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Mark Kaisersatt - Opposition to Metro Council's Proposed Sound Level Variance

From: Jane Brumbaugh <brum0036@umn.edu>
To: <Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, <amy@sapcc.org>
Date: 5/4/2011 9:17 AM
Subject: Opposition to Metro Council's Proposed Sound Level Variance

City of St. Paul
 Department of Safety and Inspections
 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing to oppose light rail construction be conducted between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM as proposed by the Metropolitan Council noise level variance request. I live on University Avenue. This is my neighborhood and when I am home I depend on being able to sleep without interruption as I need to be alert for my job in an intensive care unit. It would be much more respectful of residents if the construction occurred during regular hours on the weekends if extended work hours are needed to keep the project on schedule rather than overnights on weekdays. Thank you for your consideration of the impact on residents who live on University Avenue.

Sincerely,

Jane Brumbaugh
 2650 University Avenue West, #204
 Saint Paul, MN 55114

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lori Anne Peterson <notifications@metrolofts.basecamphq.com>
Date: May 3, 2011 6:57:53 PM MDT
To: Jane Brumbaugh <brum0036@umn.edu>
Subject: [Association Documents] Vital information relating to the Lite Rail and a Variance Request from the City
Reply-To: Association Documents <U0519DB1FFA69P45620919-reply@metrolofts.basecamphq.com>

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Project: [Association Documents](#)
 Company: Metro Lofts Owners Association
 Reply:



Vital information relating to the Lite Rail and a Variance Request from the City

This information was passed on to me today regarding a variance the city would like that would allow construction to go through the night 25 times before December or at least to go to 7PM or 10PM. If you oppose the noise variance request, a letter should be sent as soon as possible. The public hearing is this week. As tax payers, the individual owners need to respond to this you are the ones affected.



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May 2, 2011

Saint Paul City Council
City Hall @ Room 310
15 West Kellogg Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: Metropolitan Council request for Sound Level Variance

Dear Council President Lantry and Council members,

At a meeting of the Land Use Committee of Union Park District Council 13 on April 19, 2011, and of the Executive Committee of Union Park District Council on April 25, 2011, the Committees passed the following motion regarding the Metropolitan Council's request for a sound level variance from May 5, 2001 to December 31, 2011, for Central Corridor Light Rail construction work:

The Union Park District Council oppose blanket sound level variance approval. Noise issues should instead be vetted within the construction management plan, which governs the project on University Avenue between Emerald Street to Syndicate Street. The basis for any overnight sound level variances should be incorporated into this plan.

Thank you for your consideration during this process.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kidwell
Executive Director

Mark Kaisersatt - Sound level variance

From: JoAnne Makela <makel024@umn.edu>
To: <mark.kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 4/19/2011 4:58 PM
Subject: Sound level variance

- Depending on what section they are asking the variance for (I didn't read the whole thing, so I will assume it is the West Midway), 7 a.m. is way too early. People do actually live on the corridor. If there is any way to keep the noise at current levels until at least 8 a.m. more people will be happy and your office will receive fewer complaints.

Cheers,
JoAnne Makela
SAP Community Council

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JoAnne Makela
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Minneapolis, MN 55455

266-1908, or send him an e-mail at Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Karen Olson
Department of Safety and Inspections
Office Assistant IV
Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code).

From: Brad Johnson [mailto:b_johnson@qwest.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:02 AM
To: 'Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us'
Cc: 'Scott Belsaas'; 'Sovell, Jerry'; 'Willette, Janie'
Subject: Opposition to Sound Level Variance requested by Met Council

Dear Mark,

I represent the ownership and residents of Carleton Place Lofts and The Lyric at Carleton place, located at 2285 University and 765 Hampden, respectively. Together, these two apartment communities are home to 340 households living directly on University Avenue.

We received indirect notice of the above variance request this past Friday, from the St. Anthony Park Community Council. According to the official notice, apparently dated April 19, the time window for submitting objections has expired. But because we received no direct mailed notice from the City (which is ironic, since we normally receive multiple notices of all other City hearings affecting us) we would respectfully ask that we be allowed to submit our objection in writing, since we have a conflict with the hearing date and time that prevents us from appearing in person.

