CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT October 2, 2017

AGENDA ITEM – 17-1292 (Andrea Schnick)

Application of Nicholas Weber dba La Crosse Distilling Company LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 129 Vine Street allowing for a distillery with tasting room.

ROUTING: J&A, Public Hearing 10/3/17 6:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Mr. Weber is applying for a CUP for the City of La Crosse's first-ever craft distillery downtown, tentatively to be called La Crosse Distillery Company. They will serve lunch and dinner as well as produce vodka, gin and whiskey.

The tasting room hours would be 11:00am – midnight Sunday – Thursday and 11:00am -1:00am on Friday and Saturday. The gift shop would open at 9:00am and closing the same time as the tasting room, and depending on production demand, the distillery may operation 24 hours. The project is estimated to be completed May 2018.

The two businesses at this site, 2nd Street Hair Gallery and Pella Windows, will relocate within the City. The distillery expects to have 14 full-time and 14 part-time employees.

The sits exempt from off-street parking requirements. Staff confirmed with Assistant Fire Chief Snyder that he does not have an issue with their application and looks forward to working with them throughout the project regarding building and fire codes

GENERAL LOCATION:

129 Vine Street, on the corner of 2nd and Vine, downtown, as depicted on **MAP PC17-1292**.

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

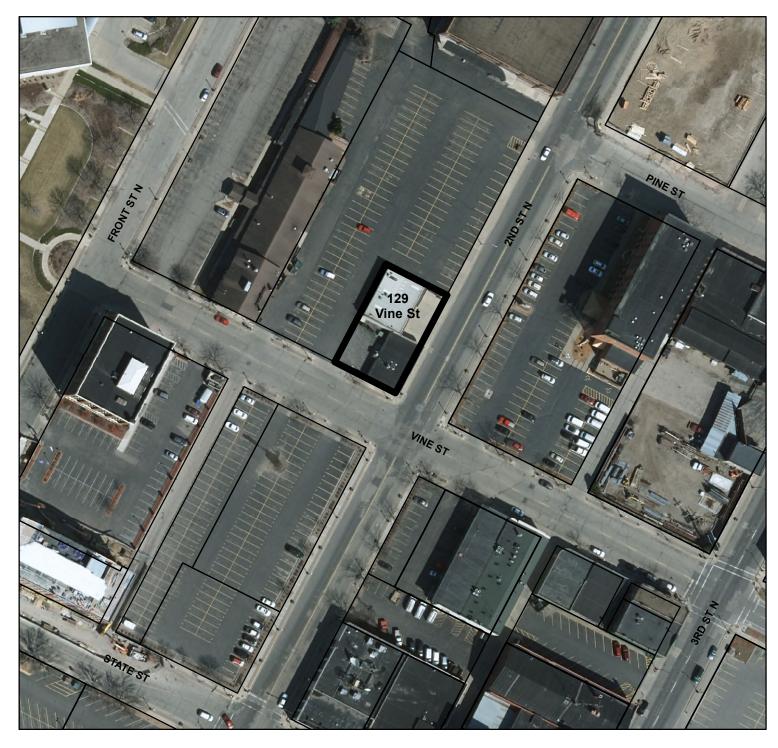
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CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

This area is indicated as Downtown in the Comprehensive Plan. New businesses are encouraged in the downtown area.

> <u>PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:</u>

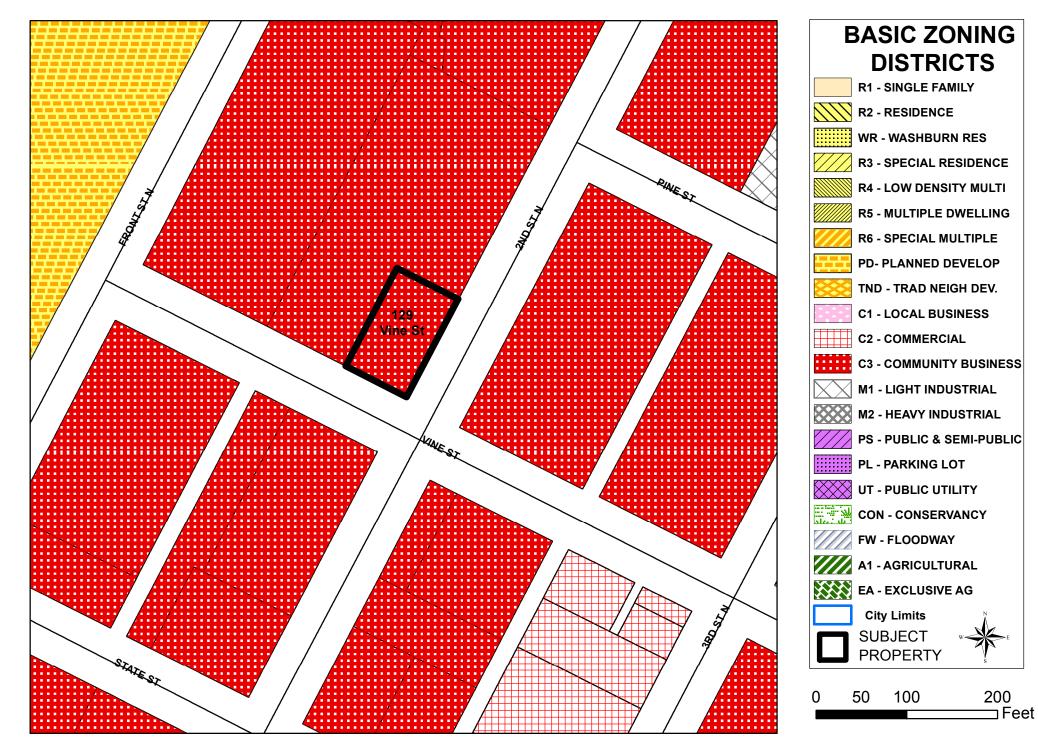
Planning recommends approval of this application.





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