

January 29, 2014 Addendum to Barnett Letter dated January 27, 2014:

Dear Commission Members:

Upon another review of the revised plans, we see that there is a sidewalk from the entrance of the bar/bowling structure directly to Hiawatha Avenue. The developers had stressed in previous discussions that there would be no access to Hiawatha Avenue. A sidewalk to Hiawatha Avenue makes this an invitation for liquor establishment patrons to meander in and out to yet another street, hang out in Hiawatha Park, and park their cars on Hiawatha Avenue. Parking is already limited on this street. There is already one handicapped space, and residents of Circuit Avenue (including the Tivoli Inn) use Hiawatha Avenue for parking since there is no parking on Circuit Avenue.

We respectfully request that the sidewalk from the entrance of the liquor establishment to Hiawatha Park be taken out, and the developer be required to put an 8 foot fence along Hiawatha Avenue from the side of the bar/bowling structure along the entire side of the parking lot on Hiawatha Avenue. A fence would look more attractive from both Hiawatha Park and Circuit Avenue than a parking lot and would restrict patrons from parking, entering, and leaving via Hiawatha Avenue, as well as lingering in Hiawatha Park. This establishment should be limited to its own space and not invite its patrons to stretch out into the entire neighborhood. The two apartment tenants can easily use the Uncas Avenue access.

Additionally, what precautions are being taken so neighbors do not hear balls smashing, pins flying, and “group shouts” for bowling successes and failures? Bowling is fun – but it is also very loud.

Finally, what venting precautions are being taken so the residents’ yards do not reek with the smells of grease from hamburgers and French fries cooking, and the sounds of heating and air conditioning exhaust fans day and night?

We are not opposed to bowling, but this project will change the entire feel of a quiet, established, quaint neighborhood and adjoining park. It is no place for a full liquor establishment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Byron and Kathleen Barnett