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Friends,

We are writing to express our strong concerns regarding the liquor store proposed for 421. S. Park Street.

We reside in the 500 block of West Shore Drive, about 50 yards from the proposed store.

Our main concern relates to the sale of alcohol in such a close proximity to Brittingham Park. As you know, for many years Brittingham Park was plagued with problems arising from the consumption of alcohol in the park. There were fights, some with weapons. People were afraid to walk along the bike path. It took many years of effort by the neighbors and the City to get those problems under control. Even though alcohol is officially banned from the Park, there has been some increase in public consumption of alcohol in the park in the past few years since the 2020 summer of covid.

Having a store which would sell beer and liquor adjacent to the park could well bring back the problems of the past and undo the positive gains to the park that have been made. Access to the proposed store would not require crossing any major streets and would be just a few yards from Brittingham Park.

A secondary concern relates to traffic. It is reasonable to expect increased car traffic on Drake St. between Park St. and West Shore, where the driveway to the proposed liquor store is located, and possibly increased traffic along the length of West Shore Drive. We see this location as probably the most convenient liquor store for people driving from the Beltline into downtown, and can easily envision a glut of cars stopping there on their way back into

town in the evening to pick up their alcohol. So, potential traffic back-ups in and out of the Park and Drake intersection, as well as potentially more car traffic coming up West Shore Drive from the south, approaching the liquor store from that direction.

In 2021 there was a proposal for a liquor store at 405 S. Park St (where Cool Sweet Treats now is). The same concerns raised then regarding that proposal are all still relevant today to the current proposal.

Howard Sweet and Jamie Warren