AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. DAN STELLATO, CHAIR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Omnibus Vote

4. Police Department

a. Recommendation to approve a proposal of a new Class C2 liquor license for Vintage 53 to be located at 162 S 1st Street, St. Charles

5. Executive Session

- Personnel –5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

6. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens.

7. Adjournment

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ST. CHARLES SINCE 1834	**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**	Agenda Item number: **4a**
	Title:	Recommendation to approve a Proposal of a New Class C2 Liquor License for Vintage 53 to be located at 162 S 1st Street, St. Charles
	Presenter:	Chief Keegan, Police Department

Meeting: Government Operations Committee	Date: October 3, 2016	
Proposed Cost: $	Budgeted Amount: $	Not Budgeted: ☐

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

This is a request for new class C2 liquor license for Vintage 53 to be located at 162 S 1st Street, St. Charles. This business will be residing in the new building on 1st Street that is currently under construction and is planned for occupancy in November. Mr. Grado went before the Liquor Control Commission on September 19 and presented his business model and was moved forward to tonight's Government Operations Committee meeting for consideration of recommendation to City Council for final approval.

Vintage 53 will be a wine tasting bar that will offer wines that will be updated every few months to keep the menu consistent with trends and seasonal influences as well as have available a selection of craft beers, coffee, soda, and water. There will also be light menu that is attached. His hours of operation vary but the business will not stay open past midnight.

All paperwork has been reviewed by the Police Department and is in order.

Attachments (*please list*):
Liquor License Application
Background Check
Site Plan
Business Plan
Menu

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*):
Recommendation to approve a proposal of a new Class C2 liquor license for Vintage 53 to be located at 162 S 1st Street, St. Charles.

City of St. Charles, Illinois Liquor Control Commissioner

CITY RETAIL LIQUOR DEALER LICENSE APPLICATION

APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
Completed applications may be submitted to:
Two East Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174-1984

Class C

Date Application Received: SEPT. 16, 2016 ☒ **New Application** ☐ **Renewal Application**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check items to confirm all are attached to this application	Applicant	Office Use Only
Application Fee	☑	☐
Completed Application for all questions applicable to your business.	☑	☐
Copy of Lease/Proof of Ownership	☑	☐
Copy of Dram Shop Insurance or a letter from insurance agent with a proposed quote.	☑	☐
Copy of Articles of Corporation, if applicable.	☑	☐
Completed B.A.S.S.E.T. (Beverage Alcohol Sellers & Servers Training) form – filled out for **all** employees. A copy of the B.A.S.S.E.T. certificate is **only** needed for **each manager**. It is the business establishment's responsibility to keep copies of all B.A.S.S.E.T. certificates on file for all of their employees.	☑	☐
Copy of Site Plan for Establishment (Drawn to scale including the parking lot, patio and/or deck, outdoor seating).	☑	☐
Copy of Floor Plan for Establishment (Drawn to scale and **must include** the layout of the establishment with tables, chairs, aisles, displays, cash register, bar, and lounge area with dimensions, percentage, and square footage noted for each space). Be sure to also include all **fixed objects**, such as pool tables, bar stools, vending/amusement machines; as well as all **exits**.	☑	☐
Copy of Business Plan, to include: ☐ Hours of Operation ☐ Copy of Menu ☐ Whether or not live music will be played at this establishment ☐ Will there be outdoor seating and/or outdoor designated smoking area ☐ **Do not include a marketing or financial plan with this business plan**	☑	☐
Are any building alterations planned for this site? If not sure, please contact **Building & Code Enforcement at 630.377.4406** and/or **Fire Prevention Bureau at 630.377.4458** to discuss whether or not a walk-thru and/or permit are necessary for this business.	☑	☐
All managers have been fingerprinted who are employed by your establishment. When new management is hired, it is imperative you contact the Mayor's office to be fingerprinted so the City's business files are appropriately updated.	☑	☐

