

Plominski, Katherine

From: Judge, Eli
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 4:35 PM
To: Plominski, Katherine
Subject: DP Dough and Samba ..

Katherine,

→ I just wanted to put into writing the conversation we had earlier today:

The applicant "DP Dough" on tonight's ALRC agenda, a popular calzone and (my favorite) cookie restaurant and delivery shop, has impressed me with the level of professionalism they have displayed since their original opening. They have come to be known as one of the best "study food" locations on State St. I am in full support of their application for a Class B beer license. I have absolutely no doubt that DP Dough will maintain the ratios presented in its application. I have had several conversations with the applicants and have discussed this license specifically on many occasions. I am sure they will remain a simple calzone, cookie, and ice cream shop, save for the occasional bottle of beer that they may sell to a 21+ customer. I wish them the best on their relatively new business venture and hope that the ALRC will do the same.

As for Samba's Brazilian Steakhouse, I find myself without strong feelings one way or another. This is the second time this application has been before the ALRC. I will say, however, that the applicant has, at least in my eyes, proven that Samba is, in fact, an upscale, respectable restaurant. Seeing as, upon our denial of this application a couple months back, we hoped that, by this time, they would be able to prove their worth as a restaurant, I feel confident in saying they have done just that. I hope the ALRC takes my convoluted opinion for what it is worth, and I will say that I would feel comfortable endorsing the patio license so long as the ALRC, the neighborhood, and the nearby church would do the same.

Thanks Katherine. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

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From: Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel [wichapel@wlchapel.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 4:30 PM
To: Plominski, Katherine
Cc: Wendorf, Todd (Chapel); Tom Trapp
Subject: Objection to Samba's alcohol new request

To the City of Madison:

We were just notified at 4:15 p.m. today that Mrs. Lee of Samba's Restaurant at 240 W. Gilman Street is requesting to serve alcohol in their outside dining area. While we are thankful for a fine upscale restaurant such as Samba's next to us (the food is excellent), we however object to the request to serve alcohol in Samba's outside dining area. On behalf of the Chapel, our Operations Manager Todd Wendorf objected to this request at the August 15, 2007 city committee meeting and we still object to this request on the basis that we just built an alcohol-free Chapel-Student Center so students could have an alternative place to go and get away from alcohol. Now the alcohol would be served literally outside next to the Chapel. There's plenty of alcohol on State Street available and we don't need more alcohol served in our neighborhood, especially with the Peace Park's alcohol and drug problems across the street

Thank you for listening to our concerns,
Pastor Thomas Trapp and Operations Manager Todd Wendorf

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