

To Members of the ALRC:

The Marquette Neighborhood Association Board opposes the application for a Class B Beer/Liquor License for the Paint Bar, 1224 Williamson Street.

Foremost, Paint Bar had initially requested, and was granted, a license for beer and wine, not hard liquor. They have only been open for 2 ½ weeks. We feel it is premature to change this without establishing both a track record of responsible business operations or rapport with the neighborhood.

Second, the current application includes plans for a back patio. Paint Bar requested approval from the MNA in February of 2015 for a back patio. We unanimously rejected it because there was inadequate protection from noise disturbances to multi-unit residential buildings in very close proximity. We expressed similar concerns for amplified music in the garage, which is also still being sought.

Third, Paint Bar has repeatedly neglected to properly solicit neighborhood input. Owners have failed to attend meetings with the neighborhood association that they indicated they would present proposals at. The neighborhood meeting regarding this license was posted on their business, but no other notification was sent out to neighbors. This meeting was ostensibly held at the Paint Bar, but aside from three MNA board members, no neighbors attended. Nor did either of the owners of the Paint Bar.

Paint Bar failed to meet their obligations in their application under Section F, questions 60, 61, and 64. Alder Rummel was not contacted. The owners of Paint Bar were not present for their informational meeting (and thus, not hosting it), and no representative of the neighborhood association was contacted by Paint Bar.

We have asked the Paint Bar to request to the ALRC that you table their application.

Lynn Lee
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