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**Subject:** My Buddies - Plan Commission Agenda Item 22434  
**Attachments:** My Buddies letter.doc.dot

**From:** Clausius, Joe  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2011 4:00 PM  
**To:** Murphy, Brad; Ethington, Ruth  
**Cc:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Schmidt, Chris; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** FW: My Buddies - Plan Commission Agenda Item 22434

This email and attachment contain additional information pertaining to the above agenda item.

At this time, I do not support Agenda Item 22434.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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**From:** Snyder, Tom  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2011 1:48 PM  
**To:** Schauf, Mary  
**Cc:** Clausius, Joe; Woulf, Mark  
**Subject:** My Buddies

Mary,

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Lt. Strong and I held a meeting with Mark Woulf, Jennifer Zilavy, Alder Clausius, and representatives from "My Buddies." In attendance were Dale Wells, Joe Johnson, and Jason Wells. They also had their "HR" representative with them.

We met for about an hour and a half. It was a meeting that needed to take place prior to the ALRC meeting. At the meeting we asked about their previous experience, bar management on a day to day basis, event plans, and security related issues. Ultimately City staff was less than impressed with the plan. Both Jason and Joe have felony records and a trail of what I consider immature decision making. They lack the experience and responsibility to take on this venture. It was quite evident from some of their comments.

It seems quite apparent that the father (Dale) is being used as the person seeking the license because Joe and Jason do not have the confidence they could obtain one on their own. This is not the first time they have used another party to front as the "person in charge." Clearly, on a day to day basis, Joe and Jason would be running the business. They so much as admitted that.

I spoke to Chief Manthey in Portage who shared his concerns (previous bar managers there) as well as emails shared with his agency and the Portage City Council. I also spoke to Lt. Redman in McFarland, where just last year Joe and Jason tried to obtain a license in yet another woman's name who lied on the village application by denying any criminal record. There is more information, but suffice to say, none of the City staff present at this meeting agreed it would be appropriate to grant this license. I have spoken to Chief Wray about this issue as well. Mr. Wells has been notified that MPD and Alder Clausius will not support this endeavor.

Thanks,  
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May 13, 2010

Mr. Dale Wells  
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Dear Mr. Wells,

I wanted to thank you for coming to the East District and meeting with myself and other City officials this week. I appreciate your cooperation and believe your interest in owning a successful business on the City's Eastside is genuine. The meeting provided us an opportunity to discuss the "My Buddies" business plan, entertainment and promotional opportunities and security concerns. We also had an opportunity to ask questions of you and your employee's backgrounds and previous restaurant/bar management experience.

Based upon our observations and information presented at this meeting along with the previous documentation received from other law enforcement agencies, it has been determined that the Madison Police will not support this license. We have significant concerns regarding the day to day operations of the business and would be willing to provide this information to the ALRC if requested. City Staff in attendance at this meeting are in agreement with this decision.

I sincerely wish you well in your future endeavors,

*Thomas Snyder*

Captain Thomas Snyder  
East Police District  
Madison Police Department