

From: Mary Ellen Briel [mailto:mebriel@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 11:14 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Liquor License, on-street parking: Selby & Western

Dear Councilmember Thao,

I am a mother/grandmother living in the Western Avenue Apts, already dealing with a life which is narrowly circumscribed, especially in the winter, by limited on-street parking. Between mid-November and mid-April, returning from work, finding a parking space, and making it safely from car to apartment is a constant for me and many other residents in the neighborhood.

Selby Ave - with its 5 bars within 3 blocks - has become wildly popular in recent years, and with it the dearth of available on-parking is increasingly affecting the way many of its residents are forced to live. If "Salt Cellar" replaces CVA on the corner of Selby & Western, what will be its effect? The impact of traffic, parking, and noise on residents will be considerable; the addition of a bar/restaurant with 180-person seating (plus staff).

Surely the developer can imagine options beyond this: pushing through an enterprise which will bring bar traffic and noise to a bustling but just under control neighborhood.

Because I work and unable to attend Thursday's public hearing, I hope you will hear my voice, and that of others who plead with you and the developers to avoid high density neighborhood parking and look, instead, at other options, options which we residents would support and frequent.

Thank you,
Mary-ellen Briel
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From: Beckyrichardson [mailto:beckyrichardson@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2014 8:56 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: parking in our neighborhood

I am very concerned about parking on and around Selby Ave. The proposed Salt Cellar restaurant has seating for about 160 people and, the Ramsey Hill Board was told, 10 parking stalls. That creates a huge demand for on street parking in a neighborhood that is already badly congested for parking.

There are many residents who live in our neighborhood who do not have off-street parking. Where are they supposed to parking when Red Cow and Salt Cellar patrons take all the available parking. I firmly believe that people who live in the neighborhood should have priority for parking. I personally have off-street parking, but hate to see my neighbors drive around and around looking for parking and having to carry children and groceries for blocks because patrons of restaurants and bars are taking the available parking.

Please deny a license to Salt Cellar so that neighbors are able to enjoy parking close to where they live.

thank you,

Becky Richardson
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From: noreply@civicplus.com [mailto:noreply@civicplus.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:44 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Mayor
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Mayor Coleman

Please use the following form to contact Mayor Christopher B. Coleman with your comments and concerns.

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Subject: Proposed liquor license for CVA Building on the corner of Selby and Western

Your Comment: Residents and business owners in the area are very concerned with the impact that another liquor license would have on this already congested corner and in a small area that already has 5. Parking is of a major concern. There are a couple of business owners and residents that would like to meet prior to Legislative Hearing scheduled for Thursday September 4 at 2pm. The following form was submitted via your website: Contact Mayor Coleman

From: Dianne Moore [mailto:diannemoore@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 6:59 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Salt Cellar

Hello Dai, I ask that you support Salt Cellar on the corner of Western and Selby ONLY if they can secure additional off street parking. The area is far too congested currently to support parking of cars for 150 customers and staff of 30. It could be a nice addition to the neighborhood but a nightmare if significant additional off-street parking is not secured in advance.

Thank You,

Dianne Mooe
487 Laurel Ave
St Paul

From: Sara [mailto:sfro1266@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 6:18 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Salt Cellar

Hello Dai, I ask that you support Salt Cellar on the corner of Western and Selby ONLY if they can secure additional off street parking. The area is far too congested currently to support parking of cars for 150 customers and staff of 30. It could be a nice addition to the neighborhood but a nightmare if significant additional off-street parking is not secured in advance. Living on a nearby street wit small children this is a necessity.

Thank You,

Sara Frommeyer
address 415 Laurel Avenue

We know first hand the impact of business/construction activity along Selby. While business is encouraged, these other aspects are important considerations for the residents who pay relatively high property taxes in the cities. The lack of street parking and increase in traffic looking for parking (angry drivers) would give just one more reason to consider moving elsewhere where taxes are lower and consideration for factors as such are in place.

Thank you,

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173 Western Ave N - ID #20140001613
Helen Roberts <Helen.Roberts@house.mn>
Wed 9/3/2014 3:42 PM

I'm writing to express my concern about the license application for the proposed Salt Cellar restaurant at the intersection of Selby and Western. I just learned about the licensing hearing scheduled for tomorrow, and will not be able to attend it.

My concern is about parking.

I've lived in an apartment at 369 Laurel Avenue for almost 20 years. My apartment is one block south of the proposed restaurant. I rent an offsite parking space in the lot directly across from my building - both the lot and my spot are marked as private parking / towing enforced. Yet I still have problems with customers from nearby businesses parking in my spot. My neighbors are having the same problem.

The street photos attached to the license application were obviously taken before the Red Cow took over the former Costello's bar. Since the Red Cow opened, traffic in the neighborhood has noticeably increased (especially on weekend evenings), and street parking is very difficult. To add another dining facility in this same area without the appropriate number of off-street parking spots will make the parking situation near impossible.

Please give some consideration to the long time residents of this neighborhood, and require the appropriate number of off-street parking spots for both customers and employees.

Thank you,

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