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1 CITY OF MILWAUKEE

2 UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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4 In the Matter of:

5 REID, Devon L., Agt. for Junior's, Inc., Class "B" Tavern
6 and Tavern Dance renewal applications for Junior's Sports
Bar & Grill at 5409 North Green Bay Avenue.

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8 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9 Ald. James Bohl - Chairman

10 Ald. Marlene Johnson-Odom - Vice Chair

11 Ald. Jeff Pawlinski

12 Ald. Fredrick Gordon

13 Ald. Joseph Dudzik

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15 DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES by PANDORA BENDER

16 HEALTH DEPARTMENT by OSCAR L. BOND

17 LICENSING DIVISION by JAMES COPELAND

18 POLICE DEPARTMENT by SERGEANT JOHN HOGAN

19 OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY by BRUCE SCHRIMPF

20 Proceedings had and testimony given in
21 the above-entitled matter, before the UTILITIES &
LICENSING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on
22 the 11th day of March, 2003, reported by Donna
Gulczynski of Milwaukee Reporters Associated, Inc.

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (NOTE: All City Personnel Were Sworn Under

3 Oath Prior to These Proceedings.)

4 ALDERMAN PAWLINSKI: We're going to call

5 the first matter up, which is in the 1st Aldermanic

6 District, for Devon Reid, agent for Junior's,

7 Incorporated, Class "B" tavern and tavern dance

8 renewal application for Junior's Sports Bar & Grill

9 at 5409 North Green Bay Avenue.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: This item is in the 1st

11 Aldermanic District. Alderman Pratt is joining us

12 here. Good morning, Mr. Reid. Could you please raise

13 your right hand? And Clerk, will you swear him in.

14 (Whereupon Devon Reid was Sworn Under Oath.)

15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Reid, do you acknowledge

16 receiving notice of today's meeting with the

17 possibility that your license could be denied due

18 to neighborhood objections to loitering, littering,

19 gunshots, armed robberies, thefts, drug-related

20 activities, public urination, speeding vehicles,

21 traffic problems, loud music, noise, and conduct which

22 is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of

23 the neighborhood.

24 MR. REID: Yes, I do acknowledge receiving

25 the letter.

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1 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Let's go around the

2 horn here. Health Department?

3 MR. BOND: No objection.

4 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Neighborhood Services?

5 MS. BENDER: No objection.

6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And there is no police

7 report.

8 SERGEANT HOGAN: No.

9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Pratt is here.

10 Alderman Pratt, do you have anything you'd like to

11 add?

12 ALDERMAN PRATT: Yes. Thank you very much,

13 Mr. Chair, members of the committee. I'm here, and I

14 did read the letter from the neighbors. Okay. Let me

15 just move this.

16 I read the letter from the neighbors, and

17 you have it citing gunshots, armed robberies, thefts,

18 drug-related activities, urinating in public and

19 traffic concerns such as speeding on Green Bay, Custer

20 and Lawn Avenue. I haven't received any complaints

21 from -- I can't recall. I don't think I received any

22 complaints from any of the neighbors this past year.

23 I'm very familiar with Junior's. It used to

24 be a place called Bobbie's. Both of my kids, who are

25 now young adults, age 30 and 25, attended St. Nicholas

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1 School, which is right next to Junior's. It's now

2 Eastbrook -- I think it's Eastbrook Church. I know

3 Junior's park -- his customers park on the parking

4 lot.

5 I went by Junior's just this past Friday,

6 saw a young man who used to be a bartender there,

7 who's in his 14th week of police training, with five

8 other recruits from the police department who were in

9 Junior's. The clientele there is always respectful.

10 Young people, 20 to 30 years old. I don't know of any

11 incidences there.

12 You know, maybe the neighbors obviously know

13 more than I do relative to what goes on at Junior's,

14 but I can say to you it's one of the better operated

15 places in the 1st Aldermanic District. And let me add

16 this; that Mr. Reid, I've known him for 25, 30 years,

17 as he was a very young man, 18, 19, 20 years old, in

18 the army reserves for six, seven years. Lives

19 upstairs over the business, has a son who lives with

20 him over the business.

21 You know, I can't -- Quite frankly, I can't

22 even understand the letter. I mean I can read, I

23 understand that and what's here. Obviously we don't

24 have any police objections.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is that all, Alderman?

1 ALDERMAN PRATT: So I'm fully supportive.
 2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: This item is noticed for
 3 neighborhood objections. Are there any neighbors here
 4 who are present? Can we first off get a show of
 5 hands? Could you please raise your hand? Who here is
 6 objecting to the license?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: All of us.
 8 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. What we will do here
 9 is we will have you all sworn in en masse here, so if
 10 you could all raise your right hands.

11 (Whereupon All Witnesses Were Sworn Under
 12 Oath.)

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And if you want to one by
 14 one take the seat here. Okay. And what we will ask
 15 from you is that you will relay only firsthand
 16 testimony that you yourself have seen, heard or
 17 experienced, and we will ask that if we get to a point
 18 where we have redundancy in testimony, that you either
 19 substantially or wholly agree or disagree with
 20 previous testimony. There are a fair number of you.
 21 We don't want to get to the point where we are taking
 22 a long period of time to rehash the same information
 23 before us, so --

24 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman?
 25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.

1 individuals who's scared, and if you live on that
 2 block and not on a certain area from that block, and
 3 put yourself in the position that these people that
 4 live there; and one woman that had to give up her home
 5 that lived there, and that had been living there for
 6 many years, now have moved because of conditions.

7 And understand that we are not the Milwaukee
 8 buck that gets their justice when it's given to them,
 9 but residents that live directly there. We have to
 10 suffer with this and knowing these things, being
 11 vigilant on control many times myself. There have
 12 been gunshots that come from the parking lot.
 13 Although the church is there, -- they own the church's
 14 lot, -- the church is not present at that moment.
 15 There is racing on those streets, although the church
 16 again is not there, nor is Alderman Pratt, but many of
 17 us are there.

18 We are not asking for something that have
 19 occurred at one time, two times, three times or four
 20 times. We are asking for something that have occurred
 21 over a numerous amount of years. We are not asking
 22 for something that Mr. Reid is not cognizant of nor is
 23 Alderman Pratt cognizant of. We are asking for
 24 something that we have had meetings with Mr. Reid at
 25 the center; things got better for a little while and

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you. I think if
 2 we're going to have further hearings where testimony
 3 is going to be required, it might be advisable to have
 4 the microphone installed, that stand-up microphone
 5 installed, so that we can expedite the process.

