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To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: RE: Response to License 20230002192 Request
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:41:05 PM

Yes, it is an objection based on previous activity at that location that, from my understanding, resulted in a non-profit losing their 501c3 status and the charitable gambling was shut down by the Secretary of State Office. There also appears, from a very unscientific view, that there is a lot of police activity at that location. Adding On-Sale and gambling may further increase those police calls.

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Could you clarify if this is an objection to the license application, which would automatically trigger a hearing where concerns would be discussed?

Thanks,

Greg Weiner
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651-266-8512
He/him/his

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Dear DSI Inspectors Ross Haddow and Jeff Fischbach,

I have attached our response to the Minal LLC DBA Midway Cafe and Grill license application for on-sale and gambling.

Thank you!
Steve

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Response to License Application Notification:

License Number:	20230002192
Application for:	Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday and Gambling Location
License at:	1964 University Ave W
Licensee:	Minal LLC, doing business as Midway Cafe & Grill Minal Oza, owner, 701-770-3649

Recommended License Conditions:
1. Licensee agrees to operate the establishment in compliance with Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code as a "Restaurant".
2. Licensee agrees to close the establishment at 12:00 a.m. midnight. All patron/customers shall vacate the premises by 12:30 a.m. each day of the week as per Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Deadline for Response Date: Saturday, January 13,2024 at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any comments on the license application, you must respond in writing by Saturday, January 13, 2024 to:

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

Or email to: LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspectors Ross Haddow or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-8989.

Dear DSI Inspectors Ross Haddow and Jeff Fischbach,

Thank you for allowing us to respond to this license request.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.

Habitat works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes. Our advocacy efforts focus on policy reform to remove systemic barriers preventing low-income and historically underserved families from accessing adequate, affordable shelter.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is committed to building the quality of life, health, and economic prosperity of the seven-county metro region by producing, preserving, and advocating for affordable homeownership – because homes and families are the foundation of successful communities.

One of the many aspects of our operation is to provide financial coaching to people to help them achieve those goals.

When we look at the Midway area, we see many people struggling in life. Some are houseless, many are using the local food shelves, some are trapped in addictions, some are living short and long term in the Quality Inn (indicated by the school buses picking up and dropping off children), some are in a transient period of their lives, and some are living in cars.

We appreciate the many organizations that are striving to improve lives in this area and the support we receive from the City of St Paul in so many ways. And to be clear, we do NOT have any policies against alcohol or gambling, rather we do promote financial well-being, among many other things. This area has many places already to partake in the use of alcoholic beverages, both on and off sale. This area also has opportunities to gamble via the State Lotteries, pull tabs, and charitable gambling in person or online.

All that said, we have concerns about adding those elements to a neighboring property that already has a history of safety concerns.

Again, thank you for following process and giving us the opportunity to give our opinions. We appreciate the hard work you do at the DSI office!

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