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Subject: FW: Zoning

FYI – I'll give you a call to discuss.

--Michael.

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All – I think I understand your position; there is a delicate balance to be maintained. My concern is that without broader support or information to demonstrate the compelling reason for P&Z to approve the zoning changes that it will be returned to Council with a mixed or perhaps even negative response. It would be somewhat difficult for Council to champion the initiative in the face of mixed or negative support from P & Z and a lack of broader community support. If the initiative fails it is unlikely that it would be taken up again any time soon and the numbers of bars and drinking establishments would continue to proliferate. I recall information that the University provided at a prior meeting that spoke to the increased number of drinking establishments and the relationship between proximity/access to alcohol and over-consumption. Would a representative from the University be able to present that information at P&Z or is all involvement to be restricted until the Steering Committee has a chance to take up the issue?

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Michael:

I was at the last Planning & Zoning meeting regarding the proposed changes regarding spacing of future liquor establishments. There were several people attending (building owners) who spoke in opposition to the proposal and the meeting was continued until tomorrow evening. I received calls this week from Bob Miklo asking if the University will be in attendance at tomorrow's meeting and if we knew of any business or property owners that we could have attend in support of the proposals.

We have talked about this internally, and while we very much favor the new proposals, in light of the collaborative nature of what we are trying to accomplish with the Alcohol Summit and the Steering Committee, we have decided we want the University to step back slightly and try to publically support initiatives that come through the Steering Committee. Otherwise, we risk alienating others on the Steering Committee. As the Committee has not discussed these zoning proposals we thought it best to hold off on further public comment on their merit.

I hope this makes sense to you. Could you please pass along these comments to Bob.

Thanks,

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