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NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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Members of Alcohol License Review Committee c/o City Clerk's Office
210 MLKJ Blvd., Room 103
Madison, Wisconsin

Re: Brickhouse BBQ Alcohol License Application and State St Gallery

The Mission of the Alcohol Issues Committee of Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. is to "develop working relationships with community partners to identify, and enact a set of environmental strategies that will minimize the impact of alcohol abuse on our neighborhoods and re-establish a sense of accountability in the alcohol purveying and using community for the safety and well-being of our residents."

When a new alcohol license application is received by the City, the CNI Alcohol Issues Committee will "provide a recommendation to CNI- Executive Committee as to whether CNI should support the license application, object to the license application being granted or remain neutral. CNI-EC will vote on the recommendation of the Alcohol Issues Committee".

On September 22, 2008 the Alcohol Issues Committee interviewed the following principals of the proposed Brickhouse BBQ: Jonyean Lee, owner, and Joseph Tachovsky, general manager, and a representative of the architecture firm which designed the proposed restaurant space, Based on information these representatives presented at that time the AI Committee supports approval of the Brickhouse license application with the following conditions;

1. Capacity limited to 200 (180 seats, 20 vertical drinking spots)
2. No amplified music in the outdoor dining areas
3. Maintain restaurant status, defined as food sales equal to or greater than 50% of total sales (application notes 75% or more food)
4. Outdoor facilities hours the same as indoor, per application
5. Entire restaurant to close 30 minutes before bar time

The applicant has a good track record to date with Samba Brazilian Grill on West Gilman street, expressed their intent to operate the proposed business in the same professional manner.

We do not object to the continuation of the license at State Street gallery. However, we continue to be concerned about the density of alcohol outlets in this area We hope that safety concerns for this area will bar additional licenses in this area

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Both the ALRC and Madison Police should monitor the situation and consider implementing additional evidenced based research suggestions offered in the past to help improve the safety of the downtown. The high density of alcohol licenses and capacity of establishments in the downtown that focus on alcohol sales continues to be a source of both community problems and ongoing concern.

Sincerely,

Bob Holloway , President