



Hamline Midway Coalition
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To Whom It Concerns:

Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) supports granting a waiver of the public comment period for Midway Entertainment Group's license application for The Midway Saloon (as presented to the HMC Development Committee in January 2019.) The license number is 20180004578 and location is 1567 University Ave. West, St. Paul.

David Tolchiner met with HMC's Development Committee to review his vision for The Midway Saloon and future plans for adding a patio on the vacant lot (immediately to the east) and development of Gibson's Booze, Food, and Fun (currently Hot Rods.)

The Development Committee is in support of waiving the 45-day public comment period for the following reasons:

- The Midway Saloon is essentially a continuation of an existing bar (Christiansen's)
- We believe that small, independent business can benefit from the Allianz Field traffic
- David Tolchiner is a longtime commercial property owner in Midway and understands the community's concerns regarding safety (i.e.- is willing to install video surveillance and work with the SPPD to install/implement a safety and lighting plan)
- David Tolchiner understands the potential conflicts of operating a liquor establishment in a residential area and will be adding additional security cameras and a parking attendant during live events
- The concept is unique and, we believe, will be appreciated and supported by residents of Hamline Midway neighborhood

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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