McKownville Improvement Association Founded 1924

To: The Guilderland Town Zoning Board of Appeals

From: McKownville Improvement Association (contact: Don Reeb, president, 489-3909)

Subject: Across the Street Pub-----A Petition

Date: January 16, 200\$ 6

Attached to this memo is a petition asking that the Zoning Board not approve the Across the Street Pub's request for a zoning variance. The petition pages were passed around for signatures at the recent McKownville Improvement Association meeting—it was held on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

Town Board members were at the meeting—Supervisor Ken Runion and Town Council members Dave Bosworth and Patty Slavick—and they can verify that there were a number of people who spoke in favor of the petition and no one that spoke in favor of the Pub being granted a variance. Not counting public officers and reporters there was about forty-four persons in attendance.

Generally, the sentiment was that while the Pub is both a neighborhood and a Capital District oriented business, the granting of a variance is not beneficial to the neighborhood. There are already too many parking problems for the residents of Arcadia Street. And while not every parking problem is the result of the Pub's customers parking along the street, any increase in capacity of the Pub will only make the parking problems worse.

Other problems resulting from operation of the Pub—such as noise and unsightliness of a deck that can be seen by Western Avenue motorists—only serve to make the neighborhood more sure that it does not want the Pub to be granted a variance.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the problems accompanying this request for a variance.

There are thirty-seven signatures on the petition, four of these are by persons living on Arcadia—they are marked with a * asterisk for your convenience. As far as I know, these four persons have not previously registered their opposition concerning the Pub's variance to the Zoning Board.

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The Across the Street Pub should NOT be granted a variance for the construction of a deck. The Pub has inadequate parking at present and the deck would reduce the parking and increase the capacity, making the parking problems more severe for the neighbors. A deck, being outside, adds to the noise in the neighborhood, already a problem for neighbors of the Pub—the slamming of customers' car doors, the loud talking from patrons standing outside and smoking and the late hours of operation. The deck, being visible by Western Avenue traffic, would further deteriorate the appearance of McKownville and be visible to neighbors on both sides of Western Avenue also. Therefore I am opposed to the Town of Guilderland granting the Pub's request for a variance.

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