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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:32 AM
To: Parrish, Will
Subject: Wonder World Park Beer & Wine License

Dear Mr. Parrish,

My husband and I are retirees who live in a condo on Quarry St, which is the street that runs between Prospect and Belvin in close proximity to Wonder World Park. I learned from a neighbor today that the owners of Wonder World Park would like to get a license to sell beer and wine at their establishment. I don't quite understand the process, but from what I was told their application for this beer and wine license has already been approved by the Zoning Commission (?!) and will be an item on the City Council's 11/21 meeting. I'm a little confused as to whether or not City Council approval is all that is needed for this license to be issued.

Mr. Parrish, I am more than a little disturbed about the prospect of beer and wine being sold at Wonder World Park. As a homeowner who lives in the residential area adjacent to the park, I'm irritated that this is the first I am hearing about this. Seems to me that an establishment seeking a liquor license in the middle of a residential area would necessitate at least alerting the adjacent homeowners but from what I was told, this process has moved along both swiftly and quietly. Part of my apprehension has to do with the close proximity to Bracewood Circle, which is primarily low end rental properties with a high percentage of college students as residents. Many of the college students don't even own vehicles...they walk, bicycle or skateboard to campus. I know we are a college town that financially benefits from every penny students spend, but it seems the height of folly to put a bar less than a block down the street from an area densely populated by students. One of the joys of living on Quarry Street for the last 3 decades has been how quiet our neighborhood has been. I see that tranquility slipping away with the introduction of alcohol.

My other concern has to do with individuals in motor vehicles using Quarry Street to leave this establishment after consuming several alcoholic beverages. Mr. Parrish, my vehicle has been hit on 3 separate occasions by folks who take that blind curve on Quarry at too high a speed and plowed into me as I was pulling out of my parking space. Two of the folks who sent my car to the body shop were students from Bracewood Circle; the third was a family of tourists who had visited Wonder World Park from out of town and were unaware that the undeveloped portion of Quarry before the blind curve was immediately followed by 14 parking spaces and driveways after it. I cannot anticipate that adding alcohol to THAT situation is going to improve my quality of life one little bit!

My family felt like we had hit the lottery when we purchased our little condo at the tail end of the Historic District in the mid-80s. Though we have lived a humble life on a previously sleepy side street, we have had the full benefit of a drop-dead gorgeous neighborhood of beautiful homes, huge oak trees and lovely neighbors. My daughter who received her degree from TSU, and my husband who spent his career as a maintenance supervisor at the Dept. of Housing and Residential Life, were both within walking distance of campus...and a lovely walk, at that. I have walked my dog through the neighborhood at all hours of the day and night without so much as a moment of concern. And I couldn't even begin to tell you how many times my husband has mentioned through the years how happy just driving home on Belvin Street makes him. Our peaceful side street has gotten much busier this past decade with all the growth San Marcos is experiencing, but we've told ourselves that is a small price to pay for the mushrooming property value of our modest little condo investment. I share all this in

the hope that I can give you a feel for how much we appreciate our neighborhood, regardless of the fact that I have to replace the right rear panel of my CR-V occasionally. Please don't change the character of our neighborhood by turning Wonder World Park into a bar!

Mr. Parrish, I have never gone to the City Council to complain about anything, so I would very much appreciate it if you would have your administrative assistant reply to this email by outlining what protocol I should follow at the 11/21 meeting. Also, if I have contacted you in error and should be approaching someone else with my concerns, please point me in the right direction.

Cordially,
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