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*The DMNA Land Use Committee works to promote a safe, active, and welcoming public realm; a stable, civically engaged residential neighborhood; and architecturally distinctive urban design.*

July 19, 2021

Mr. Max Cervantes  
City of Minneapolis Department of Licenses and Consumer Services  
350 South 5th Street – Room 1C  
Minneapolis, MN 55415–1316

RE: Farmers Kitchen + Bar – 750 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Dear Mr. Cervantes:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's (DMNA) Land Use Committee **to express support for the On-Sale Liquor License application for the Farmers Kitchen + Bar**. Laura Boyd from Alcohol Compliance Services and Gary Wertish from the Minnesota Farmers Union, met with the DMNA Land Use Committee on July 6, 2021.

Ms. Boyd explained that the restaurant is located in the former Spoonriver space. It plans to reopen in July, operating under its current wine and beer license. She stated that they are seeking to upgrade to a full liquor license, which Spoonriver previously held. Ms. Boyd noted will be no live entertainment and the outdoor area spaces will remain the same size as are currently approved. Mr. Wertish introduced himself and reviewed the business plan for the restaurant, including some of the menu offerings.

After some questions and discussion, the DMNA Land Use Committee **recommends that the City approve the On-Sale Liquor License application for the Farmers Kitchen + Bar**. 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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DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

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