From: Heck, Patrick
To: Verbick, Jim
Subject: ALRC Agenda Item #17
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Hi Jim,

Please enter my comments for this agenda item into legistar 74937. Thank you.

Concerning the liquor license application for Sookie's Veggie Burgers that proposes to add liquor to their current beer-only license and to extend their serving hours from 10pm to 2am on Thursday through Saturday:

Sookie's, represented by owner/operator John McCune, held their informational meeting for this application on Dec. 13, which was attended by me and a Campus Area Neighborhood Association officer. Attendees agreed that Sookie's is a well-managed restaurant-tavern and appreciates that alcohol is not a focus with likely less than 5% of revenue coming from alcohol sales. While the applicant expresses the desire to keep that low percentage of alcohol revenue, attendees also agreed that despite best intentions, there is some risk of that percentage growing and some risk of late night problems associated with late night alcohol consumption and overconsumption.

If ALRC believes that the establishment can provide a secure and safe operation and business model that are not alcohol-focused, I support adding liquor to the license, particularly if the number of liquor offerings is limited and complimentary to food offerings.

If ALRC believes that the establishment can provide a secure and safe operation and business model that are not alcohol-focused and will not increase the use of city resources used to cope with overconsumption issues, I would support some extension of their alcohol serving hours. Given that the business is not particularly experienced with late-night operations and issues related to alcohol, I do not support the requested extension until 2am on Thursday through Saturday.

Thank you for considering my input.

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