

Dear Council members,

The Ramsey Hill Association is excited for the next life of The Happy Gnome restaurant and bar located at 498 Selby Avenue. It's been a neighborhood institution and gathering place for our community for years, and the decision by Brian and Sarah Ingram to invest resources to bring it back to life as **The Gnome** will be a tremendous benefit to Ramsey Hill and Saint Paul.

The Ramsey Hill Association is writing to strongly encourage the Summit University Planning Council and the City of Saint Paul to expedite all necessary permits and licenses to enable The Gnome to meet its target date of opening August 1 with alcoholic beverages and their new, large social-distancing patio. Specifically, we support Brian Ingram's request for the Summit University Planning Council to waive the 45-day liquor license notification requirement, and we hope you'll be flexible in these extraordinary times so that a neighborhood focused business like The Gnome can get back on its feet for the enjoyment of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Maes', written in a cursive style.

Cathy Maes
Ramsey Hill Association President