

## Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)

**From:** Michael Runyon <mcruns2009@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** Schweinler, Kristina (CI-StPaul); Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: Expansion and patio

**Think Before You Click:** This email originated outside our organization.

to whom it may concern,

In regards to Shamrocks Irish Nook located at 995 W. 7th street in st paul. 2 letters were sent out to neighbors in the 300ft range of the patio location.

We sent the 1st letter out in Dec. Of 2018 These letters contained more than 33 letters with a self returned envelope and postage and receive about 11 or 12 back.. We then mailed another set of about 23 out again in Jan 2019.. again with self-addressed added postage on these as well. we received another maybe 4-5 back. A lot of these letters were sent over state lines (Flordia, Montana) and other areas besides the west end (Roseville, apple valley) which in my eyes means they don't care so there not going to send them back...we then hand-delivered these ones we had signed to the city and sat in a zoning meeting with Fire inspectors, city staffers and other city officials including our architect and builder for a meeting about the requirements for our patio space...( the dates are postmarked on the envelopes)

After this meeting we were advised by the city to go ahead with the project as long as the following was done.: 1. to connect the pin numbers with Ramsey county. ( at this point in Feb we paid the county all of our upfront taxes for the yr (over \$42,000) 2. talking with jeff Fischbach and his staff about having enough parking for the patio space( so much that we had to create a lease from one of our properties to another to satisfy the parking requirements).. making sure this was approved... after all this was done which took until June of 2019.. we got all three stamps from the City of St Paul to commence building. We did...

We spent over \$320,000 on the build-out of this project. we added garage doors, reinforced beams, built a pergola on the patio and started to build booths for outdoor seating. We added a bar to serve the outside patio and have spent 1000's of dollars on new computers and security equipment including cameras and fire and police protection.

In JanOf 2020 we were told we never turned in our neighbor support. we were given a new map with new names and told only 2 satisfy dsi's and the 60% minimum.. even today I don't know which ones work or don't satisfied dsi. I notified the district council of the delema, asked for there support, and they approved saying everyone on the board was excited for the patio to open..

Why I think 14% of support is enough.

1. I did send out over 36 mailings twice to neighbors in the area.
2. a lot of the neighbors I sent them had other addresses then the addresses on the block ( telling me these where rental homes)
3. the ones that I didn't get back, even after mailing twice with a self addressed paid postage envelope, must not care to sign or comment why and send back
4. the patio is enclosed by a 8ft privacy fence
5. the patio is on a corner of west 7th and Randolph. there is literally no homes anywhere near the property that are home owners.
  - Pillney building one corner
  - Peter James King health clinic on one corner

- Fire station #1 on one corner
- Hot city Pizza on one corner ( we own that property)
- Bank Cherokee on one corner
- the house next to Bank is a rental property
- the house next to that has been remodled and is a VRBO
- our Patio is located on the corner next to 3 buildings we own
- we have 6 tenants upstairs that all work for us and approve of the patio
- they are the closest and most affected by this remodel and expansion
- The neighbor that are closest to the Business itself is trying to Black mailing us saying I need to give his kids free food and free trash for his house to have this passed along with painting the curbs with yellow paint for no parking ( which I can't!)

This is almost considered in my eyes a commercial business district.. its located on west 7th street.. it backs up to a city bus stop.

I did send in 9 other signed letters, from support of other businesses on the block, which west 7th street is the longest active business district in all of St. Paul.. I have district councils approval.. which says a lot and have been running this business for over 13years at this location and 20 years at the Nook with no infractions with the city. We have been a great and model business in St. Paul and am asking for a place for people to enjoy there short summer seasons in St. Paul. this is a tax benefit along with many others for the city and it's people and should not impact anybody because of it's location.

When we took over shamrocks 13 years.. we cleaned up the neighborhood.. we believed in it before:

- The Peter James King Clinic was built
  - The Fire station was built
  - Before and After Supatra's was here
  - We took shamrocks which was shutdown and reopened it.. made it a place for families to come
  - we bus to wild game
  - we bus to Vikings games
- if you look at the city crime rate in St paul on this corner you will find very little pings.. we know this neighborhood and know what it needs.. it needs a place for people to be out and enjoying there lives in a place that will respect them and give the service they deserve.

thank you  
 Michael Runyon  
 owner  
 Shamrocks Irish Nook  
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## Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Schweinler, Kristina (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Fischbach, Jeffrey (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Shamrock's petition

Jeff,  
I was only able to verify 3 out of 14 signatures. So 21%. Some were outside of the petition area and some were businesses that could not be counted.



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