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Ms. Michele Harvet
City of Minneapolis Department of Licenses and Consumer Services
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RE: Wild Greg's Saloon – 315 1st Avenue North – Class B liquor license application with 18+ nights

Dear Michele:

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

Owner Urban introduced himself and explained that he was back before the committee to provide some additional information. First, the class of liquor license application has changed from a Class A to a Class B. He explained that the City is updating their liquor license classes of entertainment as of January 1, 2019, and the City recommended that he submit a Class B application to coincide with the changes. Class A and Class B are essentially collapsing into one category of entertainment, which includes live music and patron dancing. Second, Urban stated that he is also seeking to host 18+ nights on Thursday nights and for other special events.

The LUC had a lengthy discussion regarding the 18+ nights. Several expressed concern about how adding younger people into the mix on the street after bar closing might impact crime and safety. Urban stated that his customers are different than those who attend the other night clubs in downtown Minneapolis. He does not anticipate his customers causing or contributing to problems on the street. He expressed concern that he is being treated differently by the City than some of the other clubs that are allowed to have 18+ nights. He assured the LUC that he takes crime and safety seriously and will work collaboratively with the Minneapolis Police Department to ensure that Wild Greg's Saloon is not a source of problems for the downtown community.

The LUC ultimately recommended approval of the Class B liquor license application for Wild Greg's Saloon and supported his request to have 18+ nights on Thursday nights and for other special events. The committee reemphasized 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. The DMNA Board reviewed and supported the recommendation at its meeting on December 11.

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,

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DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

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