

From: Daniel Hicks
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 10:31 PM
To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward2
Subject: August 6, 2016 Podium Sports RBC Variance Objection

Dear Ms. McMonigal-St. Dennis,

In accordance with the mailed Notice of Public Hearing, I am writing to express my objection to the request for a noise variance along Shepard Road for the Podium Sports RBC Minnesota Half Marathon. The requested timeframe for the noise variance is unreasonable for a Saturday morning for area residents, and the continuous use of Shepard Road by race organizers is getting out of hand. Residents have already felt the pain of excessive and inefficient road closures for construction relating to the storm drain system, and adding another road closure and noise variance to benefit yet another for profit race organizer is not in the community's best interest.

I am sure that many area residents would like to be able to comment on race schedules before the city approves closing roads in front of our homes for race organizers, and I would be interested to know if there is already a way where we can engage with the process. I think most of us understand that the riverfront is a public asset that should be enjoyed by more than just local residents, but the race schedule is becoming more aggressive and obtrusive. These races also limit access to public spaces by allowing race organizers to restrict use of public spaces to paying participants, which should run counter to the city's planned use of such assets.

Please express my objection at the Wednesday, July 20, 2016, public hearing.

Respectfully,

Daniel Hicks
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