Harvet, Michele M.

From: Imdieke, Margot (MSCOD) <margot.imdieke@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Harvet, Michele M.
Subject: Public comment regarding the Viking Bar outdoor seating area

Michele,
My husband and I have lived on 19th Avenue South between 5th & 6th Street for over 20 years. Our home is one of the few single family – fully wheelchair accessible houses in Minneapolis. At the time that we bought the house in 1994, there were only two such houses on the market and we chose to live in Cedar-Riverside. Over the years we have witnessed a great deal of improvements in the quality of life in our neighborhood, unfortunately the propose plan for the Viking Bar is a dramatic setback.

We are extremely concerned about the proposed plan for the Viking Bar and the outdoor drinking/eating area. The proposal would create a crowed, loud and disruptive experience for the residents who live on 19th Avenue and 5th Street. The tables and standing area and overflow would also impede wheelchair access along 19th between 5th and Riverside.

We want to go on record as extremely opposed to the plan for the outdoor area. If such a plan moves forward, we want the capacity to be reduced, a physical barrier to be created to separate the patrons from the public and a curfew imposed that would close down the outdoor seating area by 10:00 p.m.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns,

Margot & Stuart Cross
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DBA/Trade Name: Viking Bar **Date of Public Hearing:** Tues May 3, 2016

May 3, 2016

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Inspector: Michele Harvet

To Michele Harvet,

This letter is written to demonstrate support of Amy Britt and Viking Bar's pursuit of a Sunday Sales and Sidewalk Café license. We have received information about their application and have been kept abreast of their business plan.

The West Bank Business Association is in support of Viking Bar's endeavors. We value their presence in the West Bank community and we hope the city will move in approval of this license application. Restaurants on 7 corners have successful sidewalk cafes maintained without issue and we are glad to see this space, a part of the West Bank's music history, activated. We have been in touch about green space and available matching grants for facade improvement and believe new ownership and open operations will add to the cleanliness, safety and vibrancy of the corner and would like to share our support for this application.

Should you need anything further from us, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jamie Schumacher
Executive Director

The West Bank Business Association exists to engage the business community in the responsible economic development of the West Bank district while preserving the unique character and heritage of the Cedar-Riverside area.

DBA/Trade Name: Viking Bar **Date of Public Hearing: May 3, 2016**

Your Name: Ruth Romano **Your Address:** 1820 South 5th St. 55454

Comments:

So excited to have this space opening back up! Building has been empty too long - the West Bank needs another hip dining option.

I absolutely support Class B liquor license music, outdoor seating, dancing for re-vamped Viking Bar.

I'm looking forward to having this corner be vibrant and lively.

Signature: Ruth Romano **Date:** April 25, 2016

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Harvet, Michele M.

From: Shannon E Adkins <Shannon.Adkins@hennepin.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Harvet, Michele M.
Subject: Viking Bar comments

Hi Michele-

I am writing because I recently received notice of a public hearing regarding the Viking Bar application for a liquor license and sidewalk café license, and was invited to share my comments. I live in the neighborhood at 307 Cedar Ave S #2, Minneapolis MN 55454.

I am definitely in favor of granting the license. I think having the bar and sidewalk café open would be fabulous for the neighborhood. The Viking Bar is an institution, and I'm so excited to hear the long-lasting fishing trip might be coming to an end ☺ good for the business, good for the neighborhood, and I definitely support it.

Thank you,

Shannon

Shannon Adkins
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From: Kelly Doudna <kellydna@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 8:10 PM
To: Harvet, Michele M.
Subject: Viking Bar outdoor seating

Hi Michele,

We are glad that the Viking Bar will once again be a going concern in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

However, as a resident of, and president of the board of directors of, Greystone Flats Condominiums which is directly behind the Viking (1816–1824 5th Ave S), we wish to express our extremely strong reservations about the proposed outdoor seating.

The 19th Ave sidewalk is the main access point to our building, and the proposed outdoor seating is a mere 50 feet from our residence.

The proposed total capacity of 70 far too great for the sidewalk space, as is even the proposed seated capacity of 40. That many outdoor patrons will be a strain on the neighborhood, from both an overcrowding perspective, and the perspective of neighborhood noise.

Our residents need to be able to go about their home-life in a reasonable fashion, which includes having a peaceful environment in which to prepare for work, studies, and so on. A loud crowd outside our bedroom windows until 1:00am is not conducive to this.

Even adding physical barriers between the outdoor capacity and the sidewalk will not be enough of a noise buffer for nearby residents. There undoubtedly will also be additional overspill from the official seating area of smokers who need to perform their habit outside but who are not necessarily sitting outside.

The former incarnation of the Viking Bar did not have outdoor facilities, and we don't believe that any amount of outdoor capacity will make the new Viking a good neighbor.

It is telling that the proposed outdoor capacity of 70 is far greater than the noted indoor capacity of 51 (according to the diagram). This seems like a clear case of asking for the moon in hopes of maybe getting to the next hill. We oppose any outdoor capacity.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have a representative attend the May 3 hearing, but we hope you will take our concerns into consideration when making the decision regarding this folly of a proposal.

Thank you.

Kelly Doudna
President, Greystone Flats Condominiums
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Harvet, Michele M.

From: Deb Wolking <dwolking@wbcdc.org>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Harvet, Michele M.
Cc: Tim Mungavan
Subject: Comments RE Viking Bar license request

Hello Michele,

Here are comments from West Bank Community Development Corporation regarding the Viking Bar sidewalk café license request.

As the owner of the Blue Goose housing Co-op located at 1825 and 1819 S. 5th Street and Riverside Homes on the adjacent block, West Bank Community Development Corporation is concerned about the impact of a sidewalk café allowing 70 outdoor patrons at the Viking Bar. Based on the diagram provided, the space appears much too small for that many people to circulate without spilling-over significantly onto the public sidewalk.

This sidewalk is a major access point to the 30-unit Blue Goose housing as well as the entire the Cedar East residential area, especially now that the 5th Street access to Cedar Avenue is closed. Our concern is that residents, including families with small children, elders, and women may feel intimidated or uncomfortable walking by a group of up to 70 people who are engaged in drinking alcohol. The fact that there is no barrier between the public sidewalk and the sidewalk café heightens the probability of unpleasant contact between pedestrians and bar patrons.

We think the sidewalk café proposed as is, could likely result in conflict between residents of the area and the Viking Bar. We suggest two modifications focused on preserving the right of pedestrians to feel safe walking to and from their homes, while supporting the success of a new local business:

1) Limit the number of outdoor patrons to a size that can ALL be seated within the space and can comfortably circulate around the tables without using the public sidewalk, and
2) Establish a barrier that provides visual / physical separation between the café and the public sidewalk.

A diagram should be made showing a new table arrangement that provides for appropriate circulation of patrons within the sidewalk café itself before approval of a license.

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From: Carol Kubes <CKubes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 2:07 PM
To: Harvet, Michele M.
Subject: Viking bar

To whom it may concern;
As a long time Blue goose tenant I can tell you we have lost a lot of tenants due to the noise from the bar next to us already. I am one of the furthest residents and can still her the patrons screaming and the music. Not to mention the bar patrons coming over and using our lawn as a bathroom.
I will be very disappointed if now we have more noise from the Viking bar. I have lived at 1825 south 5th street for 20 plus years, I hate to say but I was happy when the Viking bar closed as it was less traffic in our private lot and noise. I ask that the extension of the bar not be allowed.
Carol K.