

I support the application with several conditions.

I held a neighborhood meeting 11/22 with over 60 people in attendance. No one opposed the E 21+ license, but several neighbors wanted the opportunity to share their their concerns and make sure they were addressed. Several neighbors reported that noise from bands and the impact of bar time noise had escalated over the past two years but there was a shared assumption that the applicants were responsible, long time members of the Willy St community and would take measures to address their concerns. Lots of neighbors attended to show support for the importance of this music venue as a place for the punk music community. The majority of the meeting attendees indicated they lived in the neighborhood and supported the application.

Bill and Holly Alexander, the applicants agreed to take immediate steps to implement soundproofing techniques including installing curtains facing Willy St and adding baffling. I'd like to make sure we understand where these efforts will be in the bar and make them an itemized condition of the license. They promised to reinforce the message to staff to ask patrons to respect the neighborhood as they leave the bar and the applicant agreed to post signage about noise. The staff usually tour the property and the immediate vicinity throughout the evening and they will continue to do this, especially at bar time. Quite a few of the Wisco's staff attended the meeting so I believe the message was heard but I would like to make this a condition of the license. I reminded the owners that they are responsible for monitoring sound/bass levels not the bands. The owners did not want any ending time or day of the week restrictions on their license citing the nature of punk band touring schedules meant that they were often Sun-Wed.

The Wisco has a 1991 Plan Commission conditional use permit that allowed them to install the sand volleyball court. It was later amended in 1998 to permit no more than 6 outdoor live events that must end by 10pm each year. I have forwarded the conditional use info in a separate email for the Clerk's records. I support continuing to allow the 6 outdoor events and request that you add this condition to the Class B Combo license conditions with the additional requirement that the owners provide neighborhood notification of at least 10 days prior to each event.