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Ms. Michele Harvet
City of Minneapolis Department of Licenses and Consumer Services
350 South 5th Street – Room 1C
Minneapolis, MN 55415–1316

RE: Hibachi Daruma – 820 Marquette Avenue South

Dear Michele:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association regarding Hibachi Daruma's application for a sidewalk café. Owner Ying Alvarez presented the application to the DMNA Land Use Committee on October 2, 2018.

Alvarez explained that she currently operates her business as a food truck. Due to the strong customer base she has built in downtown Minneapolis, she is ready to open a bricks and mortar restaurant. Hibuchi Daruma will be located at 820 Marquette Avenue South in the former Bombay Bistro space.

Alvarez stated that she specializes in Japanese cuisine. She said that she plans on replicating the current menu from the food truck. She wants to continue the theme of the food truck, where customers can stop in and get food quickly, while targeting the downtown lunch crowd. While the food truck mostly targets lunch crowds, weekend crowds and catering, the restaurant would have longer hours, from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Alvarez noted that the interior space is around 2,000 square feet, and would seat 48 people. The sidewalk café would be set-up similarly to how Bombay Bistro used it, with four small tables that would seat eight.

After some questions and discussion, the committee recommended approval of Hibachi Daruma's sidewalk café application. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at christie@thedmna.org or by phone at 320-583-4573.

Sincerely,

Christie Rock Hantge
DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

CC: Council Member Steve Fletcher
Joe Tamburino, DMNA Board Chair
Ying Alvarez, Hibachi Daruma