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

☐ Approved* ☐ Denied Date Approved/Denied:_____ Customer Number:_____

_____ _____
Signature of Mayor, Liquor Control Commissioner Date Issued

*ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE IS CONTINGENT ON MEETING ALL REQUIRED BUILDING AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Type of Business: [ ] Individual ☐ Partnership ☒ Corporation ☐ Other (explain):

B. Business Name:
Vintage 53

C. Business Address: 1623 1st Street, Unit C
First Street, St Charles, Illinois, 60174

D. IL Tax ID Number:	E. Business Phone:	F. Business E-mail:	G. Business Website:
81-3689939	630-536-4560	Mario@vintage53.com	www.vintage53.com

H. Contact Person:	I. Title:	J. Phone No.:
Mario Grado	Owner	[redacted]

K. If Corporation, Corporation Name:

L. Corporation Address (city, state, zip code):

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT LOCATION INFORMATION

A. **Type of Establishment:** ☐ Package ☐ Restaurant ☑ Tavern ☐ Hotel/Banquet/Arcada/Q-Center ☐ Other

B. Address applying for liquor license (exact street address):	C. Number of Parking Spaces:	D. Outside Dining s.f. [17.20.020-R]:	E. Holding Bar s.f. [5.08.010-F]:
First Street, St Charles, IL, 60174		0	0

F. Total Building s.f.:	G. Total Number of Seats:	H. Number of Bar Seats:	I. Sale Counter s.f.:	J. Live Entertainment Area s.f. [5.08.010-H]:
1954	70	10	0	62

K. Kitchen s.f.:	L. Cooler s.f.:	M. Dry Storage s.f.:	N. Seating Area s.f.:	O. Retail/public Area s.f.:	P. Service Bar s.f. [5.08.010-O]:
222	17	46	945	120	0

Q. Brief Business Plan description based on type of establishment listed above:

Vintage 53 is a 1,954 sq ft wine bar with a modern rustic industrial decor. The menu consists of a large selection of wine, a few craft beers, flatbreads, gourmet popcorn, caprese salad, cheese & charcuterie, and desserts. This is an on-premise establishment, with no items will be sold retail.

MANAGER INFORMATION

Full Name, include middle initial: Brock J Wilson Title: Manager

Birthdat[redacted] Birthplace: Janesville, WI Driver's License[redacted] e Phone: [redacted]

Home Address: [redacted] St Charles, Illinois, 60174

Full Name, include middle initial: Title:

Birthdate: Birthplace: Driver's License#: Home Phone:

Home Address:

Full Name, include middle initial: Title:

Birthdate: Birthplace: Driver's License#: Home Phone:

Home Address:

PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN/LAYOUT OF PROPERTY	
Mandatory: attach to this application a floorplan or layout of the proposed facility to include the following:	
CLASS B LICENSES	
1.	Every application for a Class B license, whether an initial application or a renewal application, shall have attached thereto a site drawing of the proposed licensed premises, drawn to scale showing the following (***check off once complete***): a. The location of all rooms, segregated areas, including outdoor seating areas and the square footage thereof; b. The designated use of each room or segregated area (i.e. dining room, holding bar, service bar, kitchen, restrooms, outdoor seating areas, all rooms and segregated areas, including outdoor areas where alcoholic liquor may be served or consumed and all locations where live entertainment may be provided); c. The proposed seating capacity of rooms or segregated areas where the public is permitted to consume food and/or alcoholic beverages and/or live entertainment may be provided.**
2.	The site drawing is subject to the approval of the Local Liquor Control Commissioner. The Local Liquor Commissioner may impose such restrictions as he deems appropriate on any license by noting the same on the approved site drawing or as provided on the face of the license.
3.	A copy of the approved site drawing shall be attached to the approved license and is made a part of said license.
4.	It shall be unlawful for any Class B licensee to operate and/or maintain the licensed premises in any manner inconsistent with the approved site drawing.
CLASS C LICENSES	
1.	Every application for a Class C license, whether an initial application or a renewal application, shall have attached thereto a site drawing of the proposed licensed premises, drawn to scale, showing the following (***check off once complete***): a. The location of all rooms, segregated areas, including outdoor seating areas and the square footage thereof; b. The designated use of each room or segregated area (e.g. dining room, holding bar, service bar, kitchen, restrooms, outdoor seating areas, all rooms and segregated areas, including outdoor areas, where alcoholic liquor may be served or consumed and all locations where live entertainment may be provided; c. The proposed seating capacity of rooms or segregated areas where the public is permitted to consume food and/or alcoholic beverages and/or live entertainment may be provided.**
2.	The site drawing is subject to the approval of the Local Liquor Commissioner. The Local Liquor Commissioner may impose such restrictions as he deems appropriate on any licensee by noting the same on the approved site drawing or as provided on the face of the license.
3.	A copy of the approved site drawing shall be attached to the approved license and is made a part of said license.
4.	It shall be unlawful for any Class C licensee to operate and/or maintain the licensed premises in any manner inconsistent with the approved site drawing.
****THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU WILL FURNISH ALL FINAL, PERMITTED OCCUPANCY NUMBERS FOR THIS LICENSE.**	

