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Sent: Sunday, August 05, 2012 7:36 PM
To: Johnson, Jill; Tucker, Matthew
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Subject: 5692 Monona Dr. Planning Commission

Dear Alder Johnson and Matthew Tucker-

I am unsure when the meeting for the Conditional Use and outdoor seating is going to happen for 5692 Monona Dr. According to the below link it looks like it is now scheduled for 8/20/2012 but the sign says 8/6/2012. My families concerns are expressed below. Thank you.

<http://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=190295&GUID=A2872277-4F0E-45F0-A4FC-123727AD7690>

My wife and I are homeowners at 105 Acacia Ln Madison WI. Our property immediately connects to 5692-5696 Monona Dr. The property has been vacant for many years and the back fence is in poor condition and inadequate by todays standards. Additionally the property plans to serve alcohol and have outdoor seating both of which are unprecedented for this location.

My wife and I are opposing the conditional permit, outdoor seating and alcohol license until there commitments to mitigate the changes for the neighborhood such as a suitable privacy fence.

The rear of my house and backyard is closely associated with 5692 Monona Dr, Las Ilas Del Mar. I know the business model is for primarily food but am still concerned as there is already extensive alcohol signage outside, inside and on the planned menu for the restaurant.

More specifically we are concerned about late night activity after alcohol consumption, late night outdoor smoking, alcohol consumption outside and parking lot associated activity. I am concerned that even if the plan is for this business to not be a bar it may turn into one some late nights and this is connected to the rear of my house. I have heard a variety of initial closing times ranging from 9:30pm until midnight. We request that if alcohol and outdoor activity will be planned that a minimum 6 foot privacy fence be placed to help separate this activity from my family and other residents. This has been done at several other restaurants that serve alcohol along Monona Dr. I have talked to several of my neighbors and they have similar concerns. I know that part of the property is zone residential and would request that business provide a buffer between the new activity and residents.

Thank you-
Michael Dobbert and Andrea Dobbert
105 Acacia Ln.