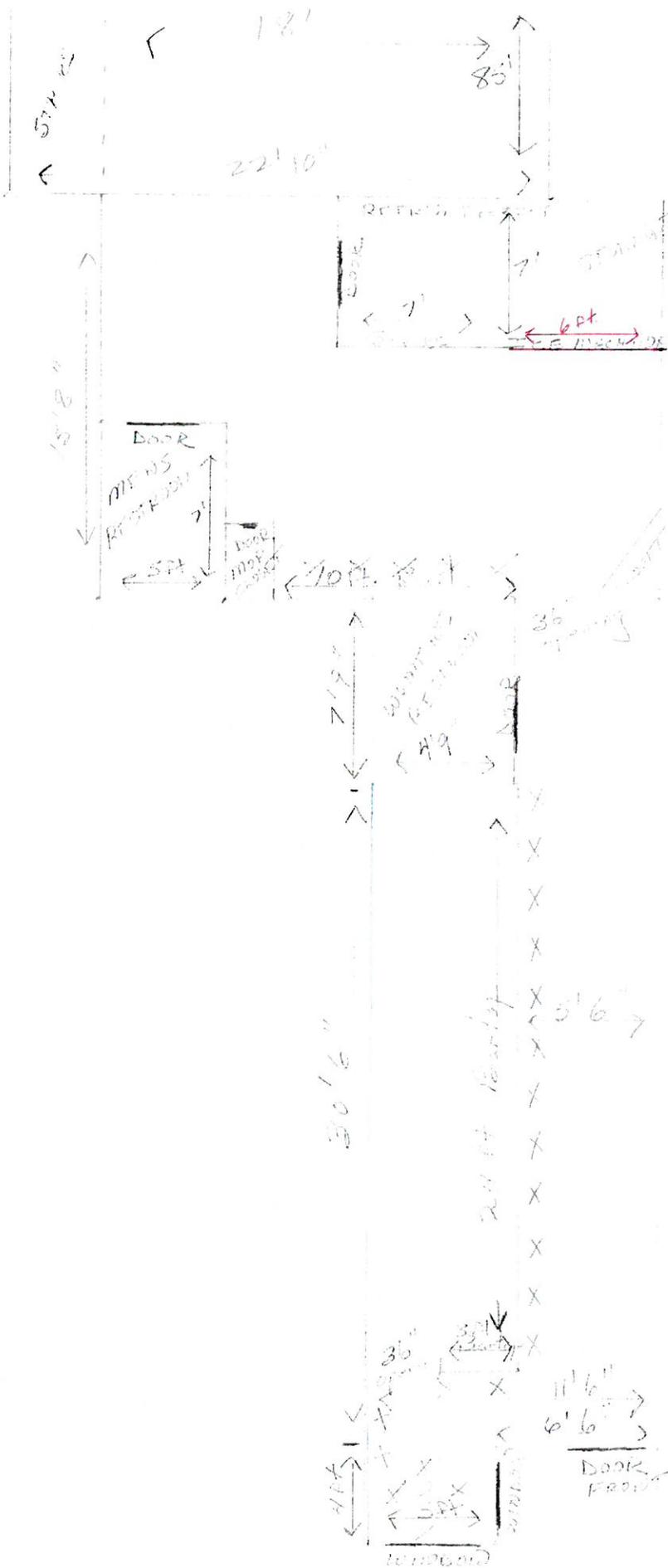
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Establishment: ( ) Package ( ) Restaurant ( ) Tavern ( ) Hotel/Banquet/Arcada/Q-Center  Other Bar with limited Food

Check as Applicable to  Holding Bar [5.08.010-F]  Service Bar [5.08.010-O]  Live Entertainment [5.08.010-H]  
Type of Establishment:  Outside Dining [17.20.020-R]

Brief Business Plan Description based on type of establishment listed above:  
A New Orleans Craft Cocktail Bar with limited food menu serving alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages to patrons 21 and over.

Initial: Liq Comm \_\_\_\_\_  
Police Chief \_\_\_\_\_



OUTLOOK  
 MAIN  
 85' x 18'

- = Drywall



Drink Bar  
 Seating  
 214 W. Main  
 900 sq. ft.  
 25 Seats  
 o = table  
 x = seat  
 1 sq. and  
 1 sq. table

SIDEWALK  
 MAIN STREET

## Business Plan Dawns Voodoo Room

A vintage New Orleans themed craft cocktail lounge. You will be transported to old New Orleans and enjoy craft cocktails unique to New Orleans such as the Suzanne, French 75 etc. Also serving craft cocktails (through the years) iconic cocktails. Unique Signature cocktails will also be served. It's all about enjoying a unique cocktail while being immersed in a vintage New Orleans atmosphere. It's a total experience. New Orleans, in the heart of St. Charles.

Limited food menu consisting of bar snacks, pretzels, chips etc.