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I/we have the following objections to the license application for Shadey's Tavern on Saint Paul's West Side:

1. Why was the license revoked from the previous owner, who to my knowledge still owns the property, and isn't Mr. Sontoya acquainted personally with previous owner? Would this just be a passing of the baton?
2. A list of "Recommended Conditions" accompanied the license application notification. Who authored these recommendations, and are they enforceable? Has Mr. Sontoya agreed to them?
3. The property had been listed as "Vacant" by the city. Is this still the case? What criteria constitutes the lifting of this designation?
4. This bar has a history of violence. It is located smack-dab in the middle of a residential community on all sides. In the wake of last year's Truck Bar shooting, what assurances will we see from Mr. Sontoya that his bar will be safe for this residential neighborhood considering its violent history?
5. There are several liquor establishments already within walking distance of this bar (Gallagher's, North 40, Tapper's) and an entire row of bars and a brewery on Wabasha Street nearby. What value does another bar bring to the community?

Thank you for your consideration,

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All concerned,

My wife and I live directly across Dodd Rd from Shadey's Tavern. We have lived in this house for 19 years now and have seen the cycle of Winner's/Shadey's go from neighborhood watering hole at its best times to local drug distribution and gang magnet at its worst. This cycle has repeated itself twice, once when owned by the Valencoure's (previous building and business owners), and once by Tammi Vazquez (current building owner). Each end of cycle has been punctuated by violence and the discharge of firearms. In the 19 years we've resided in this house we have called the authorities at least two dozen times to report drug dealing, excessively loud patrons in the lot, and numerous fights. This is not an entertainment district, its a very proximal neighborhood with families and young children on all sides of the bar. Listed are our concerns.

1. A vacant building in any neighborhood isn't just an eyesore but also a blight in that neighborhood. And, I don't wish to see anyone denied the opportunity to conduct business in an area where its justified and needed. However, this bar has no need. There are at least 2 neighborhood bars within walking or biking distance already (Gallagher's, Marty's), and another not that far from those, (Tapper's). There's no justification for this neighborhood needing another bar.

2. We received a letter informing us of the application for licensure by Mr. Lee Sontoya from the Department of Safety and Inspections. In the letter were 14 recommendations of license conditions. Are these conditions binding? Has Mr. Sontoya agreed to these recommendations and is there teeth behind their enforcement? How would we, as a neighborhood, know if these conditions are being met or if Mr. Sontoya hasn't agreed to them?

3. Number 13 of the recommendations suggests a list of people not to be involved in the business in any manner. According to Ramsey County's records, Tammi Vazquez (named as a person not to have any involvement in said business) is listed as the owner of this building. Our understanding is that Mr. Sontoya has a relationship with Ms. Vazquez. How in this scenario is this not a puppet business being transferred to someone other than Ms. Vazquez for namesake only? Also, we were aware that Shadey's bar, under ownership of Ms. Vazquez, had several infractions amounting to a near closure by the city. If Mr. Sontoya is indeed granted this license, and Tammi Vazquez is still owner of the property, does the infraction record stand against this bar, or are we to assume the record is wiped clean?

Please address the above concerns, and thank you for your time,

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