

June 3, 2008

Members of the Common Council and
Alcohol License Review Committee C/O
City Clerks Office
210 Martin Luther King Blvd, Room 201
Madison WI 53703

Dear Council and Committee Members,

Please refer agenda item 95 the Bayou Bar at 117 S. Butler St back to the Alcohol License Review Committee (ALRC) until a meeting between the license holder and the neighbors to discuss the proposed sidewalk café tables and other modifications to the license are discussed. This bar is between a private residence and immediately adjacent to a daycare center. This unusual mixed use suggests you proceed cautiously after all parties have been heard and their concerns weighed. This request is supported by our Alder Marsha Rummel Sixth District.

The proposed license conditions are significantly different from those discussed with neighbors over five years ago and there has been no notification of neighbors by the City and no notification the Creative Learning Daycare at 105 S Butler St. This situation highlights some serious gaps in the ALRC review process. If you do choose to approve this license then I request that the outdoor tables are not open before 6:00 pm when most of the children are gone and are closed by 9 pm, in deference to the adjacent residences.

Mary Flanner, Director, Creative Learning Preschool and Child Care Center Inc. 105 South Butler Street, Madison, WI 53703, 608/258-9811, also have serious concerns about a bar next door to a licensed daycare facility. Downtown safety Initiative Community briefings on Central District Madison Police Department data show a direct correlation between the increase in bars and the increase in crime in the downtown area. <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/centralinfo.html> The 2007 Downtown Madison Market analysis certainly doesn't say add another bar. http://www.downtownmadison.org/programs/index.php?category_id=3443 .

It is extremely poor public policy to locate a bar in this location.

Sincerely,

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