

CAPITOL
NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.
MADISON, WISCONSIN

February 24, 2011

Alder Mike Verveer
Madison City Council

RE: Echo Tap 544 W. Main St.

Dear Alder Verveer,

At the February 14 monthly meeting of the Bassett District of Capitol Neighborhoods Patrick Ryans and Victoria Stewart presented information of their renovation plans for the Echo Tap. They also presented plans for an outdoor seating area. This area would be located within what is now part of the parking lot. The area would have tables and chairs for about 20. It would be enclosed with a wrought iron type fence with access only from within the building. The parking lot is being reconfigured and will now have a total of 4 parking stalls. Neither the building addition nor the addition of the outdoor seating will increase the current licensed capacity of the facility.

In response to questions about hours of operation Stewart responded that food and drink service would be limited to daylight hours. At other times it is expected that smokers would use this area rather than congregating along the ramp at the entrance. After some discussion there was a sense that establishing specific hours of operation would provide everyone with shared expectations. Residents in attendance generally felt that closing the outdoor area to food and beverage service at 9 PM on Sun – Thurs. And 10 PM on Fri & Sat. was appropriate. After these hours patrons could be in the outdoor area but food and beverages would not be allowed. There will be no music or television set up in the outdoor area. Ryans and Stewart expressed that they are very interested in being good neighbors and being proactive to prevent this area from causing disturbances to adjacent residents.

The sense of residents at this meeting was that the conditional use for an outdoor seating area is appropriate subject to the conditions noted in the paragraph above.

Thanks for your consideration,

Peter Ostlind
Chair Bassett District
Capitol Neighborhoods

Cc: Patrick Ryans