6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I think that's a good idea,
 7 and hopefully Channel 25 can expedite that as we're
 8 moving along.

9 As you come up, would you please state your
 10 name and your address for the record, and then begin
 11 your testimony. Ma'am, we'll start with you here on
 12 the right.

13 MS. VARNADO: If you don't mind, I would
 14 like to start because I have to get back considering
 15 we don't have enough staff at the center.

16 My name is Ruth Varnado. I'm the executive
 17 director of the Lincoln Park Community Center located
 18 at 1301 West Hampton Avenue, directly down the street
 19 from Junior's, that holds their annual community
 20 meetings. I also live approximately one-half mile
 21 from Junior's, -- not quite if you go straight
 22 across, -- but if you zigzag, it's about a half mile.

23 I can hear many different things that comes
 24 from the area. I would like to begin by saying
 25 Lincoln Park Community Center has a residency of

1 then progressed again. We are not asking for things
 2 from Alderman Pratt that he had not been told.

3 We have videos, we have pictures, and we
 4 have direct testimony. Being an activist of area
 5 three, I have turned in numerous amount of license to
 6 the Milwaukee Police Department of individuals coming
 7 in from Kenosha that was selling drugs on that lot.
 8 And with that, I will say thank you for hearing my
 9 testimony.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Are there questions for
 11 Miss Varnado by committee members?

12 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.

14 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you. Miss Varnado,
 15 there was a meeting at the Lincoln Park Community
 16 Center which I attended as a member of the Utilities
 17 and Licenses Committee to discuss this issue relative
 18 to the concerns that residents had about the
 19 establishment, correct?

20 Since that meeting, has there been any
 21 attempt to meet with Mr. Reid or Alderman Pratt
 22 relative to these concerns that were expressed by you
 23 here at this meeting, and at that meeting, which took
 24 place in mid-March?

25 MS. VARNADO: I cannot say there was any

1 attempt to meet with Alderman Pratt on my behalf.
 2 However, a letter was sent to Mr. Reid which I cannot
 3 prove that he received, because although you sent a
 4 letter, that don't mean that it was received.
 5 In the past when we send a letter or make
 6 continuous attempts, telephone calls, go by there,
 7 Mr. Reid do eventually show up. However, when you go
 8 by there, they'll say Mr. Reid is not here, and I
 9 cannot prove that he didn't get the message or he did
 10 get the message, but there were attempts to get in
 11 touch with Mr. Reid.
 12 ALDERMAN GORDON: Were you able to observe,
 13 yourself, some of the activities that you testified to
 14 today?
 15 MS. VARNADO: Yes, I have.
 16 ALDERMAN GORDON: When was the most recent
 17 opportunity that you observed personally some of the
 18 behavior attributed to patrons coming out of Junior's?
 19 MS. VARNADO: The year of 2002, summertime,
 20 after the election when I had time to go up and take a
 21 look at what Mrs. Cole had called and said to me about
 22 when she had called the police, which I am shocked. I
 23 am definitely shocked that the police department do
 24 not have any report here because they were called for
 25 services. Not only was they called for services, they

1 MR. REID: Not that I can recall, no.
 2 ALDERMAN GORDON: Have you observed any
 3 behavior yourself outside the premises of the
 4 establishment which led you to contact the Milwaukee
 5 Police Department?
 6 MR. REID: Yes, I have.
 7 ALDERMAN GORDON: And when was that?
 8 MR. REID: Anytime I observe --
 9 ALDERMAN GORDON: The most recent time.
 10 MR. REID: It would have to be within the
 11 last month. There were some guys playing loud music
 12 outside, and I contacted the police department --
 13 after asking them to turn it down, I contacted the
 14 police department to see if they can just send a squad
 15 to try and get them out of there.
 16 ALDERMAN GORDON: Was there a response from
 17 the department relative to that request?
 18 MR. REID: Usually there is. They usually
 19 send a squad.
 20 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you.
 21 MS. VARNADO: Just a moment, please.
 22 Mr. Reid gave us the tavern number, not his home
 23 number and not his cell number. If he did, he gave
 24 it to someone that didn't give it to me.
 25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Other questions from

1 attended the meetings at Lincoln Park and knew about
 2 them firsthand.
 3 ALDERMAN GORDON: Were those meetings last
 4 summer?
 5 MS. VARNADO: Yes.
 6 ALDERMAN GORDON: That's all. Thank you,
 7 Mr. Chairman.
 8 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Any other questions from
 9 committee members?
 10 ALDERMAN GORDON: Oh, one more. I'm sorry.
 11 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.
 12 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Reid, have you
 13 recently, within the last six months, had any contact
 14 with residents in the immediate area or Miss Varnado
 15 at Lincoln Park Community Center?
 16 MR. REID: No, I have not. In our past
 17 meetings I have given Lincoln Park Community Center
 18 and most of the residents that I see here my cell
 19 phone number and my home number, and I haven't
 20 received any calls from no one regarding any of the
 21 incidents at Junior's.
 22 ALDERMAN GORDON: Have you had any contact
 23 with residents as recently as last summer regarding
 24 some of the concerns that have been raised by Miss
 25 Varnado and will be raised by residents here today?

1 committee members?
 2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman?
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Schrimpf.
 4 MR. SCHRIMPF: Miss Varnado, I believe
 5 in response to Alderman Gordon, you indicated that you
 6 had seen some of this activity yourself and personally
 7 during the summer of 2002. Did I hear your testimony
 8 correctly?
 9 MS. VARNADO: Yes, you did.
 10 MR. SCHRIMPF: What did you observe?
 11 MS. VARNADO: I observed a black, large
 12 Cadillac with gold-plated plates, Wisconsin, with a
 13 name on it. I have to go back to the report. I
 14 called down to the police department to get the
 15 information which I will not say here, but you can
 16 call Deputy Chief Monica Ray, and I'm quite sure that
 17 department will give you all the information that you
 18 need because it did lead to an arrest.
 19 MR. SCHRIMPF: Did you observe anything
 20 else, ma'am?
 21 MS. VARNADO: I did not hear -- at least I
 22 did not see the gunshots, but I did hear them when we
 23 drove up. But like the police, when I got there,
 24 there was nothing there, absolutely nothing there.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay.

