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Planning Division Dept. of  
Planning and Community and  
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City of Madison, WI

Plan Commission Members,

We would like to propose extending our weekend outdoor seating hours from 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm. This would give the dinner guests more opportunity to enjoy our patio that overlooks Lake Mendota. As it stands now, 10:00 pm inhibits us from being able to seat outside past 8:30 because an hour and one half is most likely not enough time to enjoy your meal. Especially, if it goes past 10:00 pm then you would have to move inside to complete your dinner. As far as all the hours for the restaurant, they will remain the same.

Tuesday to Thursday open until 11:00 pm

Friday to Saturday open until 12:00 pm

Sunday open until 10:00 pm

Furthermore, there is no change in our liquor license that states we can serve until midnight but in our case it is only for patrons on Friday and Saturday nights.

We have had a meeting with concerned tenants at the Fauerbach and alder person Marsha Rummel to address our proposal. After our discussion there were still some issues indirectly related to the outdoor seating regarding the possible disruptive noise in the parking lot as the patrons leave the premise. We agreed that posting signs in the corridor and in the parking lot stating the importance of being respectful to our neighbors would be beneficial. We also proposed to build a ramp so our garbage cans would not create thumping sounds when going up and down the outside stairs. We have taken thoughtful measures before we opened to be good neighbors and intend to do so throughout the life of the restaurant.

Sincerely,

John and Phillip

August 12, 2008

Mr. Don Last  
404 South Blount Street #306  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Last,

Thank you for your letter dated July 14, 2008. I appreciate the neighborly relationship we have had for the past twenty plus years and we will continue to work with you going forward. I understand your concerns regarding our garbage/recycling area and the noise associated with servicing our dumpsters but it is the most logical and efficient location to have it. Other sites on the property would use needed parking stalls to accomplish and would block views of the lake. The current location is extremely inconspicuous for the Fauerbach, Machinery Row and visitors to the building and it helps give privacy to your pier that extends behind it. This is part of the reason we have given yearly permission to put your pier across the property line.

Regarding the dumpster service, we currently have a total of seven pick-ups per week (M,W,TH, F for the garbage and M,W,F for the recycling) and before Sardine opened there were five pick-ups per week. In other words, the restaurant has added two dumps per week more than the previous schedule. We tried to stay with five pick ups but the overriding factor in going to seven was making sure the food didn't spill over or stay in the dumpsters too long. We have our maintenance staff checking and cleaning this area M-F to insure that it doesn't emit bad odors and we have not detected a problem at all this summer. From time to time I have received a phone call from Linda Martin regarding Green Valley arriving too early but the vast majority of the time they have cooperated with us and usually the only problems are when a substitute driver is on. I have contacted Green Valley again and reiterated our concerns about early morning pick ups and they have it flagged on their work orders to come as late as possible.

We are investigating a ramp for the basement stairs for deliveries (to reduce the bumping noise) but the concern is that the heavy loads may get away from the delivery person and I am not sure this would alleviate your concerns anyway as the waste bins would still be wheeled across the parking lot. Sardine has been emptying their recyclables and garbage at around 4-6 p.m. (per your letter) to avoid disturbing Fauerbach residents after closing so if there is a better time please let one of us know.

I hope the iron and wood fence we installed has eliminated the headlight concerns for the owner of the ground floor condo and it seems as though the security gate is working well keeping trespassers out of your property while allowing you to access Machinery Row. I will work with the Sardine owners to minimize unnecessary trash noise and to be respectful of residential neighbors and please let me know if you have any further suggestions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeff Coatta