

July 20, 2011

**Re: Bryan Richgel's application for Mason Lounge outdoor patio**

Dear ALRC members,

The Greenbush Neighborhood Association council unanimously supports Bryan Richgel's application to add a seasonal outdoor patio at the Mason Lounge. Since opening last year the Mason Lounge has been a great addition to the Greenbush neighborhood and the Park Street corridor.

Mr. Richgel has been a very respectful neighbor and has always made an effort to reach out to the neighborhood. He understands that Greenbush is a very dense area and that noise issues are taken seriously. The GNA council believes a 10:00 p.m. closing time for the outdoor patio is very reasonable, as are the other points in his proposal, and is the answer to concerns about noise. If noise from the patio does become an issue we are confident that Mr. Richgel will take action to address the matter.

Although there have been noise concerns brought forward from neighborhood residents in past proposals as well as this one for businesses on Park Street, the council believes the quiet chatter from patrons of The Mason is not enough to oppose this proposal, given Mr. Richgel's positive reputation and willingness to work with the neighborhood to mitigate any concern.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Caitlin Seifert, GNA president