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Good morning Jim,

I was speaking with Ryan Ramig from the Dive Inn on Cottage Grove Road & he mentioned that they are about to be up for consideration for a modification to their liquor license.

I am an immediate neighbor to the bar – they are adjacent to my back yard - and wanted to chime in to provide my support.

When I moved in to my home on Davidson Street in 2016, this property was a different bar, Jo Becks, and let me tell you having that place in my backyard was a nightmare. I don't know if you were in your current role or if you were involved with any of that bar's licensing issues at the time. From my experience, that bar blatantly disregarded any consideration for the neighborhood surrounding them. Any night of the week – and usually multiple nights – I could count on being woken around bar close time by loud fights or parties in the parking lot, loud music coming from cars or loud engines revving for extended periods of time. I considered that bar to be a blight on the neighborhood, and all of my neighbors agreed with me.

Since the very beginning of the Dive Inn, they have gone out of their way to make sure that they are available to us neighbors for feedback and have been very proactive about making sure that they do not cause us disturbances. In fact they installed a fence as a sound barrier at the back of their parking lot at the request of that neighbor. I cannot think of any instances where the Dive Inn has cost me sleep, or caused me any problems at all. I see this as the result the work that they have been putting in to ensure that they mesh well with the neighborhood.

In addition to that, the Dive has been bringing more positive activity to this emerging neighborhood – I see families there enjoying themselves on the patio along with the yard games, and they have been hosting a variety of food trucks on a weekly basis, which really brings some excitement and fun to the food options available to the neighborhood.

I am saying all this to say – the Dive Inn has been a major upgrade to the neighborhood & I fully support the plan that Ryan described to me for them to utilize their outdoor parking lot space for hosting special events. I trust Ryan and all of the staff at the Dive to maintain their status as a compliment to the neighborhood, not a detriment.

Thank you for your time in reading this.



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