Hello Clerk's Office/Jim/ALRC,

Below are my recommendations for four agenda items on your Sept. 29 agenda.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Patrick

Agenda Item 5

AfterShock Classic Arcade - new license

As District 2 Alder, I support this application, including the proposed hours of operation. There are no nearby residential areas and the previous bar at this location was not a subject of complaints about noise. I anticipate the same. The business owners have a reputation for being responsible holders of liquor licenses and solid members of the community. The applicant held an informational meeting and appeared at a Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council meeting to discuss their business and the application. TLNA Council voted unanimously to support the application.

Agenda Items 6 and 7

Dark Horse Art Bar

As District 2 Alder, I support this application with one caveat. The applicant did not hold the required informational meeting or present to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council, both due primarily to a communication mixup between the applicant and TLNA Council. So, assuming ALRC recommends approval of the licenses, at the Oct. 5 Common Council meeting I will plan to refer at least the liquor license application to the Oct. ALRC meeting if the applicant does not hold and advertise a public information meeting between Sept. 30 and Oct. 4, or should any other negative information come forward. I will also encourage the applicant to fully engage with TLNA Council via email prior to the Oct. 5 Common Council meeting.

Despite the lack of formal community input, I still support the licenses and the proposed hours of operation, although the applicant has stated that closing time will often be earlier than stated in the application. The business owner has a solid reputation for being a responsible holder of liquor licenses, including next door at Salvatore's Tomato Pies. His businesses in Tenney-Lapham have been successful and respected - he knows the neighborhood well and vice versa. Additionally, this location was previously Star Bar, which received 100% of its revenue from alcohol sales, rather than the propose 60%, and that business did not receive complaints about noise.

If my schedule allows, I will attend the Sept. 29 ALRC meeting to provide any needed clarification on these two applications.

Agenda Item 11

Jacknife

As District 2 Alder, I support this application, including the proposed hours of operation. The applicant held an informational meeting and appeared at a Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council meeting to discuss their business and the application. TLNA Council voted unanimously to support the application. TLNA Council had earlier voted to approve the required Conditional Use for the restaurant, which has already been approved by Plan Commission, as well as the patio design that also earlier approved by the Urban Design Commission. The business owners have a solid reputation at Red Sushi and are responsible holders of their other liquor license.

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