

From: Phyllis Noble [pnoble42@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 11:20 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: alcohol at BP station on Atwood

Dear Brad Murphy,

I'd like to state, as a resident of the neighborhood, that I am opposed to granting an alcohol vending license to the proprietors of the BP station on Atwood Avenue at Miller.

1) Our community has no need for another vendor of alcoholic beverages.

Beer and wine can be purchased just a few blocks away at Jenifer Street Market. Woodman's also sells alcoholic beverages, about three minutes away in a car.

2) Residents of this community have been through the wringer with problems associated with alcohol sales a block away at Atwood and Hudson. We are very relieved to see those problems come to an end, and are invested in keeping a quiet and peaceful residential area intact.

3) Our children hang out at the BP station. Years ago, my son was one of them — it was the place to go on your bike to get a soda or a candy bar. We'd send our kids there to get milk. Let's keep it that way.

4) To the owners of the BP station I would like to say that we welcome you, we appreciate the service you offer. Please serve our community and do not place yourselves in opposition to us.

Phyllis Noble
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Madison, WI 53704

From: Steve Pomplun [spomplun@wisc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: opposition to alcohol sales at BP station on Atwood

Hello Mr. Murphy,

I write to express my opposition to the request to sell alcohol by the BP station on Atwood Avenue. Plenty of establishments in the neighborhood already offer this service, and I do not believe that alcohol sales at BP would in any way add value to our neighborhood. The BP station is operating under a standing agreement that alcohol would not be sold at this location. We expect the owners to honor that agreement with its neighbors.

Thanks,

Steve Pomplun
2409 Sommers Ave.

From: Mark Xistris [MXistris@The-Alliance.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:41 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Atwood BP Liquor License

Mr. Murphy,

We live two blocks from the BP Station on Atwood and are in favor of them having a license to sell beer.

Kind regards,
Mark Xistris
2437 Sommers Ave.

Mark Xistris

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From: Victoria Straughn [vzstraughn@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 6:27 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Correction

Hello Mr. Murphy:

Earlier today I sent you an email that had a typo in it that needs to be corrected. In the second to the last para., I wrote:

" I urge you to maintain the Conditional Use Agreement for the BP Station and now allow the sale of alcoholic beverages there." If you were confused, it is because it should say "not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages there."

Perhaps you understood the intended meaning anyway, but I wanted to make the correction for the record.

Thank you,
Victoria Straughn

-----Original Message-----

From: Barb Chusid [mailto:bachusid@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Bp beer

I am opposed to BP selling beer. I live around the corner at 2706 Sommers Ave.
Phone: 249-4377 Thanks, Barbara Chusid

From: Dean Morse [morsedean@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 7:21 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: beer sales at the BP station on Atwood Ave

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I write in opposition to changing the conditional use permit against beer sales at the BP gas station on Atwood Avenue.

I have owned my house on Sommers Ave for 34 years. I was at the meetings where it was agreed that the station be allowed to expand as a convenience store on the condition that beer not be sold. I am strongly against changing that condition. I do not think the current owners need to sell beer and it is very clear that residents do not need to buy beer from the gas station. If the current owners bought the station without knowing that the conditional use ban on alcohol sales was in effect, then I am sorry, but that does not mean the agreement should be overturned.

Beer sales would add the potential for many problems and I believe the property owners near the station should be listened to. They overwhelmingly oppose beer sales.

Thank you,

Dean Morse
2421 Sommers Ave
Madison

From: Richard Loftsgordon [mailto:raloftsgordon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 8:35 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: BP on Atwood Ave. Proposed beer sales

We are opposed to beer sales at the gas station. I hate to interfere with the livelihood of these people as they seem like good business owners for the neighborhood. However after our Africana experience we are opposed to any additional alcohol outlets the area.

Richard and Barbara Loftsgordon
1110 Forster Dr.
Madison Wi.
owners of property at 2702 Sommers Ave.

-----Original Message-----

From: linda hedges [mailto:lkhedges@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 10:10 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: BP station at 2801 Atwood

To Brad Murphy and the Planning Commission,

I regret that I can not attend the the meeting on the question of alcohol/beer being sold at the BP station.

Please count my voice as opposed to alcohol/beer being sold at the BP station at 2801 Atwood Avenue.

Linda Hedges
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Madison WI 53704
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From: Victoria Hestad [mailto:vhestad@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 8:39 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Regarding PB Gas Station on Miller and Atwood Avenue

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I am going to try and make it to the meeting tonight. In case I am unable to do so, I want you to know that I live about 1.5 blocks from the BP gas station. I am completely against them being able to sell alcohol. I think that our neighborhood worked in good faith when the previous owners wanted to expand. I believe the neighbors approved the expansion with the stipulation that alcohol not be sold. I wonder how many times the neighborhood will have to defend our position?

I am sorry that the current owners were not informed of this stipulation. But that is simply not our problem. They did not do due diligence on their own behalf when making a giant purchase. Again, that is not our problem and nor should we be accountable for fixing it at our own risk.

We have a very unique and sweet atmosphere in this part of our city. It is unique because the neighbors consciously ARE NEIGHBORLY. We don't want to attract 'drive-through' drinkers. I also personally do not want to make it any easier for teens to have access to alcohol. We all know this happens because teens get older friends or even strangers to purchase the products for them. The BP gas station is close to Lowell Elementary School, several home day cares and is on the route that many high school kids take to get to East High. And it is close to the Goodman Community Center. This Center is attracting a lot of kids every day and giving them a safe and nurturing place to learn, hang out and play. There is no doubt that selling alcohol at that station will change the clientele that stops there. There is no doubt that another opportunity for purchasing alcohol will lead to another opportunity for those who are underage to acquire it. I do not want this.

It does not take much to change the flavor or character or reputation of a neighborhood. I would like to preserve the character of ours. Selling alcohol at this BP gas station cannot lead to more peace and more tranquility.

Thank you,
Vicky Hestad
2726 Center Avenue