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RE: Application for outdoor liquor service, Iron Ranger, 1085 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul

Over the past month, the SHA has held three public meetings regarding the application from the Iron Ranger for an outdoor liquor license. A total of six neighbors who live near the business appeared at the three meetings and expressed general support for the Iron Ranger business and other small businesses on Grand Ave. SHA received no written comments or phone calls regarding the Iron Ranger's application.

The residents who attended meetings in person repeatedly expressed concerns that the proposed late hours and outdoor liquor service:

- Will create noise that will be heard in their homes, especially after 9:00pm;
- Will generate light pollution that will be visible from their homes; and
- May have patrons lingering in the parking lot and alley area after hours, creating a security concern and/or noise problem.

On Thursday, June 13, the Summit Hill Association voted (6 in favor) to support the Iron Ranger's application with the following notes:

- SHA recommends that Tom Forti, the owner, organize a meeting with the neighbors north of his property to formally address their concerns and discuss possible accommodations;
- Mr. Forti expressed assurances that he will work with the neighbors to address any complaints that arise after the patio is opened, that he is on-site nearly every day, and that he wants to be a good business neighbor to ensure the longevity of his business;

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- The liquor license renews annually so neighbors should have access to timely recourse if their concerns and complaints are not addressed; and
- Should neighbors have complaints after the patio opens, they may reach out to SHA for advice regarding which City entity can best address their concerns.

Thank you for taking time to consider our input.

Regards,

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Monica Haas, Executive Director



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Mr. Tom Forti
Iron Ranger
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May 30, 2019

Dear Mr. Forti,

On Tuesday, May 28, the Summit Hill Association Zoning & Land Use Committee held a public hearing on your application for an expanded liquor license to serve liquor on your proposed north patio. One of our committee members left a message with your manager a couple weeks ago notifying you of the meeting. You also should have received a post card notice of the meeting. Because you were unable to attend, the committee decided to take no formal action on your application at this time.

Four residents who live across the alley within sight of your property attended and expressed some apprehension about your proposed outdoor service. They all stated how supportive they are of your business and that they want the Iron Ranger to be successful. However, they also had several concerns about how the proposed outdoor patio will affect them.

During the discussion, committee members and residents raised the following questions:

1. What are your proposed hours for the outdoor patio? The letter from the city indicated that you will be serving alcohol until midnight. We are inclined to request that the patio close at 9:00pm, which is the same time that other outdoor service areas in the neighborhood close.
2. What are your lighting plans on the north patio? Do your plans make an effort to contain light on your premises?
3. Do you intend to have amplified music on the patio? If so, what sound mitigation plans do you have?
4. What efforts will be made to minimize loitering on or near the property after closing time?

Please provide us with answers in writing (email) to these questions no later than June 9. You can respond to us at director@summithillassociation.org.

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We will hold another meeting on this matter on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00pm at the Linwood Rec Center to discuss the above questions and your answers, as well as any other questions that may arise. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. At that meeting, the Committee will make a recommendation on your application. The SHA Board of Directors will review and vote on the recommendation at the June 13 Board meeting. The Board will then formally submit the outcome of the vote to the City of Saint Paul.

If you have any questions about the timeline or process, please contact me at (651) 222-1222 or director@summithillassociation.org.

Best regards,

Monica Haas, Executive Director