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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: Wild Greg's – 313 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North

Dear Michele:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association regarding the Class E liquor license application for Wild Greg's. Owner Greg Urban presented the application to the DMNA Land Use Committee on November 4, 2018.

Owner Urban introduced himself and provided some background on his experience in the nightclub business. He stated that he owns two other Wild Greg's in Florida. He noted that Wild Greg's will occupy the former club Karma space. He went on to describe his night club concept, which is a country themed saloon, similar to Cowboy Jack's. He stated that they will not serve a full menu, but will have bar food such as nachos, tacos, chicken wings, etc. He explained that he is seeking a Class E license, because it allows dancing.

Members of the committee inquired about his safety and security plans. They explained that City and community are working hard to address crime in this part of downtown, not just in the clubs, but in the streets and sidewalks, particularly at bar closing time. Urban said that he has already been in conversations with the Minneapolis Police Department and that he plans to employ off-duty police officers to keep problems out of the nightclub. The committee emphasized that it is imperative that he get involved with the new crime and safety collaboration between the City, neighborhood and business associations that is working to find creative ways to address the bar-close chaos.

After some questions and discussion, the Land Use Committee recommended approval of the Class E liquor license application for Wild Greg's. The committee stressed that their support hinged on Urban getting involved in the safety initiatives in the Warehouse Business District. The DMNA Board reviewed and supported the recommendation at its meeting on November 19.

If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at [christie@thedmna.org](mailto:christie@thedmna.org) or by phone at 320-583-4573.

Sincerely,

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Joe Tamburino, DMNA Board Chair  
Kevin Frazell, DMNA Land Use Committee Chair  
Greg Urban, Wild Greg