

Dear ALRC members,

I am unable to attend the separated renewal meeting at 3pm on 6/11 but would like to comment on agenda item #5, the separated license renewal for Gretisman Investments aka Plan B at 924 Williamson.

As a long-time resident of the Marquette neighborhood area, I am very concerned about the noise and scale of Plan B and suggest that their license renewal be contingent on their finding a new, less residential location for the club.

If their license is renewed in the current location, I suggest that stringent restrictions be placed on hours, capacity, sound levels, and activity and noise of patrons outside.

I am not close enough to hear noise from Plan B but I am an expert in residential bar noise because I lived 60 feet from the Harmony Bar for 10 years and now live about a block from Mickey's. In contrast to Plan B, the Harmony Bar, while very loud inside, was almost silent outside and the patrons, for the most part, did not disturb the area.

The key problems from bars are not necessarily constant decibels of music though that is a big problem with Plan B. It's just too big a nightclub for a mostly residential area. By "too big" I mean there are too many people coming and going, talking loudly outside, getting into fights, etc.

Not only is Plan B a problem itself but it has soured much of our neighborhood on the idea of new, reasonably scaled establishments. Cases in point were the neighborhood concerns over approvals for Take Five and Pigs in a Fur Coat.

Something significant needs to change with Plan B and I encourage you to use your licensing powers to make that happen.

Thanks

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