

June 8, 2015

To: Members of the Alcohol License Review Committee

The Greenbush Neighborhood Association wishes to register its support for issuing an alcohol license to the Rockhound Brewing Company brewpub (Legistar File #38577).

Owner/applicant Nate Warnke's involvement in the neighborhood leads us to believe he will be a good operator and will run an establishment we will grow to be proud to have in the neighborhood. He is a past vice president and current member of the Greenbush Neighborhood Association Council and previously served as Board President for the Neighborhood House Community Center, a community center located in the Greenbush Neighborhood. He is also a home owner and many-year resident of the neighborhood, a fact that we believe makes him sympathetic to the noise and parking concerns that frequently coincide with businesses located in commercial corridors bordering residential areas.

At a June 4 information session, Warnke acknowledged parking and noise concerns raised by members of the neighborhood. He was responsive to suggestions for minimizing noise and actively engaged neighbors in exploring possible ways to lessen the traffic impact this business may cause.

That same meeting also yielded genuine neighborhood enthusiasm for a high quality beer and food establishment on a stretch of Park Street that suffers from a surprising number of empty storefronts, with multiple neighbors expressing their interest in craft beer generally and this brewpub specifically.

Like many neighborhoods that contain a mix of residential and commercial space, we acknowledge the challenges of promoting growth while respecting concerns of neighboring residents. In this case, we encourage support of this application.

Thank you for your consideration,

Greenbush Neighborhood Association Council
Ryan Engel, Secretary