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Monday, August 29, 2011

Jeff Fischbach, Project Facilitator/Inspector
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Dear Mr. Fischbach,

On Tuesday, August 16, 2011, the District 10 Como Community Council held a community and board vote regarding 3 District 10 Land Use Committee Action Items related to a Java Train (1341 Pascal Street N, Saint Paul, MN 55108) request to sell beer and wine along with their food on their premises. The action items were a result of a well-attended public Land Use Committee meeting on August 1, 2011 at Java Train. There was broad community support cited in favor of Java Train's request at both meetings. Several topics were discussed in support of Java Train's request including the owner's private residence above the establishment's premises in case issues arise, the owner's own positive involvement in community and local school initiatives, as well as the positive impact the business has made on the surrounding neighborhood as a whole.

Other clarifications included the 10:00 PM restaurant maximum closing time, the liquor license tied to the owners and not the establishment, and the requirement that alcohol shall only be served with food sold by the establishment.

A few concerns were also raised that included the possible increase in alcohol related crime due to the sale, proper staff training to limit underage or excessive drinking, and traffic congestion due to inadequate city signage and lax enforcement of illegal parkers.

These three actions items that were presented to the community and the board:

- Action Item #1) Are you in favor of Java Train's request for a liquor (beer and wine only) license provided that the restaurant close by 10:00 p.m.?
- Action Item #2) Are you in favor of Java Train's request to serve beer and wine on their outdoor patio provided the patio closes by 10:00 p.m.?
- Action Item #3) Are you in favor of Java Train's request to waive the 45-day waiting period to allow the restaurant to begin serving beer and wine before the final authorization of their license?

Based on earlier community and committee testimonial, discussion and vote, the 13 attending District 10 board of directors voted unanimously to approve the 3 action items as forwarded by Land Use.

District 10 has also included the community vote results as supplemental information.

- Action Item #1) 28 yes - 4 no
- Action Item #2) 28 yes – 4 no
- Action Item #3) 27 yes – 5 no

If you have further questions related to this board decision please contact District 10 Administrator and Coordinator Jessica Bronk at 651.644.3889 or jessica.bronk@district10comopark.org.

Regards,

Jon Knox, Chair
District 10 Como Community Council