



Hamline Midway Coalition
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To Whom It Concerns:

Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) supports granting a waiver of the public comment period for Midway Entertainment Group's license application for Gibson's Booze, Food, and Fun (as presented to the HMC Development Committee in January 2019.) The license number is 20190000177 and location is 1553 University Ave. West, St. Paul.

David Tolchiner met with HMC's Development Committee to review his vision for Gibson's Booze, Food, and Fun (currently Hot Rods.) The Development Committee is in support of waiving the 45-day public comment period for the following reasons:

- Gibson's is essentially a continuation of an existing bar (Hot Rods)
- Gibson's plans on serving bar food, which many residents in Hamline Midway have been expressing interest in having an establishment
- The entertainment features (games, arcades) make for a great concept for neighbors and visitors to the Midway
- We believe that small, independent business can benefit from the Allianz Field traffic
- David Tolchiner is a longtime commercial property owner in Midway and understands the community's concerns regarding safety (i.e.- is willing to install video surveillance and work with the SPPD to install/implement a safety and lighting plan)
- David Tolchiner understands the potential conflicts of operating a liquor establishment in a residential area and will be adding additional security cameras, personnel, and a parking attendant during live events
- The concept is unique and, we believe, will be appreciated and supported by residents of Hamline Midway neighborhood

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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