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Subj: RE: Proposed Restaurant On-Sale Liquor Charter Amendment...

Mr. Maas,

Great question.

The current effort began with a meeting in Highland. DSI was invited by representatives from the Highland District Council and Highland Business Association to meet and discuss availability of on-sale liquor licenses for restaurants in Highland. The conversation focused on the lack of licenses available for restaurants and the resulting impact to the area, especially with the pending Ford Site redevelopment.

Here is the chronology of the public meetings.

January 2015

Met with Highland District Council (15) and Highland Business Association representatives.

DSI invited to discuss lack of restaurant on-sale liquor licenses available in Highland.

April 2015

Met with the City's Business Review Council – Regulatory Subcommittee.

Discussed current restaurant market and educated on restaurant on-sale liquor laws.

Approximately 8 people present; mostly business people, although the chair of the subcommittee is a resident.

May-June 2015

Met individually with Council Members.

June 2015

Met with the City's Business Review Council – Regulatory Subcommittee.

Discussion of regional context and potential solutions.

Approximately 10 people attended, including representatives from State Restaurant Association and City of Minneapolis.

June 2015

Met with District Councils

DSI invited all District Councils to participate in a discussion on the changing restaurant market and current restaurant on-sale liquor license laws. (Invite attached.)

Approximately 12 people attended. At least 3 District Councils represented and one business owner.

July 2015

Met with District Councils staff at their monthly meeting.

Approximately 12 people were present.

August 2015

Met with Hamline Midway Coalition (District Council 11) Development Committee.

Approximately 10 people were present. Unsure of composition of the committee, but believe most were residents.

August 2015

Met with Union Park (District Council 13) Land Use Committee.

Approximately 15 people present. Unsure of composition of committee, but believe most were residents.

August 2015

Met with District Council 5 staff person.

September 2015

Met with Saint Anthony Park (District Council 12) Land Use committee.

Approximately 20 people present. Unsure of composition of committee, but believe most were residents.

September 2015

Meeting with the City's Business Review Council – Regulatory Subcommittee (invited additional restaurant operators).

Approximately 15 people attended, mostly businesses.

September 2015

Met with District Councils.

DSI invited all District Councils to participate in a discussion on proposed Charter and Ordinance Amendment language. (Invite attached.)

Approximately 15 people attended. At least 5 District Councils were represented.

October 2015

Met individually with Council Members.

October 2015

Met with Highland Business Association

Approximately 12 people attended, mostly businesses.

During this time, there were also media stories on the initiative.

In reviewing our e-mails, Director Cervantes and I did not find any in opposition to the proposed Charter change. I have included one e-mail that questioned the need for the change (correspondence attached). The positive e-mail correspondences we found included support from District Councils (see attached resolutions), and the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (resolution attached). DSI is aware of at least 2 more district councils that will likely send letters of support (District Councils 5 and 14). The Business Review Council is also in process of forwarding a resolution supporting the proposed changes.

During these public meeting conversations, residents and businesses both concurred with the need for a balanced solution which supported restaurants ability to be successful with a high quality of life in Saint Paul. Discussions focused on restaurant market conditions impacting

restaurants as well as ways to ensure restaurants are properly managed. In the end, DSI believes that the proposed changes provide a solution that offers opportunities for existing and new restaurant operators as well as ensures a high quality of life in Saint Paul.

Please let me know if you need additional information or have any other questions.

Thanks!!

Dan