1 MS. VARNADO: The store next door, which is
 2 Park Market, reports -- Is this hearsay evidence?
 3 MR. SCHRIMPF: Yes.
 4 MS. VARNADO: Okay.
 5 MR. SCHRIMPF: That's all I have,
 6 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.
 7 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Any other questions from
 8 committee members? Mr. Reid, you have the ability to
 9 ask Miss Varnado questions relating to her testimony.
 10 MR. REID: I don't have any questions at
 11 this time.
 12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: All right. Thank you,
 13 Miss Varnado. The next witness? Ma'am, we'll go to
 14 the right here, and then we'll come back to you, sir,
 15 and for residents who are waiting, you can fill the
 16 seats as they start to vacate here. In fact, why
 17 don't we, from now forward for the residents here,
 18 after these two provide their testimony, -- Ma'am,
 19 after those two provide their testimony, what we're
 20 going to do is we'll have you shuffle in to the
 21 microphone that's standing. Ma'am, if you will,
 22 your name and your address for the record, please.
 23 MS. JOHNSON: I get a little nervous because
 24 I don't speak good English, but I live across around
 25 Junior's Tavern, and my name is Imelda Johnson, and my

1 And then -- because my son and daughter-in-law come
 2 over one Sunday, and he says, "What is going on?" He
 3 say, "You have to get out of here and stay with us on
 4 the weekends."
 5 And then so nobody listens to us anymore,
 6 and then so she called Alderman Pratt, and then I get
 7 a call from him. He says, "This is Alderman Pratt.
 8 Did you call about Junior's Tavern? What is the
 9 problem?" I said, "Listen. I don't think I can be
 10 able to talk to you because you don't listen to us
 11 anymore." He said, "Well, thank you for bothering
 12 you." That's what he said.
 13 And I'm not being disrespectful, but I think
 14 we elect the people to protect us, and we have a right
 15 to speak what's going on, too. And I can see --
 16 Everybody says there's nothing going on, but we live
 17 across the street, and we live on the corner, and in
 18 the summertime we don't open our windows because
 19 there's too much noise. The traffic was unbelievable.
 20 I told -- I don't know if it was your nephew
 21 or your son. I talked to him, which I told him, and
 22 he was really nice. He understood --
 23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Johnson, you'll have to
 24 use the microphone first, but also, please, if you
 25 could direct your testimony to the committee rather

1 husband and I, we live at 5384 North Green Bay.
 2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you. And,
 3 ma'am, your testimony?
 4 MS. JOHNSON: My testimony is that in that
 5 last summer, early this summer, I went down and talked
 6 to the tavern because there was a quarrel over there
 7 in the middle of the night. There was screaming, and
 8 you get scared because I live on the corner, and on
 9 both sides are cars. They're parking all over. And
 10 so I went over there personally and talked to them
 11 because the parking lot -- There's too many coming on
 12 the weekend and Sundays, a lot of traffic going on,
 13 and so they're parking in my driveway, and then I
 14 can't -- My husband don't hear so well, but I get a
 15 scared because all of a sudden I saw somebody's
 16 parking in my driveway, and I asked him, I said,
 17 "What are you doing here?" And he says, "We're
 18 looking for somebody." I said, "This is my house."
 19 I said, "You leave here." And later on I found out
 20 they broke into my grandson's Jeep, and they stole
 21 some stuff.
 22 Well, I went the next day to Junior's
 23 Tavern, and I talked to them of what was going on, and
 24 I explained to them that they have a right to have a
 25 business, but we have a right to live over there, too.

1 than to Mr. Reid.
 2 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, I'm sorry.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That's okay. Thank you.
 4 MS. JOHNSON: And then I told him what was
 5 going on, and he says, "I'm very sorry," but he says,
 6 "Well, we're trying to work with the police
 7 department." I said, "Well, those are promises,
 8 because since you opened this tavern on me, it's been
 9 like this. I do not object to you having your
 10 business, but we have a right to live in our own way,
 11 too."
 12 And that later on, a month later on,
 13 somebody was broken into. One of the vans over there.
 14 They're parking over there, and I went over there to
 15 the tavern and explained to them what was going on.
 16 So if you go over there and tell them, what else can
 17 you expect out of us? I don't understand. And I just
 18 afraid it's coming summer again, and this is what
 19 happens.
 20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Johnson, I have one
 21 follow-up question for you relating to the break-in
 22 and some of the activity that you've seen. How is it
 23 that you know that these are Mr. Reid's patrons versus
 24 others who may be in working within the neighborhood?
 25 MS. JOHNSON: Because I saw a lot of young

1 people going and parking over there in the parking
 2 area in his tavern.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And maybe for Miss Bender,
 4 or Mr. Reid, what is the capacity of your club?
 5 MR. REID: I believe it's 180, sir.
 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: 180, okay.
 7 MS. JOHNSON: And even he admit it. He says
 8 it happens on Sunday. I says, yeah, because I don't
 9 think everybody can go in the tavern, so they stay
 10 outside and in the area, and there's nothing but young
 11 people, and we live on the corner, and they're parking
 12 all along and around on both sides, and when they get
 13 out of the tavern, -- I told them, we appreciate very
 14 much if when you close the tavern, -- because you
 15 don't know what's going on after you close the tavern
 16 to -- The music is so loud, and there's screaming so
 17 loud and everything because they don't know.
 18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Now, you indicated that you
 19 had contacted Alderman Pratt.
 20 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 21 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You indicated as well you
 22 made likewise attempts to reach Mr. Reid as well, too?
 23 That you contacted Mr. Reid?
 24 MS. JOHNSON: No, because at the time when
 25 he called me, I went afterwards, because that's only