CORPORATION / PREMISES QUESTIONS	
1.	If applicant is an individual or partnership, is each and every person a United States citizen **(5.08.070-2)**? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** Is any individual a naturalized citizen? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes**, print name(s), date(s), and place(s) of naturalization:
2.	List the type of business of the applicant **(5.08.070-3)**: Wine bar
3.	Number of years of experience for the above listed type of business **(5.08.070-4)**: 0
4.	Amount of merchandise that normally will be in inventory when in operation **(5.08.070-5)**: $ 15,000.00
5.	Location/address and description of business to be operated under this applied for license **(5.08.070-6)**: Vintage 53 is a 1,954 sq ft wine bar with a modern rustic industrial decor. The wine bar is part of the First Street redevelopment project, and will be located on First Street in St. Charles. The menu consists of a large selection of wine, a few craft beers, flatbreads, gourmet popcorn, caprese salad, cheese & charcuterie, and desserts.
6.	Is the premises owned or leased **(5.08.070-6A)**? ☐ **Owned** ☑ **Leased**
7.	If the premises are leased, list the names and addresses of all direct owners or owners of beneficial interests in any trusts, if premises are held in trust **(5.08.070-6B)**: **Name of Building Owner:** First Street Development II, LLC Address of Building Owner: 409 Illinois Ave, Suite 1C Mailing Address of Building Owner (if different): Phone Number: 630-587-5595 E-mail Address: [redacted] **Name of Building Owner:** Address of Building Owner: Mailing Address of Building Owner (if different): Phone Number: E-mail Address: **Name of Building Owner:** Address of Building Owner: Mailing Address of Building Owner (if different): Phone Number: E-mail Address:
8.	Does the applicant currently operate, or operated in the past, any other establishment within the City of St. Charles that requires a liquor license? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes**, please list the business name(s) and address(es):

9.	Does applicant have any outstanding debt with the City of St. Charles, including, but not limited to, utility bills, alcohol tax, and permit fees, for any current or previous establishment owned, operated or managed by the applicant? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes, please note the City of St. Charles requires all debt to be paid in full before consideration of a new or renewed liquor license is issued.**
10.	Are any improvements planned for the building and/or site that will require a building permit? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** **If yes,** has a building permit been applied for? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes,** date building permit was applied for with Building & Code Enforcement:
11.	Has applicant applied for a similar or other license on the premises other than the one for which this license is sought **(5.08.070-7)**? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes,** what was the disposition of the application? Explain as necessary:
12.	Has applicant (and all persons listed on page 1 of this application) ever been convicted of a felony under any Federal or State law, or convicted of a misdemeanor opposed to decency or morality **(5.08.070-8)**? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** Is applicant (and all persons listed on page 1 of this application) disqualified from receiving a liquor license by reason of any matter contained in Illinois State law and/or City of St. Charles Municipal Ordinances? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**
13.	**List previous liquor licenses issued by any State Government or any subdivision thereof (5.08.070-9). Use additional paper if necessary.** **Government Unit:** Date: Location, City/State: Special Explanations: **Government Unit:** Date: Location, City/State: Special Explanations:
14.	Have any liquor licenses possessed ever been revoked **(5.08.070-9)**? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes,** list all reasons on a separate, signed letter accompanying this application. Has any director, officer, shareholder, or any of your managers, ever been denied liquor license from any jurisdiction? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** **If yes,** proceed to Question 15. If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper with the information.