We are vehemently opposed to allowing ANY construction activity between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The health, well-being and productivity of our residents – as with all human beings – requires a peaceful night's sleep. It seems unnecessary to elaborate. Newer residents, who were reluctant to rent with us based on the construction they saw, relied on our promise that the noise ordinance would be enforced and that they needn't worry about construction noise during sleeping hours. In fact, we have all relied on this understanding and feel it is extremely unreasonable for the Met Council to request a variance that would deviate from such a sensible rule.

Please let me know if this email may serve as record of our objection, or if there is additional procedure required. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
Brad Johnson

Brad Johnson
Chief Manager
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Mark Kaisersatt - Written objection to variance from sound level limitations

From: Kreg Brown <KBrown@EKSH.com>
To: "Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us" <Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/4/2011 8:00 AM
Subject: Written objection to variance from sound level limitations
CC: "lorianne@atreachmanagement.com" <lorianne@atreachmanagement.com>, BrownNita <nitabbrown@comcast.net>

Mark

As a property owner at 2650 University Ave W. #308, we are extremely concerned with proposed construction outside of normal business hours and we object. We have two students living in this condominium complex and proposed construction past 7:00 PM and the middle of the night is unacceptable. This construction should not be taking place in any area where there are personal residences at this unreasonable hour.

Mark, I live in Denver and I just became aware of this public notice tonight. I understand that the deadline is tomorrow for filing a written complaint. Can you accept this complaint and/or forward it to the proper individual within the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections? I can also fax the complaint to them if you can give me a number to send it to.

Let me know how to proceed

Sincerely

Kreg Brown

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Re:

Sound Level variance for the Metropolitan Council Light Rail Construction for the rest of 2011.
Public hearing on 5/4/2011:

April 19, 2011

TO: District Councils 11, 12, & 13

Mark Kaisersatt - Sound Level Variance for the Metropolitan Council Light Rail Construction for the rest of 2011

From: <robin.spencer@comcast.net>
To: Mark Kaisersatt <Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/3/2011 9:52 PM
Subject: Sound Level Variance for the Metropolitan Council Light Rail Construction for the rest of 2011
CC: <William.Gunther@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Mark Kaisersatt
Environmental Health Specialist
Environmental Health Inspections
Department of Safety & Inspections
City of Saint Paul
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Re: Objection to Sound Level variance for the Metropolitan Council Light Rail Construction for the rest of 2011

Dear Mr. Kaisersatt,

As property owners of Unit #312 Metro Lofts, 2650 University Avenue, St. Paul, we just learned of the above-referenced variance request, which is scheduled for public hearing on May 4, 2011.

The current work hours for the light rail construction are a reasonable compromise between the long-term goal of completing the light rail project and the needs of adjacent residents for quiet during the evening and overnight hours, which are necessary for both physical and emotional health of area residents.

We must object to any variance which would extend the construction hours beyond 5PM. Not only would later hours interfere with the quiet enjoyment of our property, but would impede access to nearby businesses and increase the possibility of those businesses going out of business, depriving area residents of valuable services and reducing the market value of nearby residential and commercial properties. Above all, the Metro Lofts property is filled with hundreds of residents, many of whom are medical professionals or advanced degree students, for whom the overnight noise would have negative consequences extending beyond their own physical health to medical patients and important advanced degree research.

We would appreciate your bringing our concerns and those of our fellow residents to the attention of the Council as they decide this matter on May 4th. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robin R. & Wei-Chi H. Spencer
Owners, #312 Metro Lofts

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From: sahar helmberger <shelmberger@gmail.com>
To: <Mark.Kaisersatt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date: 5/3/2011 9:46 PM
Subject: objection to Sound Level variance for the Metropolitan Council Light Rail Construction for the rest of 2011

Dear Mark,

I reside at 2650 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55114. I'm a stay at home mom who has a four year old daughter and an infant due for birth any day and while we tolerate the loud noise due to construction during the day, it is beyond acceptable that we would need to tolerate the noise through the night or after 7pm. Our bedroom is right on University and I know my family will have interrupted sleep assuming this noise variance request is approved. My family already wakes due to the construction no later than 7am six days a week!

With over 60 residential units at this address alone, please, please do not allow construction to take place any more than it already does - especially west of 280. If any changes are pushed through, we would prefer to decrease the disruption we are already experiencing, not increase it.

I am 41 weeks pregnant and may not be able to attend the public hearing scheduled for May 4th but wanted to make sure my concerns are heard. Please forward this email to any interested parties.

Thank You,
Sahar Helmberger
651.592.0336
Johnny Helmberger
651.967.0697