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

Re: Liquor on Sale – 181-290 Seats, Liquor on Sale – Sunday, Liquor on Sale – 2AM  
Closing, and Restaurant (%) – 151 and Over

License at: 80 Snelling Avenue N

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer,

On March 12, 2013, the Union Park District Council Land Use Committee heard comments from both representatives of Buffalo Wild Wings and neighbors of the surrounding area regarding 80 N Snelling Avenue. After much discussion, the Land Use Committee voted to request that a Legislative Hearing be scheduled for the Liquor License application.

Please let me know the date and time of the Legislative Hearing as soon as it is scheduled.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annie Johnson  
Interim Executive Director  
Union Park District Council

CC: Katherine Becker, Buffalo Wild Wings  
Noel Nix, Aide, Ward 1 City Council  
Samantha Henningsen, Aide, Ward 4 City Council  
Tom Beach, Department of Safety and Inspections

Hi Nhia-

Yes, either myself or Anne White, the UPDC Land Use Committee Chair will be in attendance at the hearing and prepared to provide a notification of Union Park's position. The UPDC Board will be discussing the issue at our April 3rd meeting, and I can provide something in writing as well after that time. Would we expect the hearing to be the week of the 29th of April, or in early May?

The issues raised by neighbor:

- impact to residential property values
- liquor sales and over-consumption
- hours
- parking
- sound
- installation of a wrought iron fence
- “respect our neighbors” signage
- trash pick-up
- delivery noise
- odor
- security
- lighting
- color scheme of signage
- lack of green space
- lack of bike racks
- food health
- pedestrian crossings at Snelling

The major worry is students and over-consumption of alcohol.

Another issue is, that to my knowledge, the landlord is not involved in the community discussion - this is frustrating to neighbors because BWWs completely defers the parking lot improvements saying they don't control the lot under their lease and don't have control over fence/walkway installation or improvements. However, BWWs has said many times that they would NOT oppose those improvements. I will forward you an email we received yesterday from BWW's attorney re: the fence and removal of signage on the Ashland side of the building.

Issues identified by neighbors that still need discussion:

- Neighbors want to see a wrought iron fence installed along Ashland to direct ped traffic away from homes
- Ped walkway needed in parking lot from Snelling
- landscaping improvements/additions
- removal of outdoor signage and windows facing Ashland
- color scheme of signage
- potential noisy semi-trucks delivering at night

Let me know if you need anything else or want to discuss,  
Annie

From: Katherine Becker <becker@mdh-law.com>  
Date: Tue, Mar 19, 2013 at 4:20 PM  
Subject: Buffalo Wild Wings - Snelling Ave.  
To: "anne@unionparkdc.org" <anne@unionparkdc.org>

Hi Anne,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding the comments made at the last District Council meeting regarding Buffalo Wild Wings and the neighbors remaining concerns about the sign/logo on the Ashland side of the building and the request for a wrought iron fence on the Ashland side of the property.

While the city staff already approved the placement of the sign/logo on the Ashland side of the building, BWW has agreed to not install the sign/logo in that location. We hope that the District Council and neighbors will be pleased with this decision.

Also, regarding the wrought iron fence that a few people suggested be installed on the Ashland side of the property, unfortunately, this section of the property is not within the control of Buffalo Wild Wings. It is within the control of the landlord. Also, there are 2 other tenants that use the parking lot that also need to be considered. That said, Buffalo Wild Wings does not oppose the installation of the fence if the landlord so chooses.

Also, I wanted to share with you the specifics about the parking spaces that are available for Buffalo Wild Wing's guests. I spoke with city staff about these requirements, and they provided me the information below:

#### Parking for Buffalo Wild Wings

- Requires 1 space per 150 sf if they are a bar.
- Occupies 6504 square feet  $6504/150 = 43.36$  spaces required for BWW

#### Parking for remainder of building

- Other tenants require 1 space per 400 sf
  - Occupies 10,136 square feet  $10,136/400 = 25.34$  spaces required for the rest of bldg
- Total spaces required for building = 68.70 spaces (round off to 69 spaces)

The approved site plan shows 94 space provided so parking requirement for this commercial complex is met. In other words, this parking lot exceeds the parking requirements by 25 spaces. I hope this will quell some of the neighbors concerns about parking on Ashland.

Please feel free to share this information with the other district council members and neighbors. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. However, I will be out of the office all next week, but will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Kate Becker

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