

From: [bekee gibson](#)
To: [Lamberty, Kelli](#)
Cc: jackkear@hotmail.com
Subject: Food carts on Thornton at Mickey's Tavern
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017 6:49:25 PM

Kelli,

I'm writing you today in support of the activity that Jack Kear is working on: food carts in the cul de sac on Thornton Ave.

I've been a patron of Mickey's for the past 20 years, have family members employed by Jane and her son Ben, as well as being an employee myself a couple of years ago. The folks in the larger family there are so supportive of the community and I can't speak more highly of the group of people Jane and her son have under their employ.

In addition to my affiliation with the neighborhood tavern, I'm also a year-round bicycle commuter. After the horrific sexual assault on the path in 2015, my confidence in using the path plummeted, as well did my ease of calm. I considered, at length, getting a conceal-carry license simply so I could arm myself with a baton for my daily commutes. Can you imagine, needing to be armed to get to and from work safely?

Instead, I got more lights, a louder voice, and an alternate route that takes me down the more populated Jenifer or Spaight instead of along the dark path.

This tiny part of my story is to set the stage for my opinion that the more folks are casually using public spaces, the safer they become (within reason, of course). The cul de sac on Thornton is an excellent place for our local food vendors to share their treats, and to create a safer space for neighbors.

Feel free to contact me with any questions and to pass my note along to the group in charge of making the decision on this matter.

Thank you,
Bekee Gibson

From: [Bob Hemaue](#)
To: [Lamberty, Kelli](#)
Subject: Street Use -- Thornton Ave Food Carts/Safe Trails Proposal
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:18:21 PM

Kelli--

I'm writing a note of support for the street use permit to allow food carts to operate on Thornton Avenue near the Capital City Trail on a select few Saturday nights in September and October. I've worked and volunteered on the near east side of Madison for more than 15 years and the stretch of the bike path between Dickinson and Winnebago has always been foreboding after dark-- and it's only been made more so since the horrific attack in 2015 a few blocks west.

I think that the Safe Trails proposal represents the sort of creative problem-solving approach to these issues that the city should encourage. It's heartening to see this sort of grassroots, community-based effort using placemaking to address an urgent public safety concern, and I hope you'll support it as enthusiastically as I do.

Thanks,

Bob Hemaue

From: [Jesse Lyne](#)
To: [Lamberty, Kelli](#)
Subject: Food Carts Near The Bike Path
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:36:09 PM

Hello!

My understanding is that the idea of food carts operating in late evening near the east side bike path is being considered as a safety measure. I whole heartedly support this great idea. It's a wonderful, proactive approach to safety and it supports small local businesses! I really hope this goes through. I use the path a great deal and want it to be for everyone.

Thanks.

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