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RE: St. Paul Winter Carnival request for sound variance.

This is to oppose totally and completely this harmful and ridiculous “variance”. The “Christmas Market” in the same location (Rice Park) withdrew its request for such a variance after property owners expressed their opinions, and the present request covers not only a longer period but even later hours! Why not simply let those interested in such things walk across the street and enjoy (?) the racket in a building—say, the Auditorium—where those who desire such things can have them without making others suffer? If one drops a pencil on the floor of the Public Library he is likely to be in trouble; is it planned to shut down the Library for the duration of this silliness? Moving the noise to a building like the Auditorium, as suggested above, would certainly solve the problem. There are, of course, little personal matters which would never occur to the thoughtless and selfish promoters of this aggravating and repulsive intrusion into the lives of others. I am severely crippled and unable to walk, so I must be subjected to this without respite or hope of getting away for the entire time. I hope the City can show some consideration for its citizens who wish to spend their remaining time in peace and make the “music lovers” walk a few steps into a building where they can howl all night if they wish without disturbing others!

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