

Melendez, Yadira

From: Asia Leach <socialworkher.collective@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: License Hearing for "DRAGONS' PLACE" at 7200 W FOND DU LAC Av.

To the Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

I am writing in response to your decision to allow Dragon's Place to continue operating following the recent license review hearing.

I want to be clear this decision is deeply concerning from a public safety standpoint.

Within a 48-hour period, two serious violent incidents occurred at or in connection with this establishment. On April 5th, my brother, Allen Lane Jr., sustained catastrophic, life-altering injuries, including a severe traumatic brain injury. On April 6th, another individual suffered a broken jaw. These are not minor or unrelated events. They demonstrate a clear and escalating pattern of violence.

In both instances, there were significant concerns regarding the absence of effective, identifiable security and a failure to intervene in a timely and appropriate manner. There is also video evidence reviewed by law enforcement that further supports these concerns.

Under Wisconsin Chapter 125, licensed establishments have an obligation to maintain order and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Additionally, oversight by the City of Milwaukee License Division and your governing body is intended to ensure that businesses operating under these licenses do not pose a continued risk to the community.

Based on the facts presented, that standard was not met.

Your decision to renew this license, despite two serious and preventable incidents occurring within days of each other, raises serious concerns about how public safety is being evaluated and prioritized.

This is not simply a regulatory issue it is a matter of human impact. My brother's condition is permanent and life-altering. Another individual was seriously injured less than 24 hours later. These outcomes should have warranted stronger accountability.

Allowing this establishment to continue operating under these circumstances sends a message that repeated violent incidents and failures in safety measures do not carry sufficient weight in licensing decisions.

That message is concerning not only for my family, but for the broader community.

I strongly urge the Council to re-evaluate this decision, increase oversight, and implement stricter accountability measures to ensure that public safety is not compromised moving forward.

This situation should not be minimized. The risk is real, the harm has already occurred, and the responsibility to prevent further incidents remains. You all just basically let me know my brother life does not matter.

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You are requested to attend a hearing which is to be held in Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall or you may attend virtually using the link below.

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 10:20 AM

The access code is <https://meet.goto.com/979258013>. Please see the enclosed best practices document for further instructions.

Regarding: Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "NYIA ENTERTAINMENT, INC" for "DRAGONS' PLACE" at 7200 W FOND DU LAC Av.

Respectfully,

Yadira Melendez

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