15.	**Complete ONLY if yes was answered to the questions above (14):** Name: Name of Business: Position with the Business: Date(s) of Denial: Reason(s) for Denial of License:
16.	Date of Incorporation (Illinois Corporations) **(5.08.070-10):** 8/11/2016 Date qualified under Illinois Business Corporation Act to transact business in Illinois (Foreign Corporation):
17.	Has the applicant and all designated managers read and do they all understand and agree not to violate any liquor laws of the United States, the State of Illinois, and any of the ordinances of the City of St. Charles in conducting business**(5.08.070-11)**? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** Have you, or in the case of a corporation, the local manager, or in the case of a partnership any of the partners, ever been convicted of any violation of any law pertaining to alcoholic liquor? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** Have you, or in the case of a corporation the local manager, or in the case of a partnership any of the partners, ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** Have you ever been convicted of a gambling offense? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No** (If a partnership or corporation, include all partners and the local manager(s).) Will you and all your employees refuse to serve or sell alcoholic liquor to an intoxicated person or to a minor? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**
18.	**Mandatory:** All individual owners, partners, officers, directors, and/or persons holding directly or beneficially more than five (5) percent in interest of the stock of owners by interest listed on page 1 of this application must be fingerprinted by the City of St. Charles Police Department **(5.08.070-A12)**. Has this been done? ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No** **If yes,** date(s): 9/12/2016
19.	PROPOSAL **Mandatory:** Has the applicant attached proof of Dram Shop Insurance to this application or already furnished it to the City of St. Charles **(5.08.060)**? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** If already furnished, date of delivery: **NOTE: Insurance must be issued from May 1, 20XX – April 30, 20XX in accordance with City code 5.08.060. Request a prorated rate from your insurance company if you are applying for a new license during this timeframe.**

20.	**Mandatory:** Is the premises within 100 feet of any real property of any church; school; hospital; home for the aged or indigent persons; home for veterans, their wives/husbands, or children; and/or any military or naval station **(5.08.230)**? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

COMMENTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

B.A.S.S.E.T. TRAINING

Please list employees required to have B.A.S.S.E.T training on this page – include all managers, assistant managers, bartenders, and clerks who are permitted to make alcoholic liquor sales. **Include copies of certificates for managers only and mark Manager if applicable. Add another page, if needed.**

Name: Mario (First) Grado (Last) Joseph (Middle) Owner Manager

Home Street Address: [redacted]

City, State, Zip: St Charles, Illinois, 60174

Date of Course: 09/12/2016 Place Course was Taken: 360training.com dba Learn2Serve

Birthdate: [redacted] Certificate Granted: On-Premise Seller/Server Expiration: 09/12/2019

Name: Brock (First) Wilson (Last) Jeffrey (Middle) Manager Manager

Home Street Address: [redacted]

City, State, Zip: St Charles, Illinois, 60174

Date of Course: 09/12/2016 Place Course was Taken: 360training.com dba Learn2Serve

Birthdate: [redacted] Certificate Granted: On-Premise Seller/Server Expiration: 09/12/2019

Name: (First) (Last) (Middle) Manager

Home Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Date of Course: Place Course was Taken:

Birthdate: Certificate Granted: Expiration:

Name: (First) (Last) (Middle) Manager

Home Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Date of Course: Place Course was Taken:

Birthdate: Certificate Granted: Expiration:

NEW MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Whenever a new manager comes on board, the City must be notified and that person must be fingerprinted.

