

October 19, 2010

To: Members of the City of Madison Alcohol License Review Committee.

Re: Bayou

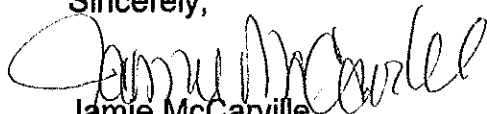
I oppose Bayou license expansion request This does affect those of us who live next door to the establishment and are affected by the noise that naturally occurs with those who have been drinking...loud talking, groups outside "whooping it up" so to speak, and traffic noise. Once people are outside the establishment, it's difficult for the establishment to control them and, inebriated people aren't too easy to quiet down...even when they aren't falling down drunk.

With the mass of the GEF buildings across the street, noise really carries. It's normally a very quiet street at night, so it's very jarring when you hear loud voices, yelling, and the occasional motorcycle being revved. It's especially troublesome for those of us living in an old house with no air-conditioning and have to leave windows open at night for ventilation.

When they moved in, my understanding was that it not be a late night bar, and their outdoor seating would not be open late. Now people are hanging outside laterer on the street. We have pictures of party busses stopping in front of the bar, hanging around out in front, and people are urinating in our yard. My real concern is that the Bayou will go from bar/restaurant to a Club at night like so many do on State St. This creates far more noise and disturbances than just simply allowing 18-21s in the bar for socializing.

Here is a link to an article in the August 28, 2010 Wisconsin State Journal about a big bar fight in a bar also owned by Dale Beck, owner of the Bayout.
http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_c1bd94ba-b1f8-11df-8946-001cc4c002e0.html Beck did not show himself to be very trustworthy with the tearing down of the building on S butler St. in historic First Settlement neighborhood without ok from City Departments and then not being very cooperative on building an acceptable building. How can we trust them with the additional responsibility of under 21 patrons be diligent about not serving them alcohol?

Sincerely,



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