1 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Questions, Mr. Schrimpf?
 2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Thank you. Miss Johnson,
 3 first of all, as I understand what you're saying,
 4 you've seen a lot of noise and a lot of patrons
 5 outside of the tavern during the summertime; is that
 6 correct?
 7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 8 MR. SCHRIMPF: Is the problem worse in
 9 summer and not as bad in winter, or does it continue
 10 year-round?
 11 MS. JOHNSON: In the summer.
 12 MR. SCHRIMPF: It's worse. All right. And
 13 what exactly do you see in terms of the patrons? Are
 14 these patrons, by the way, of the bar?
 15 MS. JOHNSON: How do you know? They're
 16 going over there in the parking lot area, and the
 17 traffic is just going through.
 18 MR. SCHRIMPF: So the bar has a parking lot?
 19 MS. JOHNSON: That belongs to the church.
 20 MR. SCHRIMPF: Oh, they use the parking lot
 21 of a church?
 22 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 23 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. And what times of the
 24 day do you see these people in the parking lot?
 25 MS. JOHNSON: Well, like on Sundays between

1 when they called me. And then afterwards what
 2 happened is when I went over there and talked to
 3 somebody in the tavern.
 4 MR. REEP: Maybe I could just add to that.
 5 I'm not sure she understands the question.
 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Ma'am, I just wanted to know
 7 if you had ever followed up with the tavern to relay
 8 your complaints, where you spoke to Mr. Reid or
 9 someone else who was affiliated with the club itself,
 10 to relay your concerns to them.
 11 MS. JOHNSON: I went over there and talked
 12 to the tavern, to somebody inside, and it wasn't the
 13 owner because I asked him, I said, "Are you the owner
 14 of the tavern?" He says, "No, I'm Mr. Reid's nephew."
 15 And I explained to him what was going on.
 16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Was there any response?
 17 Did you get any positive outcome out of that,
 18 Miss Johnson?
 19 MS. JOHNSON: No. They only told me they're
 20 trying to work with the police department, but I say
 21 how can you work with the police department; I never
 22 see the police around here. And we called many times
 23 to the police department.
 24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman?

1 10:00 and 11.
 2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Is this at night or during
 3 the day?
 4 MS. JOHNSON: At night, at night.
 5 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. And what are these
 6 people doing?
 7 MS. JOHNSON: I'm going to tell you, you
 8 have to look at what's going on because we live on the
 9 corner, and so they park on both sides in front of my
 10 house and the side on the corner and the other side by
 11 the gas company. They park on both sides. And so
 12 when you look, you see where they're going, because
 13 you can't help it. You can't sleep, and then you get
 14 up and look at it, and you can see all the things
 15 going on. And I said how -- if you don't have a place
 16 to park, why do they keep on coming. You can see that
 17 traffic go up and down.
 18 MR. SCHRIMPF: Ma'am, what do you see these
 19 people doing?
 20 MS. JOHNSON: I see they're going to the
 21 parking lot area --
 22 MR. SCHRIMPF: Yeah.
 23 MS. JOHNSON: -- with the music so loud.
 24 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. They're playing loud
 25 music?

1 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Are they dancing?
 3 MS. JOHNSON: One time about 2:00 in the
 4 morning, after they closed the tavern, they were
 5 dancing in the parking lot area. I went over there
 6 across Green Bay, and I said, "Will you please quiet
 7 down?" And they apologized to me. And then I told it
 8 to the person at the tavern. I went across the street
 9 about 2:00 in the morning. I said, "Do you think it's
 10 safe for me to go over there and tell those people to
 11 get out of the parking lot area?" And he understood,
 12 and he didn't argue with me. He apologized. But this
 13 is not a problem where they can apologize whenever
 14 they want to, but we have to live with the same thing
 15 every summer.
 16 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. So you've seen people
 17 dancing as late as 2:00 in the morning?
 18 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah.
 19 MR. SCHRIMPF: How frequently do people
 20 congregate and carry on and make this loud music and
 21 this noise? Is it every day, is it Fridays and
 22 Saturdays?
 23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, on the weekends.
 24 MR. SCHRIMPF: It's usually on the weekends.
 25 Is it every weekend or is it only certain weekends?

1 does this problem let off? In other words, when does
 2 this problem tend to end? When can you start spending
 3 weekends at your house again?
 4 MS. JOHNSON: well, like in the wintertime.
 5 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. And you have talked to
 6 the bar about this problem?
 7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 8 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay.
 9 MS. JOHNSON: I was going to invite
 10 Mr. Pratt to come and stay in my house and see to --
 11 invite him as a guest because we don't lie, to see
 12 there's a problem. Nobody wants to believe there's a
 13 problem.
 14 I don't think the owners of the tavern mean
 15 anything bad, but it is a problem. I told them when
 16 you close the tavern, you don't know what's going on
 17 outside. See, we cannot appreciate the music and the
 18 people seeing -- because that's the only parking lot
 19 area, and people are still coming and going and
 20 parking again.
 21 MR. SCHRIMPF: Do you see the people that
 22 are in the parking lot? Do you ever see them come out
 23 of the bar?
 24 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: Do you ever see them go into

1 MS. JOHNSON: No, in the summer every
 2 weekend.
 3 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. Has it disturbed your
 4 sleep?
 5 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 6 MR. SCHRIMPF: How often have you been
 7 awoken by this kind of music?
 8 MS. JOHNSON: Well, I'm going to tell you, I
 9 have to get out of there every weekend. My husband
 10 and I, we have to get out of there every weekend.
 11 MR. SCHRIMPF: When you say get out of
 12 there, what exactly do you mean?
 13 MS. JOHNSON: Well, with my son, because we
 14 can't sleep.
 15 MR. SCHRIMPF: So you actually vacate your
 16 home --
 17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 18 MR. SCHRIMPF: -- every weekend in the
 19 summertime because of the noise?
 20 MS. JOHNSON: And one more thing, --
 21 MR. SCHRIMPF: No, that's a question.
 22 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 23 MR. SCHRIMPF: Is that correct?
 24 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. All right. And when

1 the bar?
 2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Sometimes they can't get
 3 in, and so they stay outside, a lot of young people.
 4 And then they have their music so loud and things.
 5 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. Is there ever litter
 6 that's left behind?
 7 MS. JOHNSON: Pardon me?
 8 MR. SCHRIMPF: Is there ever litter left
 9 behind, beer cans, beer bottles, that sort of thing?
 10 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 11 MR. SCHRIMPF: Have you ever had to clean
 12 that stuff up?
 13 MS. JOHNSON: Of course, yes. That's in my
 14 backyard.
 15 MR. SCHRIMPF: And is that every weekend as
 16 well?
 17 MS. JOHNSON: No, not every weekend, but
 18 once in a while we find a lot of garbage on the curb
 19 over there in front of the house.
 20 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. That's all I have,
 21 Mr. Chairman.
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Pratt, one moment.
 23 I want to see if there's any other questions from
 24 committee members.
 25 ALDERMAN GORDON: Oh, just one.

