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Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 10:23 AM
To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Request from Oktoberfest for sound variance

To: Members of the City Council

I said two things to to Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis this morning, about this request.

First: I was surprised to see it come in with no sound level specified. I was happy to see that she recommends that if you approve the request you set a dBA limit. I do hope you will accept her recommendation.

Second: On behalf of the Park Towers Condominium Association, whose resident members live just across the street from Rice Park, I ask you to set a closing of 9 p.m. I can tell you from recent experience with the Friday night music during the summer that those in charge do not close down at the time specified. At closing time we are likely to hear the person in charge say: "OK, how about one more!" I see no reason to expect a 10 p.m. closing-time would be any better observed.

I can tell from mingling with the audience that people do really like these concerts. I remember going to band concerts in the park in the small southern Minnesota town where my mother grew up. But the promoters are asking a favor from the City Council and the Council can reasonably expect the terms of its permission to be respected. it might not amiss for the Council to indicate its seriousness about this.

Finally: These variances, as to sound level, the promoters are left to monitor their own musicians. It is a self-regulation concept; the city does not itself check whether the limit is being observed. This is a separate question we should consider at some point.

Thank you for your consideration.

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