From: Heck, Patrick
To: Verbick, Jim

Subject: ALRC Agenda Item #9

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:30:04 AM

Hi Jim,

Could you please include my comments below in Legistar for ALRC's Dec. 16 Agenda Item 9? Thanks.

Patrick

To: ALRC

Re: Hone Application

I am unable to attend the Dec. 16 ALRC meeting, so my thoughts on the application are below.

The applicant held a Dec. 7 virtual neighborhood meeting for which I notified neighbors within a one-block radius via postcard and via my Alder Updates that went to subscribers and the neighborhood listsery. Those few neighbors who attended were supportive of the application. The applicant also reached out to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) Council. He was more than willing to discuss his plans with TLNA and with me. All expressed support for the new business and are anxious for it to succeed.

The only concerns I've heard about are the ability of the business to keep its food sales at greater than 50% and whether or not it could end up functioning as a tavern rather than a restaurant, particularly once Public Health pandemic restrictions wind down. Due to similar concerns, I believe TLNA Council voted to support the license application but with a condition that the business close at midnight each night. I agree with that suggested condition recognizing that the applicant could later return to ALRC to request an extension of hours once the restaurant component is well established. I, however, would be comfortable with the business staying open post-midnight if alcohol sales end at midnight.

I also would support a condition restricting alcohol sales in the mornings until after say 9am or 10am so that brunch/lunch service could be offered with alcohol. A requirement that some form of the food menu should be available at all hours when alcohol is available is another possible condition, but I will leave that up to the discretion of ALRC as I'm not certain if such a condition is appropriate or necessary outside of the Downtown Alcohol Overlay District.

Thanks for considering my input.

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