It is the business establishment's responsibility to keep copies of all B.A.S.S.E.T. certificates on file for their employees.

APPLICATION FOR LATE NIGHT PERMIT	
SUPPLEMENTAL TO LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CLASS B/C	
To: St. Charles Liquor Control Commission	Date:
I now possess or have applied for a liquor license Class	
Applicant's Name:	
Name of Business:	
Business Address:	
Business Phone:	

SUPPLEMENTAL PERMIT APPLIED FOR

Payment of Late Night Permit fee is required at the time the permit is issued.

☐ 1:00 a.m. Late Night Permit – fee of $800.00

☐ 2:00 a.m. Late Night Permit – fee of $2,300.00

N/A

NOTE: Other permits that may be available upon request include:

- Class E – Special Event License (1 to 3-day event @ $100.00 per day)
- Outdoor Dining Permit (Contact Community & Economic Development @ 630.377.4443)

SIGNATURES

Christine Nilles 9/14/16

Applicant's Signature

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
CHRISTINE NILLES
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9/21/2017

☐ **Liquor Commissioner hereby directs City Clerk to issue permit indicated above.**

Liquor Commissioner's Signature **Date**

Police Department

ST. CHARLES
SINCE 1834

Memo

Date: 9/29/2016

To: The Honorable Ray Rogina, Mayor-Liquor Commissioner

From: James Keegan, Chief of Police

Re: 162 S. 1st Street, Vintage 53

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.

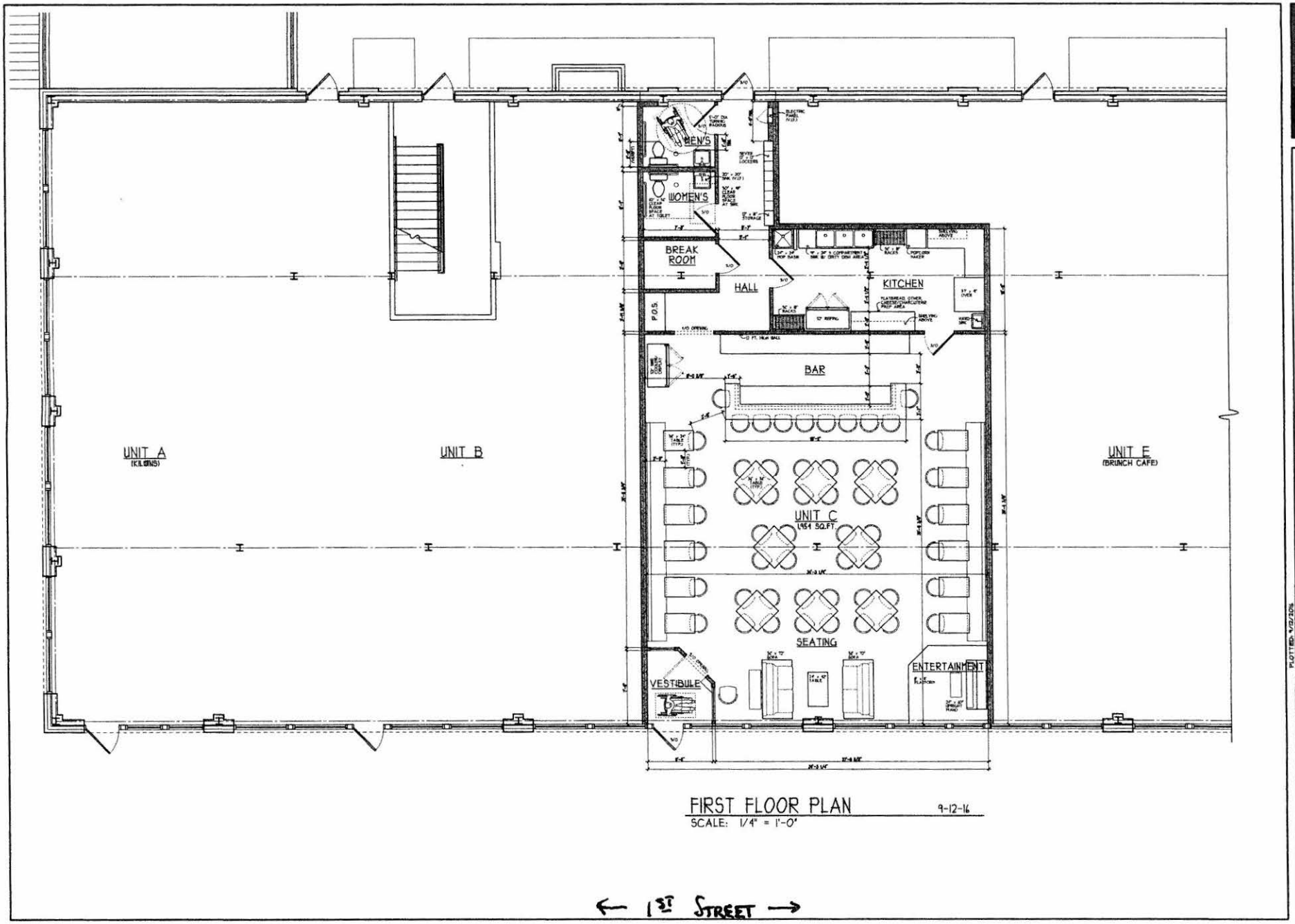
As you are aware, First Street Development II, LLC is constructing a new building at First Street & Illinois. As part of their 1st floor buildout, they have secured a lease with Mario Grado to operate an upscale wine bar; "Vintage 53".

