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From: Ethington, Ruth on behalf of Planning
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Wells, Chris
Subject: FW: Support for Outdoor Patio @ 1726 Monroe St

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From: Craig Vruwink <craigvruwink@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Outdoor Patio @ 1726 Monroe St

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As a resident of the 1722 Monroe St apartment complex, I wholeheartedly support outdoor seating for Garth's Brew Bar at 1726 Monroe St.

Thank you

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University Wisconsin-Madison, La Follette School of Public Affairs 2019
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Wells, Chris

From: Ethington, Ruth on behalf of Planning
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Wells, Chris
Subject: FW: Comments regarding item 60666 (Garth's Brew Bar outdoor seating addition)

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From: Mary Erdman <mserdman@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comments regarding item 60666 (Garth's Brew Bar outdoor seating addition)

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Hello Planning,

I am currently a resident of the apartment building above Garth's bar. I'm guessing that Garth is hanging by a thread during this pandemic and the closures. It looked like Garth either did a test run or wasn't aware he needed permission first because he had tables out front and suddenly they disappeared. I have a couple of questions.

1. Since Garth doesn't really have a kitchen (Frozen pizza warmed up and fancy pretzels served.) and advertises that it's O.K. for customers to bring in their own food, is this an outdoor bar or restaurant? Perhaps the licensing is worded as bar and restaurant. In my limited search, I couldn't find what I was looking for.
2. Is there any way smoking can be prohibited at the outdoor seating? Reason why I'm asking is apartments directly above with balconies/terraces would definitely be affected by rising smoke. One of the few joys during our time of COVID is sitting out on our terraces in the cooler hours of the evening. My apartment is not directly above, but a friend who lives above wondered. When residents especially, walk outside and past the seating proposed, smokers would certainly affect that experience. The seating is really really close to the street, so anyone walking a dog or making a quick trip to Trader Joe's, for example, would have to walk through a possible smoky haze. That would affect me.
- I remember eating in the outdoor patio of a restaurant and smoking was allowed. The meal was great until people lit up. It's difficult to get away from the smoke in these situations.
3. I read that a total of eight seats are planned. When Garth has tables and chairs out temporarily, it was a tight fit. How can we make sure the total number of bar patrons outside is eight?

I'm sure Garth is hoping outdoor seating will help is bottom line. His bar has been a good neighbor when everyone was seated inside. I'm hoping he can continue to be a good neighbor with service outside.

Thank you!
Mary Erdman
1722 Monroe St.
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Sent from my iPad

July 13, 2020 PLAN COMMISSION and Alder Tag Evers District 13

Re : Agenda Item 13. 60666 1726 Monroe Street; 13th Ald. Dist.: Consideration of a conditional use in a Planned Development (PD) District for an outdoor eating area for a restaurant-tavern

I am opposed to allowing outdoor seating at the Garth Brew Bar

Here are considerations, I have lived in Vilas/ Greenbush area for 27 years and am still raising a teenager.

1. Our neighborhood and the Monroe St. shopping area needs to remain family friendly with Monroe Street Arts center across the street, and Monroe St library just a few doors away. I do not want to expand and promote Public Alcohol Drinking and possible intoxication on a daily basis by allowing outdoor seating at a Brew Pub on Monroe Street. We already deal with alcohol overuse issues with students renting houses and partying on front lawns. While this brew Bar and its outdoor seating may seem insignificant, it is a giant step in the wrong direction for residents in the City of Madison encouraging outdoor space used for alcohol consumption. .

2. Monroe Street has a much smaller sidewalk than downtown Capital square sidewalks where the photos provided in the Letter of Intent were taken (in front of Sardines) where the block is much wider, and space is open and accommodating. On Monroe Street the Garth outdoor seating and barriers will minimize walking space where the sidewalk barely can accommodate pedestrians, often walking bikes, or carrying groceries. This end of Monroe street is a congested area in the afternoons with cars parking on both sides, people often do not cross at the crosswalk, therefore creating more hazards. This is imposing more restrictions for those on wheelchairs and our aging residents in the area who frequent the stores or are out for a morning or afternoon walk.

3. It is not clear if this is a temporary request by Garth Brew pub, or is this going to turn into a permanent situation and set a precedence for City of Madison? . Either way – stop this now from altering our neighborhood. Keep alcohol use indoors

PLEASE Do not allow this conditional use permit. Vote NO on outdoor seating for this end of Monroe St. at Garth Brew Bar

Eileen Hornberger Thompson
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From: [Sally Lehner](#)
To: [Evers, Tag](#); [Planning](#); [Firchow, Kevin](#); [Parks, Timothy](#); [Wells, Chris](#); [Prusak, Sydney](#)
Subject: Opposition to Outdoor Bar on Monroe Street
Date: July 13, 2020 5:27:25 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Intent for Garth Brew Bar.pdf](#)

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Dear Plan Commission & Ald. Evers,

I'm writing to let you know that I oppose this request. I just received notice of this even though we live on the 1800 block of Madison Street. One of the main reasons for my opposition is the noise. It looks like they are looking to have their bar outside until 10pm and midnight? There are many families living in close proximity, and the noise from drinking patrons will likely reverberate throughout the nearby area making it difficult for people to sleep. This will be a major change to the use and quiet enjoyment of existing properties in the vicinity.

There are other considerations too--is there enough space for social distancing for pedestrians using the sidewalk? Is a road lane on Monroe Street being blocked off to allow more space for people to keep their distance during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Thanks,
Sally Lehner

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From: [David Seth Gevers](#)
To: [Evers, Tag](#)
Cc: [Wells, Chris](#); [Firchow, Kevin](#); [Planning](#); [Prusak, Sydney](#); [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Re: Opposition to Outdoor Bar on Monroe Street
Date: July 13, 2020 5:40:41 PM

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Dear Ald. Evers and Plan Commission members,

I just received notice from a neighbor about this request for outdoor alcohol consumption a couple hundred feet from our house. I live on the 1800 block of Madison and am strongly opposed to this application request to have outdoor drinking until midnight. There are many families living in close proximity, and the noise from drinking patrons will likely reverberate throughout the nearby area making it difficult for people to sleep. This will be a major change to the quiet enjoyment of my property. Also, how will social distancing and pedestrian use of the sidewalk be able to be maintained if the four top tables are several feet into the sidewalk?

Please reject this application.

Sincerely,
David Gevers
1819 Madison Street