



MACALESTER

March 9, 2018

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

Re: License Application #20180000129, 1672 Grand LLC d/b/a Grand Catch

Dear Madam/Sir,

The High Winds Fund owns the following properties within close proximity to the location of the subject property applying for license to add outdoor liquor licenses to the sidewalk and expanded patio service areas:

1648 Grand Avenue (Patagonia)  
1655 Grand Avenue (Parking lot)  
1662-66 Grand Avenue (Mixed use, French Meadow Cafe & residential apartments)  
1674 Grand Avenue (Mixed use, The St. Paul Meat Shop & residential apartments)  
1675 Grand Avenue (Parking lot)  
1661-69 Grand Avenue (Vacant lot)  
1679-81 Grand Avenue (Mixed use, Pad Thai & residential apartments)  
1657 Lincoln Avenue (Single family residential)  
1661 Lincoln Avenue (Single family residential)  
1665 Lincoln Avenue (Single family residential)

On behalf of Macalester College and the High Winds Fund, I look forward to having the space at 1672 reopened for business, however we oppose the liquor and entertainment licenses as stated in the application notification. I request the addition of a conditional use to the liquor license as explained in the paragraph below.

French Meadow Bakery and Café, located at 1662-66 Grand, has an outdoor patio and sidewalk seating, and agreed with the Macalester Groveland Community Council in 2013 to limit its service and outside music to a 9:30 pm closing Sunday through Thursday and a 10 pm closing on Friday and Saturday nights. This was a conditional use when their liquor license was granted and there needs to be consistency on the block. Given the mixed-use, residential and commercial, usages on this block, if the permit is approved, we urge you to put those same time restrictions on the license for Grand Catch. From information provided by the city, the Grand Catch restaurant intends to close at 10:00 pm.

It is my understanding that the entertainment license was not requested by the business owners and was sent out in error and that no Entertainment A license will be granted. If this is not the case, please notify us in writing and schedule a separate public hearing.

**THE HIGH WINDS FUND**

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Although several other establishments on the block provide parking, it is my understanding that the required parking for the Grand Catch restaurant is waived based on a parking variance that the city granted to Grand Sandwich. This will create challenges for other tenants on the block and I request that the city will help to enforce the 2-hour parking limits on this block of Grand Avenue.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Seppanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deanna Seppanen  
Director  
The High Winds Fund

c: Liz Boyer, Macalester Groveland Community Council  
Kris Schweinler, Dept. of Safety & Inspections, City of St. Paul