

**From:** [Sherril Garahan](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_LH-Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Correction Re: Application for gambling license # 20200001393  
**Date:** Friday, May 28, 2021 2:06:34 PM

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I apologize for giving you the wrong license # in my prior letter. (My computer has a mind of it's own.) My former letter was regarding Brian Ingram's application for a gambling license for the Gnome at 498 Selby, St. Paul, MN. license # 20200001393. -Sherril Garahan, 651-246-9065

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**From:** Sherril Garahan  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us <LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Application for gambling license # 202013930001393

To Whom This May Concern,

With all due respect, I oppose the approval of the gambling license application #2020000 for The Gnome Restaurant at 493 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102. I live at 493 Laurel Ave. St. Paul and am privy to several issues in regard to this license application. The Following are some of the issues I have with this license application:

1) I am happy for Mr. Ingram's success but it has been at the expense of the neighborhood's wellbeing. Parking is atrocious between the hours of 4 pm and 9 pm. It is impossible to find on street parking for residents of the neighborhood, much less their guests. We need to park our automobiles in front of our homes (illegally) to drop off groceries etc. then park blocks away. The same goes for FedX and Amazon deliveries. Gambling would only exaserbate this issue.

2) Traffic is extremely congested in the block behind the restaurant which also is the McQuillan Park site where numerous children play, often running out into the street after balls or friends. Many of the cars cruise through the stop sign on Laurel and MacKubin which could eventually result in a child being struck by a car. A car did hit a child last summer when it was much less congested. Gambling will increase this traffic and risk to children playing in the park.

3) Gambling will increase crime in this area. Just because the gambling is supported by a charitable organization doesn't mean that it is immune from crime and abuse. I have been a social worker for over 40 years and have witnessed numerous families destroyed and lives ended as a result of gambling issues. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years and we have fought long and hard to get crime out of this neighborhood. Recently there has been an influx of crime in our neighborhood and we don't want to bring more in, especially in an area that is highly frequented by children'.

Gambling will add no intrinsic value to this neighborhood and I am shocked that Mr. Ingram would support this. Please do not approve this license if you care about our neighborhood and its residents, young and old. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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