Mr. Grado is looking to secure a Class "C" license and offer seating for 70 along with a light appetizer menu. This is a 2,000 square foot facility that is not seeking a late night permit. Live entertainment will be offered.

The site location/floor plans and the corresponding application materials were reviewed by my staff. We also reviewed the business plan and corporate paperwork. We found nothing of a derogatory nature that would preclude either the site location or the applicant from moving forward with an on-site consumption license, subject to City Council approval with the following contingency:

- This site is not yet built out but building plans and seating plans appear to adequate and sufficient (see attachment). The Liquor license would be contingent upon an occupancy permit being issued from the Fire Department and final inspection by the Building Department.

I am recommending a liquor license subject to the above mentioned contingencies. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN 9-12-16

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED NEW BUILD-OUT FOR:

MARIO GRADO WINE BAR

FIRST STREET UNIT C - BUILDING #1
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174
FIRST STREET DEVELOPMENT, LLC

PLOTTED: 9/12/2016

Revisions:

Commission: 26-11
Issue Date:
Drawn By: BDM

Sheet:

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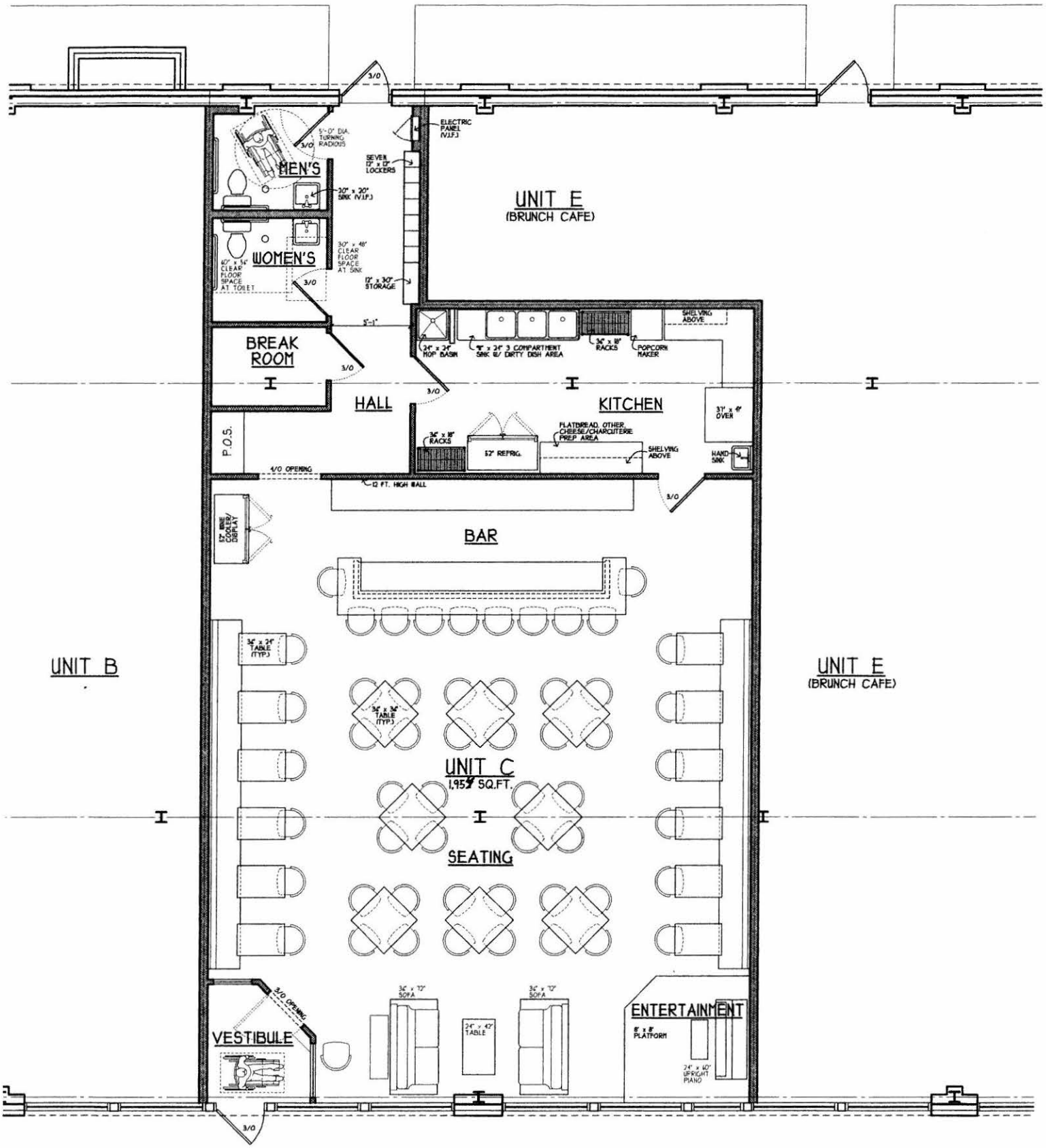

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

9-9-16

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

VINTAGE 53

Business Plan

Mario Grado
630-536-4560

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"Vintage 53"

Company Description

The business that I am starting is Vintage 53, a rustic industrial wine bar with modern influences in the Chicago suburb of St. Charles, Illinois. The space is approximately 2,000 square feet, and is part of the First Street redevelopment project. The atmosphere is casual, making use of wood, metal, brick, and industrial lighting mixed with rustic furniture and earth tones. There will be 8 standard height tables in the center of the room, and the walls are lined with bar-height bench seating on the sides. The bar will only seat 10, as I want seating that is more intimate rather than more bar seating. In total, there will be 70 seats.

I will offer approximately 75 wines, updated every few months to keep the menu consistent with trends and seasonal influences. Also available will be a selection of craft beers, coffee, soda, and water. There will be a shareable food menu consisting of artisan flatbreads, cheese trays with crostini, charcuterie, marinated olives, caprese salad, various gourmet popcorns, and desserts.

The hours of operation at Vintage 53 will be 3pm-11pm Tuesday through Thursday, 3pm-12am on Friday and Saturday, and 2pm-10pm on Sunday. I will be closed on Mondays. Staying opened later than midnight, in my opinion, would draw a crowd not consistent with my target market.

