

I am writing to support the application of Lakeside St Coffee for an entertainment license, file 35086.

As a resident of the Bay Creek neighborhood I have been very pleased with the community focus of this business. The bar portion of Lakeside Coffee has kept limited hours for music performances – I believe 5 pm to 10 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, and has offered a pleasant place for residents to gather and enjoy themselves.

The Lakeside bar has provided the neighborhood with:

- Weekly neighborhood happy hour events
- Neighborhood game nights
- Support of local artists through events, display and the sale of their paintings and sculpture
- Opportunities to enjoy local music artists

I have attended several events at this establishment and I appreciate the opportunity to meet and talk with my neighbors in a very relaxed environment. It is great to have an entertainment venue within walking distance.

I understand that a concern has been raised about noise in this residential area, but if the hours of operation continue to be limited, the impact is much less than many entertainment establishments in Madison which are open until bar time every night.

Also, I should mention that while I am the Contact Person for the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association, this is a personal message and does not imply direct Association support. The BCNA has not discussed the application in question.

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