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A comment regarding Kirk Banstad and Minocqua Brewing. I'm not sure if this business is on the agenda but they have encouraged the community to reach out to you with comments

I am not alone with my thoughts that this business and business owner are not "trying to uplift and beautify" the neighborhood. They (business and patrons) frequently disturb and disrespect the peaceful working class neighborhood. The front of the business does face a noisy, busy street, but the back lines up with a peaceful residential neighborhood full of children, the elderly, as well as standard working adults. Selling alcohol in no way uplifts my community, Madison has enough bars owned by elitist white men. I am against this business having any special privileges regarding them creating outdoor noise, large scale art, or auditory or visual political "activism" in my neighborhood. This business is not an asset to the local community and only attempts to create a larger divide between the wants and needs of the neighborhood and local business owners. Madison's east side residents deserve to be protected against exploitive, elitists business owners and practices.

He/they are trying to blame the neighborhood on a recent vandalism incident. He is trying to use political spin to blame the neighborhood that he routinely disrespects and does not intend to serve. We are not the problem!!!

Please do not put this exploitative man and his unending need for profit above the residents of the East Side. This business attracts nothing but drama and now perhaps violence. This incident shows that this business poses a serious safety risk for the neighborhood.

I would prefer that my comments remain anonymous as the business owner Mr. Kirk Bangstad has been known to make personal attacks, leak information about children online to those who speak out against him. If that is not possible, please let me know.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion on this matter. From a local parent, resident, property owner, and activist, [REDACTED]

From: [agturnip](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#); [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#); [Planning](#)
Subject: Opposition to CUP for Amplified Sound – 2927 E Washington Ave (District 15)
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Dear Members of the Madison Planning Commission and Alder Martinez-Rutherford,

I am writing as a nearby resident who lives directly across the street from 2927 E Washington Avenue, at 241 Oak Street. I am writing to formally express my opposition to the conditional use permit (CUP) application by Minocqua Brewing Company for amplified sound in their outdoor patio area.

During the public neighborhood meeting held at the Hawthorne Library, the business owner, Mr. Kirk Bangstad, asserted that this permit would only affect the adjacent property at 242 Oak Street. I take strong issue with that characterization. My property is in very close proximity, and I will absolutely be affected by amplified sound in that space, regardless of how Mr. Bangstad has attempted to minimize its impact.

I'd also like to express concern about a broader pattern of increased disruption in the area since the opening of the outdoor patio and the addition of regular events — even without amplified sound. While I've long accepted the occasional presence of liquor bottles from patrons of the attached liquor store, Trixie's, the addition of the brewery has noticeably intensified the amount of trash on my property. I now regularly have to clean up to-go containers and other refuse likely originating from food trucks and outdoor patrons. This increase is frustrating, and it undermines the safety and cleanliness of our neighborhood, which is regularly used by families with children and pets.

Additionally, I attended the neighborhood meeting and found Mr. Bangstad's tone to be dismissive and entitled. Rather than fostering collaboration or demonstrating responsiveness to concerns, he framed the CUP as something that would "help" or "save" our neighborhood — despite the fact that many residents clearly and respectfully voiced opposition. He also stated that he had "gone to war" with the Minocqua Planning Division, and when I asked how that should make us feel as he now makes a request to the Madison Planning Commission, he deflected the question and framed it as political persecution in Northern Wisconsin. This does not inspire confidence that he would approach a denial from the Madison Commission with professionalism or compliance.

For all of these reasons, I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application. Amplified sound in this location would further diminish the quality of life for residents on Oak Street and beyond. Given the applicant's dismissive tone, prior behavior, and lack of accountability for the negative externalities already introduced to the neighborhood, I have no reason to believe that additional permissions would lead to better outcomes for those of us who live here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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