There is a small stage at the front of the space, which will allow me to have live music on the weekends. There will be an upright piano in house, but acts may vary from acoustic guitarists, to violinist, to hammered dulcimer performers. The live music stage will be complimented by 2 sofas, allowing for a cozy and comfortable evening.

At this time, I do not plan to offer outdoor seating. I would not want to compromise pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk, but once construction is done, this option may be something I discuss with the property owner and the city to determine if this would be possible. There is no designated smoking area.

Mission Statement

Beyond offering a large assortment of wine, the staff at Vintage 53 is expected to be knowledgeable in wine to limit customer intimidation. Many people are curious about trying wine but do not understand the jargon, e.g., robust, dry, and bold. From the owner's experience, it causes less wine-savvy individuals to make selections based on price or name. This might discourage them because they may not find a wine they enjoy and draw conclusions based on a bad experience. The assortment of choices paired with a knowledgeable staff will set the foundation for what differentiates Vintage 53 from other establishments.

"Our mission is to provide our patrons with an assortment of wine, at reasonable prices, in a comfortable atmosphere. Our staff is comprised of knowledgeable, friendly individuals who are eager to share their knowledge. Whether you are an experienced wine connoisseur, or a casual wine drinker, it will be our pleasure to serve you."

Owner Bio & Contact Info

Mario Grado
450 S. 1st Street, Unit 404
St Charles, Illinois 60174
630-536-4560
MG2782@gmail.com

Education

- I hold a Bachelor degree in Business Administration with concentrations in small business management and entrepreneurship.
- I received my degree in 2015 from University of Phoenix
- I earned a GPA of 3.9 and graduated with high honors, holding straight A's through all 4 years.
- I was invited to join the Lambda Sigma chapter of the business honors society Delta Mu Delta. This honor is reserved only for candidates in the top 5% of their respective business programs. It was founded in 1913 by the Dean of Harvard University, as well as professors from NY University and Yale University.

Core Beliefs

- I want to offer the best wines to my customers in an atmosphere they can feel comfortable in and return to with friends and family. Honesty and ethical practices support this core belief by making sure to offer products at fair prices using standard pricing techniques.
- All employees deserve to be treated fairly and respected. I support diversity and equality in the workplace. I will strive to make Vintage 53 a place where all are welcomed and my employees feel as though they are part of a supportive team. This would include training sessions, an open door policy, and a zero tolerance policy regarding discrimination of any kind.
- Giving back to the community is very important to me, and that will be reflected in my business. This will be achieved by donating to schools, local organizations, hosting fundraisers, and participating in community events when possible. The city of St. Charles and the citizens of the community are allowing me the opportunity to live my dream, and I have a strong desire to give back as a way of showing my appreciation for this opportunity.

SAMPLE MENU

Vintage 53

APPETIZER

Traditional Caprese Salad

Citrus Caprese Salad

Marinated Olives

CHEESE AND CHARCUTERIE

To be completed after wholesale accounts and orders are placed. There will be a large variety of both, served with crostini and garnishes.

FLATBREADS

I will offer 5-7 artisan flatbreads, to be determined after consulting with a chef and sommelier regarding wine pairings.

POPCORN

I am currently developing a few gourmet popcorn recipes. I will offer 3 varieties, changing them seasonally to compliment the seasonal wine changes.

DESSERTS

I am still deciding on which to offer, but there will be a minimum of 3 selections.

WINE LIST

I am currently developing a complete wine list with reps and vendors from numerous companies. There will be roughly 75 wines, with modification made seasonally to keep with changing trends and highlight seasonal foods and flavors.

In fall and winter, the menu will consist of slightly more reds, and in spring and summer, slightly more whites.

There will also be rose' and champagne.

BEER

A small selection of craft beer will be offered. It will consist of either local brews or a selection from Brooklyn Brewery.

OTHER BEVERAGES

Soda, coffee, water

(This is only a sample menu. Fonts, layout, page configuration, and style will be changed)