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Alcohol License Review Board echristianson@cityofmadison.com mwoulf@cityofmadison.com
City of Madison

Re: Application for license change by Dexter's Pub and Nick Zabel.

Dear Members.

The Eken Park Neighborhood Association approves on a limited basis of the proposed changes sought by Dexter's Pub to it's liquor license to permit outdoor events. Dexter's Pub is located within the boundaries of the Association and is well regarded by our members.

At two regular meetings, June 11, and July 9, 2011 the Association discussed the proposed changes. For both meetings the item was clearly announced on the meeting agenda in the normal manner. The proposed changes which are the subject of this letter are to allow entertainment events outside in a parking lot adjacent to the building housing Dexter's Pub.

District 12 Alder Satya Conway-Rhodes contacted immediate neighbors of Dexter's and solicited feedback. District 15 Alder Larry Palm mailed letters to neighbors within several blocks of Dexter's.

Some concerns were received from the surveyed neighbors. They revolved around noise (both people and music), intoxicated pedestrians, and parking. Far and away the greatest concern was over parking. Several suggestions were offered at the meeting of July 9 to help alleviate the parking overload generated by Dexter's.

After extensive discussion and questioning of Nick Zabel, owner of Dexter's Pub, the Eken Park Neighborhood Association proceeded to a motion on the topic. The motion was made to send a letter to the ALRC in support of the application to change the liquor license of Dexter's Pub subject to two conditions.

One: that such outdoor events be limited to four per year.

Two: that the concerns identified by the survey efforts of Alders Palm and Conway-Rhodes be addressed by Mr. Zabel.

The motion was approved by show of hands without dissenting votes. We had nine members of EPNA present for the discussion and vote.

Respectfully yours, Jim Wold Co-Chair

cc: EPNA Leadership Team Alders Palm and Conway-Rhodes Nick Zabel