1 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.
 2 ALDERMAN GORDON: Madam, you said you had to
 3 leave your home during periods of time because of the
 4 loud noise and some of the other activity going on in
 5 the parking lot. Where do you go?
 6 MS. JOHNSON: With my son.
 7 ALDERMAN GORDON: Does your son live in the
 8 City of Milwaukee?
 9 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, he lives on the south
 10 side.
 11 MR. SCHRIMPF: So you went to the south side
 12 to spend nights with your son?
 13 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. We go on Friday nights,
 14 and we don't come back until Monday morning.
 15 ALDERMAN GORDON: And how many times during
 16 the summer -- Was this last summer that you did this?
 17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
 18 ALDERMAN GORDON: How many times last summer
 19 did you do this?
 20 MS. JOHNSON: Well, we don't do it all the
 21 time, you know. Like if you have to stay away, what
 22 else can you do. I don't want to go and tell my son
 23 come and get us all the time, but my son suggested it
 24 to come down with them on the weekends.
 25 ALDERMAN GORDON: Would you say maybe once

1 Darlene Johnson called you, and then they called me
 2 from your office. They said, "This is Alderman
 3 Pratt's office, this is Alderman Pratt," and I say to
 4 you, "Oh, yeah?" I said --
 5 ALDERMAN PRATT: Did they say it was my
 6 office, or was it me? Because I don't remember
 7 calling you, quite candidly.
 8 MS. JOHNSON: Well, how would I know?
 9 ALDERMAN PRATT: Well, did they say it was
 10 my office or did they say it was me?
 11 MS. JOHNSON: No, they said, "This is
 12 Alderman Pratt."
 13 ALDERMAN PRATT: Well, I don't remember
 14 calling you, either.
 15 MS. JOHNSON: Well, do you think I --
 16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: All right. I think that
 17 we're sort of going to go nowhere there. Are there
 18 any other questions for Miss Johnson? Okay.
 19 Mr. Reid, any follow-up for Miss Johnson?
 20 MR. REID: I just wanted to make a statement
 21 as far as the litter and also the noise. I understand
 22 that customers do come in with the louder music that
 23 the younger kids play. We send personnel out
 24 regularly to try to get them to shut it -- turn it
 25 down if it's too loud, or we'll let them know on the

1 or twice a month?
 2 MS. JOHNSON: Something like that.
 3 ALDERMAN GORDON: During the summer months?
 4 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, yeah.
 5 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. Thank you.
 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Pratt?
 7 ALDERMAN PRATT: Thank you very much,
 8 Mr. Chairman. Miss Johnson, you own the Park
 9 Market -- you work at the market?
 10 MS. JOHNSON: No. I live across the street.
 11 ALDERMAN PRATT: Okay. Let me say this. I
 12 don't remember you calling me. I don't remember, but
 13 I know positively you didn't invite me over to your
 14 house, okay? I know positively that's not true, okay?
 15 I know positively you didn't do that.
 16 I don't remember you calling me. Maybe you
 17 did call me, but I know positively you never invited
 18 me over to your house to listen to the noise, because
 19 if that was the case, it would have keyed all kinds
 20 of -- I always respond if the problem is that severe
 21 where you would invite me over to your house and
 22 listen to the noise? No, that did not happen.
 23 MS. JOHNSON: I didn't say that I called you
 24 inviting you. I said I was thinking to call you in
 25 and invite you. My daughter-in-law called you,

1 way out or on the way in to keep their music down
 2 while they're coming in and out of the establishment.
 3 As far as the litter goes at night, I know
 4 on the holidays they probably do park across the
 5 street. It's usually on 4th of July, Labor Day. On
 6 those particular holidays, more people are coming into
 7 the city. They're looking for a place to go.
 8 We send someone out at night. Our personnel
 9 go out at night to pick up the litter. The things we
 10 don't find at night, we have a cleaning person that
 11 goes out first thing in the morning to pick it up, so
 12 we try to keep the neighborhood as clean as possible.
 13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And Mr. Reid, you indicated
 14 that, earlier with the previous testimony, that you
 15 had called the police department in response to some
 16 individuals that were congregating around your
 17 establishment to play music. You indicated you do
 18 have security. How many security do you employ?
 19 MR. REID: It depends on the night. Usually
 20 we'll have three to four, maybe five, depending on a
 21 busy night.
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And those would be three to
 23 four individuals solely devoted to security or --
 24 MR. REID: Correct.
 25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: All right. Any other

1 questions? All right. Thank you, Miss Johnson. Sir,
 2 you want to provide your name and address?
 3 MR. REEP: First I want to say thank you to
 4 the board for allowing us to speak. This is the only
 5 opportunity that our neighborhood has to get the facts
 6 out and voice the concerns that we have. And my name
 7 is Tom Reep, R-e-e-p. My address is 1436 West Lawn
 8 Avenue.
 9 I'd like to just start by saying that our
 10 neighborhood has been involved in concerns and issues
 11 for the past eight years. I've volunteered my time,
 12 as well as many other neighbors in our neighborhood,
 13 at the Lincoln Park Community Center. We have tried
 14 diligently to work with all businesses and residents
 15 in the area to make sure that the safety and quality
 16 of life for all members is appreciated and is
 17 maintained.
 18 We have come to these hearings three times
 19 now. This is my third visit, and I've been here each
 20 time to bring evidence to show that there are concerns
 21 that the neighborhoods have and that they are
 22 escalating.
 23 I'm a little bit disappointed, if it's true,
 24 that there isn't actually any police reports present
 25 by the police, -- and I believe you're with the

