

Sheffer, Vicki (CI-StPaul)

From: Louis Bartholome <lbartholome@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 4:26 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Objection to License Application #20110000059

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife to register objections to the Lexington's application for an expansion of their current license. I have met with the management and heard their plans, and I believe them to be well meaning people who don't intend to substantially change the overall 'flavor' of the restaurant or unduly impact the neighborhood, so I have no problems with how they have proceeded to try to convince the neighbors that the impact of this change will be minimal.

My objection is that once this 'door is opened', and outdoor dining and drinking is allowed, there is a strong possibility, especially if the restaurant is sold to new ownership, that the outdoor dining/drinking could be radically expanded; it would be a substantial change to suddenly find myself living behind an establishment like Billy's or Sweeney's; the idea of having a late night drinking party every night of the summer right behind my back yard is not at all appealing, and I am fearful that once the outdoor drinking is allowed, there is no way to 'stop the spread'. I know that the current ownership has no plans, or desires, to move the restaurant substantially in this direction; but there is no way of knowing what might happen in the event of change of ownership.

The Lexington has been a 'good neighbor' for us for the 38 years we have lived in our house; and we in turn have been a good neighbor to the Lex; for example, last year, I organized our block to arrange/pay for for plowing the alley behind the houses and businesses on our block, including the Lex (the the management of the Lex contributed a share to the cost of that plowing). We knew when we moved in that we were going to be living behind an excellent and popular restaurant, so we are not naive about what is entailed. However, this change threatens to be the beginning of something that could become a very major change, which is why we are not able to support this proposal, even though we very much want to continue to be a 'good neighbor' to the Lexington ownership.

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From: dave@daveburnslaw.com
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 3:32 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Lexington patio license application - deadline for comments 10/12/12

Importance: High

I live at 1056 Lincoln and object to the Lexington Restaurant zoning variance.

Dave Burns
(612) 677-8351

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From: "Jeff Roy" <summithill@visi.com>
To: <dave@daveburnslaw.com>
Subject: Lexington patio license application - deadline for comments 10/12/12
Date: Thu, Oct 11, 2012 2:34 pm

Mr. Burns,

If you have comments regarding the Lexington Restaurant application for a patio license or if you oppose it, you should contact the city by tomorrow Oct. 12th by emailing objections to:

LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If objections are received, a hearing will be scheduled before you have sent in an objection, you will receive notice of the time and date of the hearing. At that hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will hear from all interested persons. At the end of this hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will report to the City Council as to whether the license request should be referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The administrative law judge will have the authority to grant or deny the license.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the DSI Project Facilitators, at (651) 266-8989, or me at (651) 266-8989.