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From: Paulette Myers-Rich <pmrich22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 11:30 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LH-Licensing
Subject: Class N License # 20150000267 Bad Weather Brewing

I am writing to oppose the granting of a Class N license to Bad Weather Brewing at 414 W. 7th Street due to it's location and proximity to residences with hard working families, a recovery community, The Salvation Army- a religious institution with daycare and various community programs, United Hospital and the bus stop at Smith and West 7th which can be intimidating for my tenants to use when there are so many drinkers out and about. The noise from amplified music carries too far given all the hard surfaces in the area. Parking is inadequate and about to become even more difficult with the opening of a new bar and restaurant on Smith that has no off-street parking in a restricted residential zone. Also, the number of police calls is beyond our expectations. We were told by Joe Giambruno that this would be a family oriented place and an asset to the neighborhood. We gave them the benefit of the doubt, but our fears have been realized and then some. The quality of life is degraded for those living in proximity to this establishment.

I lived and and operated my business at 436 Smith Avenue from 2002 to 2016. I worked very hard with my neighbors to turn around an area that was struggling with vacant properties, empty storefronts, vagrants, and disorderly tenants who racked up police calls by the score. We turned things around with many of those problems only to find ourselves contending with an establishment that was supposed to be a positive but has become a burden and threatens the value of our property. There are very real consequences to granting these licenses and variances to establishments who have no proven ability to live up to their promises.

I no longer live in the neighborhood. We sold our property at 436 Smith Avenue in 2016 due to our proximity to Bad Weather Brewery and Waldmann Brewery, as it became impossible to operate my business with these establishments across the street. However my husband and I still own rental property with 3 units at 208 McBoal, formerly a derelict Cat. 2 vacant problem property. We invested a great deal in renovating this home that adjoins a historic stone house. 208 McBoal is now occupied with stable, quiet professional tenants who work from home, writers who often work evening hours meeting publication deadlines or are reading for their work. I am very concerned about retaining and finding appropriate new tenants for my property if this license is granted. This part of St. Paul is becoming over-saturated with bars, breweries and amplified outdoor events that are compromising the balance and the quality of life in the area. I personally relocated my home and business for this reason. These new establishments are incompatible with my work so I left St. Paul altogether as the direction of development in the city has for some time favored entertainment accompanied by alcohol. Please don't grant this license in what is still largely a residential and family-oriented neighborhood. The turnaround that has occurred in Uppertown, Little Bohemia and W. 7th is fragile. It wouldn't take much to tip it back into the bad old days.

Sincerely,

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