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St. Paul, MN 55105
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Thank you for inviting response concerning the application to add a Liquor-Outdoor service at 1806 St. Clair Ave.

This address is across the street and less than a block from family homes where we have long appreciated our quiet, small businesses nearby. Formerly, the shops attracted customers who came on foot or by car but stayed just 5-10 minutes at a time.

Now, we have to take turns in our alley with large, trucks delivering to the wine shops. We ask each other who owns the cars in front of our homes, and on occasion where our own guests might park, for on our side street, Wheeler, non-local cars are already there, bumper to bumper.

I think that traffic issues would compound with the sale of malt, affecting further the family quality of our neighborhood -- which includes the very young, adolescents through elderly. An atmosphere of strangers coming and going, a sidewalk cafe with wine and malt easily available, is the biggest change about which I feel the responsibility to express reservations .

Sincerely, AvaDale Johnson



From: <quexx002@umn.edu>
To: <LH-licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 3/28/2011 6:51 PM
Subject: Liquor-Outdoor Service At Scusi

On March 28, Deb Que wrote: Scusi, the restaurant, at 1806 St. Clair Ave. has dramatically changed the atmosphere of neighborhood. My husband and I have noticed increased traffic and parking in our previously quiet Mac-Groveland neighborhood. This is not something that we enjoy or necessarily desire. Our neighbors cannot park their own vehicles in front of their homes because the space(s) are occupied by other cars, whose owners are dining at Scusi! We have not lost parking in front of our home yet, but I'm sure that it will come! There is also increased traffic congestion at St. Clair and Fairview. Adding an outdoor service area to the area directly outside Scusi will add noise, traffic/safety concerns, and people congestion! I am writing to you to object to Scusi's request to an outdoor service area.

Sincerely,
Debra J Que
1784 Sargent Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105
651-699-1733

LH-Licensing - My house and Scusi

From: Mehran Deloughery <mfarabii@gmail.com>
To: <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/4/2011 10:45 PM
Subject: My house and Scusi

Dear members of Council and Licensing officers,

I have lived at 1805 Saint Clair Ave. for almost eleven years, our neighborhood has been safe and I have had the pleasure of being able to walk in our city. Recently, I have noticed certain changes in our area which have been profitable to some businesses, but have been quite disturbing to us residents.

Since St.Clair Grill has brought their business on the sidewalk, we have been experiencing loud intoxicated sounds as well as smoking on the sidewalk. I have an objection to Scusi having sidewalk presence across from my residence. We already tolerate their customers parking, which is not appreciated by many of us neighbors. We have been tolerating their customers coming out intoxicated and loud, no matter how high class they pretend to be, they are still loud and they have caused fender benders.

At the neighborhood council the owner of these establishments wanted to ensure everyone knew she ran a high class restaurant. However most people realize that there is no class when it comes to people being disrespectful towards others peace and quiet. There would be no ambiance sitting on the sidewalk looking at Super America gas station. This issue is of great concern to me for many reasons, including that this could possibly lower the value of my home. I really appreciate your consideration in refusing licensure to the owner of Scusi for outdoor sidewalk space.

Please hear me,
Mehran Farabi

Vicki Sheffer - Fwd: scusi permit

From: Nhia Vang
To: Vicki Sheffer
Date: 5/6/2011 1:45 PM
Subject: Fwd: scusi permit

>>> Christine Rozek 5/6/2011 11:08 AM >>>

>>> <wendyruble@gmail.com> 5/5/2011 5:22 PM >>>

Hi,

I am not sure if i can make a formal objection to the sidewalk cafe/liquor permit to you and via email; but that is what i am attempting to do.

As a near neighbor, I would like their sidewalk cafe and liquor license to be limited to 9pm on all days of the week.

I will outline all my concerns at the hearing on May 12.

Thanks, Wendy

p.s. please let me know if i need to forward this to be counted as a formal objection.

LH-Licensing - 1806 St Clair License Application Objection

From: "Fred Manning" <fmanning@kleinmanrealty.com>
To: <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/6/2011 11:55 AM
Subject: 1806 St Clair License Application Objection
CC: <eradelman@aol.com>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this in reference to the license application for additional seating at 1806 Saint Clair Avenue, Molto Inc, doing business as Scusi, License # 20100003233. My name is Fred Manning and I am the on-site manager for the property located at 1776 Saint Clair as well as Assistant Portfolio Manager for Kleinman Realty Co. I can be reached directly in my office at 763-572-9415 or on my cell phone at 612-366-4642.

