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City of St. Paul Public Works and Planning Department, etc.

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing this letter to update you of the layout of the new parking lot with the trees, bushes, and a 48" high fence on Burns and Clarence Street. On the entrance of the new parking lot, I am planning on putting two pillars (one on each side) with possible future gates to close off parking lot when the bar/restaurant closes at the end of the day. I am planning a new 25'  $\chi$ 25' patio on the west end of OBB's and the apartment entrance which currently faces west will be changed to face north so that OBB's is able to have two entrances to the new patio. I plan on putting a waterfall with a brick enclosed unit which includes a flower bed – approximately 10" wide by 96" long. I plan on putting a new entrance on the west side of OBB's Bar to accommodate customers and waitress access to the patio from the existing building. We have plans for 6 - 20' light poles to give adequate lighting in the parking lot for safety with future cameras. I also have plans to take the existing Point Douglas gas station sign down and putting up a 6' x 8' sign which is a picture of OBB's himself which reads "Good Food, Good Friends, Good Times – That's OBB's tradition" in 3D. It is a very classy sign. In the near future, perhaps this fall, my dream is to take the old patio and old parking lot out and add on a new addition 36' x 60' (approximately) to add two new handicap restrooms with handicap access to reach the main bar and dining room. At this time, if handicapped customers need to use the restroom, they need to go down two small steps or out the back door through the patio to get to restroom which does not work when we have snow on the patio in winter. This change will accommodate all handicapped customers that visit OBB's. The new addition will accommodate approximately 40 additional seats at tables and 15 seats at the new additional bar. I will be adding a hostess station also. The current bathrooms will be taken out to accommodate the handicap accessible. I will have two new handicap parking stalls in the new parking lot. The city is also putting a bump out on Burns Avenue to slow down traffic and allow for neighborhood residents to be able to access Mounds Park walkways. This is going to be a very nice addition to the neighborhood.

Thank you for inviting me to the meeting this evening. I hope I have answered all your questions and given you a good idea on the future parking lot, patio, and new addition.

Jim Johnsen