

Lake Edge Neighborhood Association

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June 15, 2010

Members, Madison Alcohol License Review Committee

Dear Committee Members:

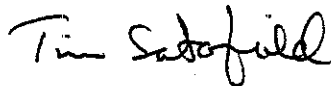
This is to advise you that at its meeting last Wednesday, June 9, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association voted to oppose the application of Walgreen Co for liquor licenses for the store at 108 Cottage Grove Road (ID #18626 on your agenda for Wednesday June 16, 2010) The vote was 6-0. Among other neighborhood association members in attendance at the meeting, 2 were opposed and 1 in support.

Neighbors have raised two basic issues with regard to the application. First, there already is a locally-owned neighborhood liquor store immediately adjacent to this Walgreen's location (Harley's Liquor and Bait). Residents expressed support for this locally-owned establishment, and were concerned about the impact on this store from the sale of alcohol at Walgreen's. Anyone wanting to make a liquor purchase only has to walk a matter of a few feet from Walgreen's parking lot to access Harley's.

Second, some residents do not believe there is a need for an additional liquor outlet in this area. In addition to Harley's, beer and wine is available near the corner of Davies and Cottage Grove at a "quick store" outlet, and at other outlets on the east side of Stoughton Road on both Cottage Grove Road and Buckeye Road.

I want to acknowledge Walgreen staff taking the time to meet with me, Alderman Larry Palm, and Kathy Soukop, president of the Eastmorland Neighborhood Association, several weeks ago. I appreciated their willingness to discuss their proposal and ensure that we were not surprised by their application.

Thanks for your consideration



Tim Saterfield, President  
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