From: <u>Sylvester, Sarah</u>

To: <u>Council</u>

Subject: Vote NO for liquor license at Beecher &a Hamilton development

Date: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:36:44 PM

Hello.

My family lives at 344 wynne ridge court in Academy Ridge, and we are very concerned about the city's support for the developments at the corners on the West side of Hamilton at Beecher Rd. I am writing today to ask you to deny a liquor permit for use at this location.

The entrance of a residential neighborhood is an inappropriate location for a bar. The restaurant's main entrance/exit will be on Beecher, a residential road that provides the only access to the Academy Ridge neighborhood. This section of Beecher is designated as part of the safe route to school program and is part of the Gahanna bike path. A bar in this location does not seem to be a use that would be consistent with the intent of the PCC zoning and of the development plan the city, nor does it seem consistent with the assurances the developer gave to the Planning Commission in seeking approval.

If this were to happen I would seriously reconsider being a resident of Gahanna, all of the development that's happening near our neighborhood is upsetting enough.

Thank you for considering our concerns, Matt and Sarah Sylvester

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From: <u>Mary Cartwright</u>

To: <u>Council</u>

Subject: Liquor license for Buffalo Wings and Rings

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 11:47:48 AM

Council Members:

As 20 year residents of Academy Ridge, we urge you to vote no on the liquor license for the restaurant in the planned development at the entrance to our neighborhood.

We attended the city hall meeting at which this development was approved. At that time, the name of the restaurant could not even be revealed by the developer. The neighborhood's serious concerns about the safety of the curb cuts on Beecher and the increase in traffic on an already over-taxed residential street were overruled. Allowing alcohol does not seem prudent.

Thank you for your consideration. Thomas and Mary Cartwright, 1016 Ridge Crest Drive

From: Sy Cullen

To: Council; Mayor; Mark Thomas; Robert Priestas

Subject: Liquor permit Vote - Buffalo Wings and Rings at Beecher and Hamilton (File #: MR-0011-2017)

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:22:45 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Please deny the liquor permit for Buffalo Wings and Rings (MR-0011-2017). The location of the the proposed liquor establishment is not appropriate for the entrance of a residential neighborhood nor 1500 feet from the entrance of a pre-kindergarten thru 12th grade school (Columbus Academy). The liquor permit applicant's main entrance/exit will be on Beecher Road. This section of Beecher is curvy with blind spots and is used by many Columbus Academy students, residents from Academy Ridge and many other nearby neighborhoods. It is part of the safe route to school program and also part of the Gahanna bike path.

Currently, the development is being appealed, please deny the liquor permit or postpone the decision until after the appeal process has been completed.

Thank you for listening, Sayoko Cullen 986 Ridge Crest Dr From: Wells Home

To: <u>Council; Mark Thomas</u>
Subject: Deny Liquor License

Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:12:36 PM

To all concerned,

This memo is in regard to any further development at the corner of Hamilton and Beecher. I will keep my comments brief, since I know that there has already been an appeal filed for the project north of Beecher that was recently approved. I have objections that can be grouped in the following topics.

1. Appropriateness of development

These land parcels are surrounded by many professional offices, and further development of that sort would be fitting by both purpose and generally lower traffic level.

2. Traffic congestion and safety

The current plan to make curb cuts onto Beecher where it is only 26' wide and on a hill on/approaching a significant curve is clearly a needless safety negative for all traffic on Beecher.

This negative is compounded if either the traffic is increased (true for any restaurant vs professional space, and heightened if any food establishment had either a drive-through or a significant carry out or delivery business - for example an establishment offering pizza, wings, etc. carry out) Carry out business and traffic can be expected to increase even more. For example, Amazon is now offering carry out from restaurants; they don't get into areas they don't think will grow rapidly.

Obviously, the safety is further compromised if drivers are impacted to any degree. Any pub, sports bar, or any other establishment that serves alcohol will result in an increase in drivers that are impaired to some degree, ranging from minor to serious.