1 MR. REEP: I personally myself have made
 2 numerous phone calls to the police department in
 3 regards to noise, in regards to loitering, in regards
 4 to other concerns that have taken place.
 5 I have personally observed the exchange of
 6 drug paraphernalia as far as -- I don't know what it
 7 is, if it's coke or whatnot, and you might ask how do
 8 I know that? The reason I know that is because
 9 there's a resident that lives on our block that does
 10 drugs. I grew up with the person. I'm not going to
 11 mention the individual's name. She's well-known by
 12 the police department as being a drug addict, and the
 13 very car and license plate that drops off drugs to her
 14 house is also the very car that I find in the parking
 15 lot of Junior's Tavern with -- meeting up with
 16 different people that are standing around.
 17 I have personally observed loitering, loud
 18 music, screaming, all sorts of different activities
 19 which would be suspect to things not being right. I
 20 have worked with the residents. I have talked to
 21 individual residents to understand their concerns and
 22 to bring them to light at the meeting, so we are
 23 informed. I personally have video. If you say we
 24 don't know what's going on or don't think that there's
 25 a problem, we have videotape. The neighborhood has

1 police, -- and also that Alderman Pratt doesn't seem
 2 to recall or understand that there have been
 3 neighborhood concerns. He has come to some meetings
 4 at Lincoln Park Community Center. I personally myself
 5 have expressed on multiple occasions the concerns that
 6 we have had.
 7 As a matter of fact, last year we drafted a
 8 petition which we provided for the board with quite a
 9 few signatures which I also provided to Alderman
 10 Pratt, so these concerns that we have are not new.
 11 They have been there from the beginning, and they
 12 continue to escalate, and that's why we're here today
 13 to try to hopefully bring closure to this because it's
 14 affecting the quality of life of all the residents,
 15 and it is destroying our neighborhood. And that is
 16 something that is very sad. I've lived there for 38
 17 years. We care about the people and we care about our
 18 residents.
 19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Reep, and I appreciate
 20 those concerns. In the interest of brevity, because
 21 we've got a long morning agenda and this is the first
 22 item, if you could just get into the testimony from
 23 the last licensed year.
 24 MR. REEP: I'd be very happy to do so.
 25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.

1 resorted to documenting everything on tape because
 2 obviously the video doesn't lie.
 3 There are sometimes probably, I would
 4 guesstimate, in the area of 50 to 100 people
 5 congregating at different times out in the parking
 6 lot in the different neighborhoods. Before it was
 7 asked by the chairman, how do we know that these are
 8 patrons of Devon's. Well, the videotape clearly shows
 9 that they park in the residents' -- along their homes.
 10 This is, as a matter of fact, the lady that testified.
 11 The cars park along her home, and they walk right into
 12 Junior's Tavern, or they stop at his front door
 13 because they have no access.
 14 There's numerous times where there's so many
 15 people standing outside in front of Junior's Tavern,
 16 it's very difficult for people to even exit the
 17 establishment. And it's on video. You would think
 18 that that would be a fire hazard or health concern of
 19 the patrons going there. We obviously have evidence
 20 of that with what happened in Chicago and in Rhode
 21 Island with those fires and all those type of
 22 situations.
 23 I personally have heard gunshots. I make
 24 rounds, and various other people make rounds up to
 25 that establishment to observe what's going on and to

1 document what's going on. We are gravely concerned,
2 and we're hoping that the board would understand our
3 concerns and help us to return to a normal way of
4 life. We have to get up in the morning to go to work.
5 We don't have the leisure of staying up to 2:00 in the
6 morning and then go to work at 6:00 in the morning and
7 be attentive and alert.

8 This is truly affecting our lives. But I
9 also have documentable evidence here which I think is
10 very crucial to illustrate the point of the
11 neighborhood and the testimony that the neighborhood
12 has brought forth. These are police reports, and only
13 a few of them that we pulled through Open Records.

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Mr. Reep, hold on one
15 moment here. Mr. Schrimpf, I just want to ask you,
16 before we get to the point where he wants to offer
17 this as evidence; this has not been cited for police
18 reports. Is this admissible?

19 MR. SCHRIMPF: Well, if it's -- It's not
20 been cited for police reports. If the documents go to
21 establishing facts that are in the notice regarding
22 noise, litter, that sort of thing, or if the documents
23 go to establishing that in fact the police were called
24 and the police responded, that's one thing. However,
25 this witness is not the witness that can lay the

1 left us here, so if he does return, --

2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Then we can try to deal with
3 it.

4 CHAIRMAN BOHL: If he does return, we can
5 look at that particular piece of evidence. Short of
6 that, right now --

7 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN BOHL: One second, Alderman Gordon.
9 Sir, is there anything additional at this point? And
10 we'll hold off pending Sergeant Hogan's return. Here
11 he is as we speak.

12 MR. SCHRIMPF: I believe Sergeant Hogan has
13 returned. Why don't you give us those --

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: sir, do you want to proffer
15 that? Just bring that around here and give it to the
16 Sergeant.

17 ALDERMAN PRATT: Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yes, Alderman Pratt.

19 ALDERMAN PRATT: While you're waiting, let
20 me ask Mr. Reep, have you contacted my office in the
21 last year regarding operations at Junior's?

22 MR. REID: I personally have not
23 contacted your office; however, I have had personal
24 conversations with you in regards to this
25 establishment, and your answer to me was that we were

1 foundation for these documents. You've got to have a
2 foundation laid.

3 MR. REEP: The foundation is that this -- I
4 believe that these documents will prove the testimony
5 that I personally have given to illustrate what's
6 taking place in the parking lot, and also the
7 testimony that the neighborhood has given that there
8 is a serious problem, and it lines up with the draft
9 that you have before you as far as what the neighbor-
10 hood's concerns are.

11 MR. SCHRIMPF: But, sir, when I say a
12 foundation laid; in other words, you have to be a
13 qualified individual from the Milwaukee Police
14 Department who can identify the documents as being
15 documents of the Milwaukee Police Department.

16 MR. REEP: Okay. I'm not here to dispute
17 the accuracy of the document. I'm here to read for
18 you what the document says what's the complaint and
19 what the issue is.

20 MR. SCHRIMPF: That, Mr. Chairman, would be
21 hearsay.

22 MR. REEP: Hearsay! This is a legal,
23 binding document.

24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: sir, sir. I'm sorry.
25 That's understandable, and Sergeant Hogan is -- has

1 going to have get-togethers at Lincoln Park Community
2 Center with Junior, and you encouraged him, and
3 including the board the last time when they issued his
4 license, encouraged Devon that he should show up at
5 these community hearings to hear the concerns, address
6 the concerns, and work with the neighborhood.

