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Subject: Milwaukee Turners Urge ZND Caution regarding Caravan Hospitality Lease
Attachments: MTI Letter regarding Caravan Hospitality 2024.01.29.pdf

Dear Members of the Common Council Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee,

Before you approve a lease with Mike Eitel and the Caravan Hospitality Group, I feel it necessary to advise you of certain considerations that are important to the Milwaukee Turners and Turner Hall. If allowed, I hope to speak briefly on this tomorrow.

You should be advised that Mike Eitel previously operated as BarCity LLC at Turner Hall, located at 1034 North Vel R. Phillips Ave, and the Milwaukee Turners were awarded a judgment of \$95,734 for non-payment of rent post his eviction. He had stopped paying Turner Hall rent in October, 2019 - many months prior to the Covid shutdown - although he continued to operate in this space at least through March. He has since dissolved BarCity LLC.

Here is the link to the CCAP "Civil Judgment Details" sheet listing: Judgment/lien dated 07-27-2020 for total amount \$95,734.48 for the Turners against Barcity Club, LLC
<https://wcca.wicourts.gov/caseDetail.html?caseNo=2020SC013528&countyNo=40&index=0#top>

We have not received any of that money to date, although a quick search at the Caravan Hospitality Group website (<https://caravanhospitality.com/>) lists the Tavern at Turner Hall among its holdings, and a quick search on Pro Publica <https://projects.propublica.org/coronavirus/bailouts/search?q=caravan+hospitality&v=1> shows that Caravan Hospitality Group received \$1,299,399 in two separate loan forgivenesses. It makes me wonder if Caravan claimed the payroll losses for the Barcity LLC Tavern at Turner Hall; it lists 124 jobs under each of the two filings. It makes me also wonder if they claimed the delinquent rent for the premises.

We strongly caution you to consider all of this prior to approving the lease.

Respectfully,

Emilio

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