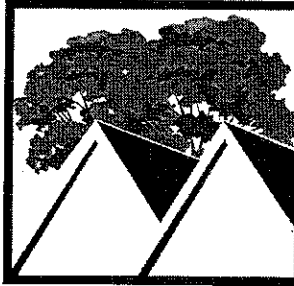


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To Whom it may Concern,

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The Summit-University Planning Council's Neighborhood Development Committee supports The Lex and their request to be allowed to complete their application process with the City of Saint Paul.

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Development Committee**
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Last night, representatives from The Lex presented to our committee and received our support by a majority vote. From what we have gathered, The Lex started their application process during an initial change over period within the City that transferred liquor licensing from DSI to another agency. This caused a great deal of confusion that resulted in unexpected delays to both parties. The summary judgment denying the application states that The Lex ran out of time. We believe that if The Lex is given the chance to complete their application process a fair and reasonable decision can be made as to their ability to obtain proper license through the correct agency.

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We ask that City Council not deny their application due to the timing, and provide and extension of the due date that was previously set. They have put a lot of work into 976 Concordia, and have taken every step to comply with the application process. We feel as though special consideration should be granted in this case due to the changing regulations.

Jean Schroepfer

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Carol Maupins

Furthermore, a number of community members presented as supporters of The Lex, including a number of highly regarded community leaders, and we feel as though their voices are important to listen to. The Summit-University Planning Council plans on staying very involved with their process, and encouraging further community engagement.

Sincerely,

Martin Lorenz-Meyer
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Neighborhood Development Committee Chair
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