7 He showed up, I think, to two or three of
8 them which we have documented, and the rest of the
9 time he never showed up again. And when we asked him
10 to provide the security that the board recommended
11 that he put out in the parking lot, there has been no
12 visible security in his parking lot since he has been
13 reissued his license from last year. We have that on
14 documentation.

15 This is not 4th of July occurrences, this is
16 not any other big holiday occurrences. The police
17 reports will show that there have been numerous calls
18 in August, in December, in January, in February,
19 dealing with these very concerns although they're
20 exasperated in summertime truly, but these things
21 exist on a continuous basis on the weekends, but we
22 have worked with Devon and attempted to, and he has
23 not shown up at these community hearings.

24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sergeant Hogan, anything you
25 want to add?

1 SERGEANT HOGAN: No, there's nothing I want
 2 to add.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Can you substantiate whether
 4 or not these are reports?
 5 SERGEANT HOGAN: They appear to be reports.
 6 There's no reason to believe otherwise, that these are
 7 reports generated -- criminal incident reports and
 8 computer-assisted dispatches know as CAD reports of
 9 the Milwaukee Police Department.
 10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Mr. Schrimpf, do you
 11 have any advice as to their admissibility here?
 12 MR. SCHRIMPF: Well, let me ask Sergeant
 13 Hogan. Can you identify these documents as documents
 14 of the Milwaukee Police Department that would in fact
 15 be generated in the routine and ordinary course of
 16 business of the Milwaukee Police Department?
 17 SERGEANT HOGAN: They are.
 18 MR. SCHRIMPF: Are these reports that the
 19 Milwaukee Police Department would give to a citizen in
 20 response to an Open Records request?
 21 SERGEANT HOGAN: They are.
 22 MR. SCHRIMPF: Do you have any reason to
 23 doubt the authenticity of these documents and what
 24 they purport to show?
 25 SERGEANT HOGAN: No.

1 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. I suppose,
 2 Mr. Chairman, there's a sufficient record at this
 3 point, if the committee wants to receive them.
 4 ALDERMAN GORDON: I would so move.
 5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon moves to
 6 make these documents part of our record. There being
 7 no objection, so ordered.
 8 MR. SCHRIMPF: Now, Mr. Chairman, I want to
 9 caution the committee that these do not reflect
 10 anything with respect to arrests or violation -- in
 11 fact, convictions, of anything that has occurred at
 12 the tavern.
 13 These can be received for the sole and
 14 limited purpose of substantiating the information
 15 that's contained in the notice regarding the
 16 neighborhood objections. In other words, the
 17 neighbors are saying, look, we called the police
 18 department in response to noise, litter, whatever,
 19 and these are the documents that substantiate that
 20 they were doing that. That's the limited purpose
 21 you can use those.
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: So noted. Thank you.
 23 ALDERMAN PRATT: Mr. Chairman.
 24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Pratt.
 25 ALDERMAN PRATT: Just one brief comment.

1 You know, in anticipation of this meeting, I asked the
 2 License Division if there were any police reports or
 3 if there were any police objections, and I was
 4 informed there were no police reports nor any police
 5 objections; am I correct?
 6 MR. COPELAND: Yes.
 7 ALDERMAN PRATT: Okay. And what I'm saying,
 8 too, is the 4th District, I think it is, 4th District
 9 Police Station, I think, works well with Mr. Reid.
 10 And you know as well as I do, if there were police
 11 objections and/or reports that said this business is
 12 not operating as it should, I would say, yeah, I agree
 13 with that wholeheartedly.
 14 The reason why I believe there were no
 15 police objections to Junior's is because there is
 16 cooperation between the owner and operator of Junior's
 17 and the people who work for him and the Milwaukee
 18 Police Department.
 19 My last comment is this, for right now, is I
 20 am not there generally on Saturdays or Sunday nights,
 21 but I do know -- and I know a lot of the clientele,
 22 don't know them personally, -- but most, if not all of
 23 them, are upstanding young men and young women, and so
 24 I'll hold my further comments.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman?

1 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Schrimpf. I mean
 2 Attorney Schrimpf.
 3 ALDERMAN GORDON: He took a big pay cut.
 4 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That is a pay cut for you
 5 indeed, is it not?
 6 MR. SCHRIMPF: But I thank the chairman for
 7 the honor. I want to bring out to the committee, and
 8 it sort of follows on what Alderman Pratt was pointing
 9 out, a number of these police reports end with the
 10 officer advising the parties for closing the case out
 11 as baseless, etcetera.
 12 So you should not conclude from these police
 13 reports that there were any violations of any
 14 ordinances. I said you can use these documents for
 15 the sole and limited purpose of substantiating the
 16 complaints that the neighbors had with respect to
 17 what's in the notice.
 18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Again, duly noted. Other
 19 questions for Mr. Reep by committee members?
 20 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman.
 21 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon?
 22 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
 23 I don't have a question, but I do have a request.
 24 Given that we have several people that wish to
 25 testify, this would give us an opportunity to cue up

1 the video that has been provided by Mr. Reep so that
 2 the committee members can --
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I just want to make sure
 4 there's some consensus. Mr. Reep, how much time do
 5 you have on that video that you have here?
 6 MR. REEP: I think it's approximately six
 7 to seven minutes total. It shows you a continuous
 8 outline of what takes place on a regular basis.
 9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. The committee's
 10 practice has tended to be about four, five minutes,
 11 and if we can sort of get a substantial flavor for
 12 what you've seen in that time, we can cue that up.
 13 MR. REEP: Sure.
 14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Are there any other
 15 questions for Mr. Reep?
 16 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman, just before we
 17 see the videotape, who is the photographer of this
 18 videotape? Okay. That person has to identify this
 19 videotape, when it was taken and what it's purporting
 20 to show, and you have to come forward. Have you been
 21 sworn, ma'am?
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Schrimpf, before we get
 23 to that, we can cue that up, and we can take her next
 24 here to substantiate that.
 25 MR. SCHRIMPF: That's fine.

