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*Motown, a restaurant on North Broad Street in Mid-City, wants to start serving liquor to dine-in patrons (Google Maps).*

The owners of Motown Coney Island, a full restaurant and hot dog joint located on 1155 North Broad Street near Esplanade Avenue, will be seeking a full liquor license, they announced at a neighborhood meeting Monday.

Sonia Chatman, one of the owners behind the family-run business, said if the establishment got their license, the restaurant would serve to dine-in customers only, and would never provide to-go cups.

“We want to let you know that we’re not going to be a disturbance or nuisance to the area or community,” Chatman told Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association members. “We just want to expand what it is to do.”

Chatman acknowledged that some members of the association didn’t want to support the establishment having a full liquor license — indeed, many members spoke out at the meeting saying they’d be more comfortable with wine and beer only — but that could assure neighbors she wouldn’t turn the place into a bar.

Chatman also said that the addition of a full liquor license wouldn't deter the restaurant from being a family-oriented place, pointing to policies adopted by Crescent City Steakhouse.

"We serve hot meals as well as hot dogs, and sometimes the whole family comes in," Chatman said. "Sometimes people like a little spirits or alcohol with their meal. There will be no loitering involved with us."

The restaurant has full security features, including an alarm system, a camera, shutters and gates, according to the owners.

Motown Coney Island seats 72 and is open from at least 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Chatman added. In the fall, those hours may extend from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

A representative for the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association zoning committee said the organization would start surveying neighbors to get opinions about the potential liquor license so it could make a formal recommendation to the board.