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RE: Application for outdoor liquor service, Iron Ranger, 1085 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul

Over the past month, the SHA has held three public meetings regarding the application from the Iron Ranger for an outdoor liquor license. A total of six neighbors who live near the business appeared at the three meetings and expressed general support for the Iron Ranger business and other small businesses on Grand Ave. SHA received no written comments or phone calls regarding the Iron Ranger's application.

The residents who attended meetings in person repeatedly expressed concerns that the proposed late hours and outdoor liquor service:

- Will create noise that will be heard in their homes, especially after 9:00pm;
- Will generate light pollution that will be visible from their homes; and
- May have patrons lingering in the parking lot and alley area after hours, creating a security concern and/or noise problem.

On Thursday, June 13, the Summit Hill Association voted (6 in favor) to support the Iron Ranger's application with the following notes:

- SHA recommends that Tom Forti, the owner, organize a meeting with the neighbors north of his property to formally address their concerns and discuss possible accommodations;
- Mr. Forti expressed assurances that he will work with the neighbors to address any complaints that arise after the patio is opened, that he is on-site nearly every day, and that he wants to be a good business neighbor to ensure the longevity of his business;

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- The liquor license renews annually so neighbors should have access to timely recourse if their concerns and complaints are not addressed; and
- Should neighbors have complaints after the patio opens, they may reach out to SHA for advice regarding which City entity can best address their concerns.

Thank you for taking time to consider our input.

Regards,

Hayden Howland, President

Monica Haas, Executive Director