I would like to take this opportunity to state our formal objection to this additional seating request due to the current nature of parking in the area. While we praise the recent success of this establishment, we feel that adding any more seating will only contribute to the already deteriorating parking climate. This climate not only includes the lack of parking for our residents but, also the blocking of driveways creating a hazard entering from and exiting onto St Clair Ave.

I was in attendance at a meeting that was held last November to discuss the parking problem. The guests of that meeting were informed that the ownership of Scusi had purchased the lot on the southwest corner of Saint Clair and Fairview Avenues. I left that meeting with the impression that no further action would be taken until it could be determined what impact that lot would have on the parking situation for the area. I would like to add that it was stated at that meeting that every business in the area was free to have their patrons use it, not just diners of Scusi. At this time, we feel that this application for additional seating goes against the attitude expressed last year.

We would be willing to support this application if some concessions could be made, not only the residents of 1776 St. Clair but, all of the residents in the area. My first thought would be some sort of limited permit parking; this has been done around other establishments in the area. If that is not an option I would like to see some signage put up around our driveways for the safety of our residents, to be paid for by the licensee. I would be happy to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Fred Manning
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RE: Proposed outdoor sidewalk dining at Scusi Restaurant, 1806 St. Clair Avenue

Dear Examiner:

I am a neighbor of Scusi Restaurant. I live at 226 South Fairview. What stands between me and Scusi is a Super America. Consequently, I am accustomed to traffic, fumes, noise, debris and some obnoxious people.

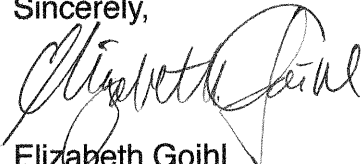
I am not opposed to Scusi owners trying to maximize their business potential. But when I first heard about Scusi's proposal for an outdoor eating area next to the restaurant I was mystified as to why anyone would want to eat their dinner in an outdoor cafe, across a busy street from a gas station. Unless, of course, customers are attracted to the outdoor smoking amenity.

There is not the problem of parking on Fairview, but I am concerned about the additional traffic and noise during rush hours and weekends and the cars that circle through our alley in search of parking spots near the restaurant. The opening of the parking lot at St. Clair and Fairview has addressed this issue to some extent although it appears customers prefer to park closer or are unaware. The lot is public and, therefore, open to all businesses in the area, including Groveland Tap which is separated from Scusi by a few storefronts.

I am concerned also about the hours. Granted Scusi closes at 10pm Mondays-Thursdays, it has extended hours on weekends; Fridays it is open from 4-11pm; Saturdays 9-2pm and 4-11pm; and Sundays 9-2pm and 4-9pm. My question is if customers arrive a few minutes before 11pm and order a bottle or two of wine, could they be sitting in the outdoor cafe past midnight, inebriated, loudand adding secondhand smoke to our already fuel and traffic polluted air?

These are my concerns and comments. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Goihl
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From: <quexx002@umn.edu>
To: <dsiweb@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/8/2011 10:20 PM
Subject: Scusi sidewalk license

5-8-2011

Attention Christine Rozek: I am a homeowner living at 1784 Sargent Ave. in St. Paul. The addition of the restaurant Scusi has increased traffic in our quiet neighborhood. Parking has become a problem for us local residents. I am opposed to the proposed sidewalk cafe. I can't imagine who would pay the prices that Scusi charges not only for food, but beverages, including beer and wine, and sit on a sidewalk that faces an SA gas station. I also feel that those who do will add noise to the neighborhood just by their conversation(s). Those who drink too much alcohol will only add more noise. Allow our neighborhood to stay the quaint, quiet neighborhood that it is. Please do not let Scusi obtain this license. Thank you. Debra Que

Vicki Sheffer - Scusi

From: Christine Rozek
To: Sheffer, Vicki; Vang, Nhia
Date: 5/11/2011 10:48 AM
Subject: Scusi

I received a call from a Chris who lives at 1819 Berkeley. He is opposed to the outdoor cafe because so many customers park in front of his house. He does not want drunken people walking back to their cars when the restaurant closes.