

I met with the applicant today, and she would like this e-mail shared with the ALRC.

From: Brad Koning [mailto:BKoning@ShulferArchitects.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 3:27 PM
To: Woulf, Mark; Laki Kaur
Cc: briansolomon@charter.net; Solomon, Brian
Subject: Madison Oil - Class A Liquor and Beer license

Public Hearing - New License Madison Oil LLC • dba Madison Oil 4611 Verona Road •
Agent: Lakhvir Kaur Class A Liquor & Class A Beer Aldermanic District 10 (Alder
Solomon) • Police Sector 104

Mark,

On behalf of my client Laki Kaur, I would like to bring to your attention an email that I received from an individual of the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood which discusses the recent application of Madison Oil, LLC. to the ALRC for a Class A Liquor license. Within the body of Mary Mullen's email (included below), I find a disturbing – and what I believe to be raciest remarks regarding my clients ethnicity (and possible stereotypes) with regard to her application. It is one thing to state her opinion on why a liquor license is not desired in the neighborhood – but is quite another to discriminate a business owner personally. I truly hope the ALRC committee takes into account any damage that this woman has spread against my client with this email. Mary has not attempted to contact Laki with any questions regarding the proposed business, and her negative comments (and those she has contacted) could be seen as racially motivated and stereotyped against women and her ethnicity.

As the Alcohol Policy Coordinator, we wanted you to be aware of this situation as I see no place for it in the City of Madison process – nor should it be tolerated.

Excerpt from email sent from Mary Mullen on October 26...

From: Mary Mullen [mailto:mmullen@chorus.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 12:50 PM
To: Dunn's Marsh (Marlb); Dunn's Marsh (Unknown); Dunn's Marsh Proprietors
Subject: Liquor license application, HyVee proposal
Liquor Store Proposed for Madison Plaza - Hearing November 9

There's a big orange notice on the window of the former Dream Bikes location in Madison Plaza. It informs neighbors that Madison Oil LLC is applying for a liquor license for this location and that the hearing before the Madison Alcohol License Review Committee is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the City County Building.

The owner of the business and person applying for the license is Lakhvir Kaur, an Indian woman.

The Madison City Clerk's office provided this information about the application.

- Hours of service, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days a week
- Sales of beer, wine, spirits, and packaged food
- Take out only - not a bar, no tables
- Security cameras inside and out
- Owner has managed a gas station for 2 years
- Owner plans to personally manage the store and hire 1 full-time and 2 part-time employees
- Applicant's phone number, for more information, is 608-692-6520

Residents of our neighborhood are encouraged to attend the hearing or express their opinions in writing. Opinions can be expressed directly to the Alcohol License Review Committee by corresponding with the Eric Christianson of the City Clerk's office at: [<echristianson@cityofmadison.com>](mailto:echristianson@cityofmadison.com)

Letting our alder Brian Solomon know your thoughts is another avenue. To communicate with Brian, e-mail him at [<district10@cityofmadison.com>](mailto:district10@cityofmadison.com) or [<briansolomon@charter.net>](mailto:briansolomon@charter.net) You can also write to him at 2148 West Lawn Avenue, Madison, WI 53711. His phone number is 608-446-1362.

People who want to express their opinions to all the Madison alders at once can send an e-mail to [<allalders@cityofmadison.com>](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com)

by Mary Mullen

Mary Mullen, 298-0843, or mmullen@chorus.net.

Thank you for your time,
Brad Koning

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