The entire development, both north and south of Beecher, that has been approved or proposed to date is ill conceived, inappropriate, and unsafe. At a bare minimum the application for a liquor license must be denied. Then, as the next step, the entire future use of the land should be reconsidered with the appropriate emphasis on appropriateness, traffic, and safety.

I welcome any opportunity to provide further input into these further considerations.

Sincerely, James R. Wells, PhD. 989 Ridge Crest Drive 614-638-6317

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dayna McCrary
To: Council

 Subject:
 Liquor Permit BWR File # MR-0011-2017

 Date:
 Friday, June 16, 2017 5:41:35 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

I respectfully ask you each to vote no on the liquor permit for Buffalo Wings and Rings. The restaurant's main entrance and exit will be on Beecher Road. The section we are referencing is a residential street. It is very narrow at the proposed curb cut, and not designed for commercial traffic flow. Our recently installed sidewalks finally have made our neighborhood a safe route to school. My son walked home from Middle School East several times this past school year using our neighborhood sidewalks.

Beecher Road is also a part of a formal bike path which I use regularly for biking and running. These are the community assets that drew my family here from Bexley. I realize that development is important to our city in that some development creates tax revenue. This liquor license will change the quality of our neighborhood in a very negative way. We have one way in and out of our neighborhood. Please don't make us have to compete with boozy patrons from a chicken wing restaurant.

Sincerely,

Dayna McCrary 352 Beecher Road From: Scott L Schiltz
To: Council

Subject: Beecher Development - Liquor License
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:55:34 AM

Gahanna City Council Members,

My name is Scott Schiltz, I am a resident of Gahanna within the Academy Ridge subdivision.

I'm writing to you concerning the Buffalo Wings and Rings application for a liquor license at the Beecher/Hamilton location.

My primary concern with the issuance of a liquor license is that the development's proposed primary exit feeds directly onto residential street which is a part of Gahanna's Safe Route To School Program.

This establishment opens at 11:00 AM... I repeat, 11:00 AM, seven days a week. How can we designate this route as being a "safe route to school" when it passes through a bar's primary exit during business hours?

Please consider the location of Columbus Academy when reviewing the application for license.

Thank you for your consideration,

Scott Schiltz

326 Wynne Ridge Court

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From: Megan Schiltz

To: Council; Mark Thomas

Subject: Vote NO: Liquor Permit BWR, Gahanna File #: MR-0011-2017

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:48:34 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you regarding the proposed development of a Buffalo Wings and Rings and related liquor-permit request at the northwest corner of Beecher and Hamilton Roads in Gahanna. As a resident of the Academy Ridge neighborhood, and as a parent of three young children, I respectfully ask the Gahanna city council members to vote NO this Monday (File # MR-0011-2017).

Our neighborhood has filed an appeal against any immediate development action, as information disclosed in open meetings has been misleading: the origin of the restaurant was wrongly promised to be local, the grade of the land leading to the creek was erroneously reported to be environmentally sound, and the size and impact of the development was not portrayed realistically. As such, a NO vote Monday is required to slow things down for further study of the land and of the developer.

Furthermore: Having visited the Broad street location, this restaurant-and-BAR is the wrong type of establishment for our neighborhood setting. The main entrance of this establishment is proposed for Beecher Road -- my neighborhood's only entrance/exit route.

- *Beecher Road West of Hamilton is "local" (residential) classified.
- *It is only 26 feet wide at the proposed curb cut.
- *Beecher is a principal part of Gahanna's Bikeway System.
- *Beecher Road West of Hamilton is part of Gahanna's Safe Route To School Program.
- *The proposed curb cut location is un-signalized.
- *The proposed curb cut location is un-lit and at a curve.

This development, with this entrance/exit point in this residential neighborhood, would be a serious safety concern for my neighbors, for Gahanna and Columbus Academy students, for Gahanna motorists and cyclists, and for our children. Just take a look at the number of kids and families walking through to Graeter's on a warm day like to today... then add the traffic coming from a bar parking lot.

Please vote NO on Monday. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Megan Schiltz and Claire (10), Nathan (8), and Molly (6) 326 Wynne Ridge Ct. Gahanna