

SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, August 06, 2014

OBJECTION TO TEAM ORTHO FOUNDATION SOUND LEVEL VARIANCE

GARY MARX, REPRESENTING RESIDENTS FROM MRB SOUTH OF THE FORD PLANT: **OUR OBJECTION IS BASED ON 3 ISSUES OF CONCERN**

1. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE \$

Increased competition among Corporations sponsoring these events

Sponsors Corporations do not want to discuss neighborhood concerns

2. WE ARE LANDLOCKED

Access lane is inconsistent

Residents can't plan for family visits, graduations, etc.

No support from Corporation sponsors

3. SEND A MESSAGE AND DENY THE VARIANCE

Stipulate that Corporation sponsors involve a resident representative in the planning process once the permit is approved.

Enforce the access lane process/improve communication

Charge more for permits

Gary Marx

From: teamorthokate@gmail.com on behalf of Kate Wolfe [kate@teamortho.us]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 3:25 PM
To: Kantner, Libby (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Douglas Vitek; Margaret Cahir, Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul); Gary Marx; Lynn Meixell; Polyak, Gene (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: MRB Issue: Women Rock Event - Variance Request

Good afternoon Libby,

Thank you for reaching out to us on behalf of the residents of Saint Paul with their concerns. We do apologize in advance for the inconvenience and impact our events have on the residents. We work very closely with the City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Police Department and strictly adhere to the Race Regulations deemed necessary by the City.

We have listened to these past concerns and will be making the following accommodations this year:

The start line for the Women ROCK Half Marathon has been moved from the Ford Plant to Upper Landing Park which eliminates the shuttles and participants parking in that area. By removing the shuttles we reduce the road closure time and noise along Mississippi River Boulevard. We will once again provide a coned access lane from Magoffin to Prior with Saint Paul Police traffic control at either end to allow access for these residents. We have also intentionally condensed the route eliminating road closures along MRB from Ford Parkway to Pelham.

The noise at the Ford Plant serves two purposes:

1. In the event of an emergency in which a course evacuation is necessary, we need immediate means to communicate and direct our participants to shelter. We experienced this type of emergency at our Minneapolis Marathon on June 1, 2014.
2. These runners have paid for an event, a specific experience is expected. This includes cheer zones and music along our course. Because of the concerns of the residents we have chosen this isolated location near the Ford Plant on MRB to lessen our impact.

Please know that we do appreciate the honest communication from the residents and commercial properties along our courses. It is for this reason that I get in touch with these contacts prior to the event and why I intentionally follow up after the event.

Thank you for your time and assistance Libby.

Sincerely,
Kate Wolfe

*Cow bells
Bullhorns
at 7 AM*

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