

LIQUOR LICENSE DISAPPROVAL FORM

Police Department Liquor License Investigative Summary

Application Information

Business Name	BERNICE LOVE AMVETS POST #86	District	8
Business Location	3805 South 16th Street		
Applicant Name	Theresa Morse	Series	14

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:

The applicant's current financial history:

Leon Brookins, Post Commander, has several bankruptcies and large liens currently against him. Several attempts have been made to contact him to discuss the application and he has refused to return telephone calls or meet with us.

Hidden ownership:

On 12/28/2017 we had a meeting to discuss the club with Bennie Washington, the Sergeant in Arms. Mr. Washington stated that he has only been to the club two to three times since our last meeting about the prior application on 11/09/2017. Mr. Washington was unable to answer what involvement Mr. Kerry Love (hidden owner on prior application) still has in the club. Mr. Washington was unable to answer any financial questions about the club. He stated that during a meeting of the club, the week prior, he asked Mr. & Mrs. Love where the financing for the club was coming from and they would not provide an answer. He asked Mr. Love about the financing as he does not believe the club is making enough in dues to operate. Mr. Washington stated that he does not know Mr. Love very well, but has known Mr. Love's wife since she was eleven. This all started when Mr. Love approached both Mr. Brookins and himself at Mr. Love's mother-in-law's residence and asked for veterans to assist in the startup of the club. Both agreed to help Mr. Love, and provided their DD-214, in exchange for no dues at the club.

I showed Mr. Washington photographs from social media sites, that reference the club, and he stated that we could "go to court with that". The photographs and videos, found on social media, show several "improvements" to the club since our first inspection. Mr. Washington was unable to tell me who had done repairs to the club. Several additional post showed gang activity occurring at the club on multiple occasions, all involving the hidden owner, Mr. Love. One post, on Mr. Love's social media, shows him advertising a Title 4 training class and soliciting employees for the club. We informed Mr. Washington that we had attempted to contact Mr. Brookins and he stated that he was not surprised that Mr. Brookins has not made any contact with us to discuss the application. Mr. Washington stated that Mr. Brookins was selected to be the Commander because he would not get involved in the operation of the club.

On 11/09/2017 police and the applicants from the previous application met with Council Woman Gallegos' office to discuss the issue of hidden ownership. During the meeting the applicants agreed to withdraw the application and restructure the organization and reapply. During the meeting the applicants, including Mr. Washington, stated that Mr. Love would be removed from the club and would no longer be involved.

Our investigation found that Mr. Love is still heavily involved in the day to day operations of the club. He was found on social media to be promoting, running, and organizing events for the club. We found photographs and videos from social media documenting this behavior.

This is information we found from the previous application:

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On 09/13/2017 a liquor inspection was completed and during the inspection Kerry Love identified himself as the manager of the club. On 09/20/2017 an interview with Mr. Briggs (former Post Commander and applicant) was conducted at the AMVETS, during the interview it was learned that Mr. Love was the Vet Organizer and set up the charter for the AMVETS. Mr. Love and his wife are currently financing the club and he is running the day to day operations of the business. Mr. Love was present and assisted Mr. Briggs with the interview. Mr. Love is not listed anywhere on the application as an owner or manager. A background check was completed on Mr. Love and he was found to have been convicted of a felony in 2013.

Additional reasons for disapproval include:

Mr. Love is a documented Hoover Crip, the colors of the Hoover Crip Gang orange and blue are prominently displayed in the remodel as well as the Houston "H". These are all monikers for the gang. On social media Mr. Love is seen in photographs inside and outside of the club wearing a Houston Astros hat and he is seen with several other people wearing orange and "throwing" up gang signs. There is video of Mr. Love "Crip" walking inside the club and he makes reference to being a young Crip. Mr. Love organized a memorial at the club for a fellow gang member that had been killed. Mr. Love gave a video tour of the "improvements" to the club. The video shows that the interior and dance floor of the club have been painted "Hoover Crip orange".

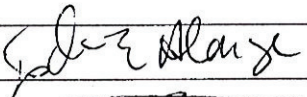
The club financials are currently unknown, all transactions were previously funneled thru Mr. Love's personal bank account. The prior applicant stated that they are waiting for the finalization of the AMVETS charter to open an account.

Concerns with location-the following criminal activity has occurred at the location of this application:

During the last eighteen months there have been 15 calls for service reference 3805 South 16th Street. All of these were reference the prior AMVETS Post #5. There were five fight calls, two shootings, and an aggravated assault all related to the club.

Based on the aforementioned reasons the applicants have failed to show that they are reliable, capable or qualified and transfer of the liquor license for this establishment would not be in the best interest of the community.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. J. Smart #7735

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