

September 7, 2011

Legislative Hearing Officer
310 City Hall
15 W. Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

To whom it may concern,

This letter ~~is~~ to serve to request a hearing of my objections to the license application to add an Entertainment B license at 1105 University Ave @ by licensee Hoa Bien Incorporated

I expect a notice of the time, place and date of the scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Schmahl
1122 Sherburne ave
St Paul MN 55104
651 645 9591

September 12, 2011

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15 West Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

To whom it May concern,

I submit the following objections to Hoa Bien business application to add an Entertainment B license:

1. The northwest corner of the intersection of University avenue and Lexington Pkwy. where HOa Bien is located has been identified as one of eleven critical parking areas along the Central Corridor light rail project per Craig Blakely, Strategic Planner for the City of St. Paul. Consequently, the loss of permanent parking along University Avenue will drive restaurant entertainment patrons to compete with light rail users and nearby Sherburne Avenue residents already squeezed for on-street parking. An overflow parking lot arrangement up the block at 1159 University Avenue has been insufficient to handle patron cars for other entertainment events at the business even with patrons parking on multiple blocks on University Avenue. Light rail will result in loss of parking not offset by the overflow lot. This is a REAL PROBLEM because noparking is permitted on Lexington PKwy, and, for Sherburne Avenue residents with multiple cars and limited off-street parking.

2. The business has a track record of license delinquencies and multiple violations of hosting entertainment without a license. Complaints about too loud music from the business have been documented per the Records Department of The City of St. Paul Police Department. These complaints have been handled by Department officers as dispositions rather than reports. NOTE: the entertainment loud music complaints were called in about the business' former address @ 1129 University Ave. West, the only address listed in the Dex business white pages. *However, the complaints were related to activity at 1105 University Ave.*

3. Insufficient petition support from the neighboring community;
not the 65% as required.

In conclusion, even with Hoa Bien Inc.'s history of licensing violations, this is not the time to grant the applicant an entertainment license because no permanent parking management plan due to the light rail project has been determined. Without such a plan for this critical parking area any decision such as granting a license that would add parking demand would be unfair to homeowners, residents and light rail users.

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