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Legislative Hearing Officer

Dear Sir:

In response to your notification mailed 2-12-13 regarding a License Application for Holiday Inn St. Paul East to allow coonditional gambling, we would like to bring the following to your attention:

- * This establishment was issued a liquor license for hotel purposes only.
- * This neighborhool consists of homeowners, apartment dwellers, day care, and hotel.
- * The Head Start neighbos have never been a problem. They contain their parking and are thoughtful neighbors.
- * The major problem is hotel parking, which overflows onto Suburban Ave. on many occasions.
- * The Sunday worship services last summer had significant overflow onto Suburban Ave.
- * Conferences for the school district suppport staff had overflow.
- * The major incident occured on the weekend of Feb. 15, 16 and 17 for the Comic Book conference/get together. From any point of view, this was a disaster! The manager knew this would be an issue, because he contacted McKnight Village to see if they could use their parking lot, and they were denied.

There were so many cars parked on both sides of Suburban Ave. from Burns Ave. up to Winthrup, that we could barely get into our driveways. If there had been an emergency, the ambulance and tire truck would not have been able to get through.

I pulled out of my driveway trying to get to Burns Ave. and about 3 houses down a car approached me. Neither one of us could get by. I had to back up into my driveway to let him pass.

- * On March 10th, there was another function being held which also had an overflow of parking beginning at 8:30 A.M. and lasted well into the afternoon. If any of the home owners had been expecting company, there was no place for them to park.
- * Another problem with the current manager is his lack of responsibility in keeping the grass cut in a timely manner during the summer and also picking up leaves in the fall.

What is the parking capacity of the hotel in comparison to the people capacity?

Why is it a parking problem for the neighbors?

The current hotel manager, to date, has not contacted the District Counsel to try to work out a solution to the neighborhool issues.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
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