

Wells, Christopher

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:38 PM
To: Wells, Christopher
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: May 9 Monty's Permit for Outdoor Seating

Hi Joey-

I am forwarding the email below from a nearby neighbor who is sharing concerns about how loud your patio speaker system is. I have shared concerns I've received from other neighbors about the overloud amplification with Monty's in the past.

I will request Plan Commission approve the outdoor seating conditioned on no amplification on the patio.

Marsha

From: K. M-S [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 2:35 AM
To: [REDACTED] King, J
Steven
Cc: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: May 9 Monty's Permit for Outdoor Seating

Hello,

My name is Karen Margelofsky-Sorensen and I live at [REDACTED] Corscot Court. I'm writing to you as I believe you are part of the Plan Commission (I found your contact info on the City of Madison legislator site) and on May 9 will be hearing the case for the conditional permit for outdoor seating at Monty's Blue Plate on Atwood. I would attend the meeting in person but I will be out of town and am therefore unable to be present.

While I like the restaurant and don't mind them having outdoor seating their use of a loud speaker to call their patrons to their table is getting very old. They do this daily but most extensively on weekends, many times starting at 9 or 9:30 in the morning on both Saturdays and Sundays. If it's a nice day and they are busy these amplified notifications can go on throughout the day. We live about a block away and I have also talked with neighbors of Linden Street which is further away and they too have expressed frustration with the noise and intrusion this frequently causes throughout weekends. And if the neighbors blocks away hear it so clearly and loudly I hate to think of what it must be like to be sitting outside at the restaurant and to have to listen to the amplified "yelling" as people are called. In addition to the hours of "table for 2 for Steve", "table for 6 for Sue", "last call for Barb for a table for 4" there are also times when the staff use this sound system at closing time and have sung songs over the speaker system and in general played around with it to goof around and/or converse with staff who may be cleaning up outside. Many restaurants give their patrons a silent pager that goes off when a table is available and this

would be a most welcome system for Monty's to use as it would cause no intrusion of sound noise on the environment of the neighborhood, in our homes, and in our backyards when we are trying to enjoy our time outside. Even though the neighborhood is active it can be quite quiet and lower key on weekends and it is nice to be able to have windows open in spring, summer and fall. However, the barrage of business related noise from their use of an amplified speaker system is very trying and not conducive to enjoying our neighborhood and personal environment. I don't know if there is anything you can do about this as part of their permit but if there is and this level of noise intrusion and interruption in our neighborhood, especially on weekends, could be addressed and stopped it would be most appreciated.

I will be out of town and off the grid for much of the time between now and the meeting so will have very limited access to technology and email. But if I can provide any further info please let me know and perhaps I will have a chance to respond before 5-9.

Thanks much for your consideration in this matter.

From: Tom Liebl
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 7:26 AM
To: Parks, Timothy
Subject: May 9 Plan Commission Meeting

Mr Parks,

I'm writing in regard to the Monty's Blue Plate item scheduled for Mondays meeting. While I am an enthusiastic supporter of outdoor activities and dining, there is no reason that Monty's needs to annoy their neighbors with an obnoxious P.A. system. We don't have that many nice summers weekends, and I don't need to listen to the cattle call of all their customers while (trying) to enjoy my back porch. This has been going on many years, but each spring it comes as a new annoyance. I know other restaurants have figured out simple ways to handle the overflow crowd, so prohibiting the P.A. cannot be considered a hardship.

In summary: I support their desire for outdoor seating but only on the condition that amplified paging is prohibited.

Thanks for your time,

Tom Liebl
[REDACTED] Linden Ave.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 9:45 PM
To: Terry Cohn; Ken Opin
Cc: Parks, Timothy
Subject: Re: Plan Commission Monday May, 9th QUESTION

I have requested to planning staff that the staff report to the Plan Commission should include a condition to prohibit amplification for Monty's outdoor seating area based on complaints that I have received. I also informed Joey at Monty's.

Marsha

From: Terry Cohn
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 6:46 PM
To: Ken Opin
Cc: Rummel, Marsha; Parks, Timothy
Subject: Re: Plan Commission Monday May, 9th QUESTION

Thank you, Ken, for the information. We really appreciate it. We were also concerned that this was not publicized in a way that those going to the restaurant or walking by in the neighborhood would never have known about it, if our neighbor on Corscot had not questioned the high sign on the second floor of the restaurant and informed me.

See you!
Terry

> On May 4, 2016, at 6:38 PM, Ken Opin wrote:

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> Terry

> I believe the item will be on our agenda on Monday. The agenda will be out tomorrow.

> I'll let you know when I see it.

> If you plan to testify, be there by 5:45, and fill out a green registration form. If you want to submit written comments, send them to Tim Parks (his email address is on the Cc line. If you get it to him tomorrow it will go out to us in our packets. Members of the Plan Commission read our material over the weekend, and frankly, we have more time to pay attention to submissions than than we do to items placed before us on Monday night.

> See you then.

> Ken

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>> On May 4, 2016, at 6:23 PM, Terry Cohn wrote:

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>> Hi Marsha,

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>> I was told that Monty's Blue Plate was going before the plan commission this Monday regarding their outdoor seating. I had seen a public notice on a window on their second floor out of sight from the public. I no longer see it today, Wednesday, May 4th. I tried to find out if the item is on the agenda for Monday, but I can not find an agenda online.

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>> I would like to address the issue, as would others on Linden Avenue, regarding their VERY loud PA system that has plagued us for years. We have no problem with the outdoor seating, but see NO reason that such an antiquated LOUD obnoxious PA system should be allowed. Hand held vibrating systems are common and simple and people can wonder while waiting for a table.

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>> Please let me the status of this item.

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>> Thank you,

>> Terry Cohn

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