1 live in these areas as individuals, are we to say that
 2 other people can dictate to us what should or should
 3 not happen in our neighborhood and how we should or
 4 should not respond to it?
 5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Varnado, I mean I don't
 6 want to get into rhetorical questions here because
 7 that's not what is before us.
 8 MS. VARNADO: But this is an ongoing problem
 9 that we have worked on now for four years.
 10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I understand and can
 11 appreciate that, but that is not what's before us here
 12 today. Ma'am, if you want to come up to the
 13 microphone that we have. Thank you, Mr. Reep. If you
 14 want to first off identify yourself and your address
 15 for the record.
 16 MS. KNURR: My name is Connie Knurr,
 17 K-n-u-r-r. My address is 1437 West Lawn Avenue.
 18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. And before you begin
 19 with your testimony here today, let me say that at
 20 this point we have testimony then that's talked about
 21 potential drug activity, litter, noise, gunshots,
 22 loitering, lack of visible security.
 23 Again, if we get to the point where you
 24 substantially agree with some of the testimony that
 25 has been previously provided, we would just ask that

1 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I just want to see if
 2 there's any other questions as follow-up to the
 3 testimony for Mr. Reep by the committee members.
 4 Okay. Mr. Reid, you have an opportunity; do you
 5 want to question anything that he's indicated at
 6 this point?
 7 MR. REID: No, I don't have a question for
 8 Mr. Reep, but I have tried to keep open communication
 9 with the neighborhood. If there was a problem, I sort
 10 of expected Mr. Reep to approach me about it so we can
 11 try to deal with it.
 12 I've taken every effort to keep the noise
 13 down. I've called the police myself on numerous
 14 occasions for people that just would pull up in the
 15 parking lot and just kind of hang out, or cruise, as
 16 they used to, around the city all the time. I don't
 17 know if they still do it. But I am open to working
 18 with the community and working with Mr. Reep and Miss
 19 Varnado regarding whatever the problems may be.
 20 MS. VARNADO: Sir, I have a question. May
 21 I --
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Very briefly, Miss Varnado.
 23 I don't want to get to the point --
 24 MS. VARNADO: I would like to ask the
 25 question of everybody here. We, as residents that

1 you keep your comments brief and make that point.
 2 Okay,
 3 Miss Knurr, please go ahead.
 4 MS. KNURR: Thank you for the opportunity,
 5 and I personally did see the public urination. I even
 6 went around and drove around to see if there was a
 7 puddle, and there was. And I did the videotaping, and
 8 that is dated August 11th, 2002, so whatever is on the
 9 seven-minute distillation of about an hour and a half
 10 or so worth of tape, or an hour worth of tape, I saw.
 11 MR. SCHRIMPF: Did you edit the tape, ma'am?
 12 MS. KNURR: Pardon me?
 13 MR. SCHRIMPF: Did you edit the tape?
 14 MS. KNURR: Yes.
 15 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. And you said it's all
 16 taken on August 11th, 2002?
 17 MS. KNURR: Yes.
 18 MR. SCHRIMPF: At about what time?
 19 MS. KNURR: I would say -- Unfortunately I
 20 don't have the hour on there.
 21 MR. SCHRIMPF: What time?
 22 MS. KNURR: Well, I don't know. Midnight
 23 maybe.
 24 MR. SCHRIMPF: Midnight till about two?
 25 MS. KNURR: Probably. A lot of times we're

1 out around that time, you know, with this kind of
 2 thing. I would say that was reasonable.
 3 MR. SCHRIMPF: All right. Okay. And
 4 this -- And what is -- What are you telling the
 5 committee very, very briefly will be purported to
 6 be shown on this videotape?
 7 MS. KNURR: It will show the gathering
 8 outside of the building, which makes one think, you
 9 know, maybe there's capacity codes violated or
 10 something.
 11 MR. SCHRIMPF: All right. So you're going
 12 to see people gathered.
 13 MS. KNURR: You'll see cars, traffic
 14 violations, you'll see the police flushing out so to
 15 speak, but not issuing any tickets. You'll see people
 16 walking from the neighborhoods because there's no room
 17 to park, and you'll see illegal parking, and you'll
 18 see speeding. And that's pretty much it.
 19 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. Thank you.
 20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Elmer, do we want to
 21 just go to the tape here?
 22 (Viewing of Videotape.)
 23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is there any volume that
 24 goes along with this tape here?
 25 MS. KNURR: Yes.

1 MR. SCHRIMPF: You have to testify from your
 2 own knowledge, ma'am.
 3 MS. KNURR: I'm sorry. And so they're
 4 coming from the neighborhood there. Well, that's
 5 self-explanatory.
 6 Of course you can't hear it, but last night
 7 we did. You can't hear it because the volume's down
 8 now. We have some squealing wheels and some other --
 9 you don't have any music, there's no music, but
 10 there's the squealing wheels on the motorcycles.
 11 We're going northbound on Green Bay Avenue,
 12 and there's motorcycles that just entered the lot.
 13 Depending on how long this is, you can see a lot of
 14 people going northbound on the southbound lane going
 15 into the north entrance of the lot.
 16 And this is just kind of a traffic -- not a
 17 jam, but -- And then the car alarms were set off by --
 18 That one in particular. There was -- in this little
 19 four- or six-minute segment, -- There it is. So, and
 20 then that's what the neighbor lady has to hear all the
 21 time.
 22 And they're coming from the neighborhood
 23 down Lawn Avenue just to show that there's no parking
 24 available or not much. And there was some double
 25 parked -- And there was some kind of suspicious --

1 MR. REEP: These are all illegal turns.
 2 There's the squad car. This is Green Bay Avenue.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Knurr, because she is
 4 the one -- I mean if you want to substantiate and
 5 provide any --
 6 MR. REEP: All right.
 7 MS. KNURR: Okay. This is some illegal
 8 parking. They're going northbound on Green Bay Avenue
 9 and Lawn.
 10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: About how far, Miss Knurr,
 11 is this from the established location?
 12 MS. KNURR: You'll see it as we make the
 13 turn. That parking lot is the church parking lot,
 14 and where that bright light in the northwest corner
 15 is, -- Well, now we're coming south, and there's
 16 parking on the street, and you're approaching Junior's
 17 at that bright light there. This is about a block
 18 away on the north side. That's the church building
 19 in the background, and Junior's is to your immediate
 20 right. There should be some other pictures that show
 21 it. There it is.
 22 That's the congregation of people, and this
 23 is the parking lot that is shared with the church and
 24 Junior's. I believe there's a rough estimate of how
 25 many slots for parking.

1 admittedly it's suspicious activity, but that's on
 2 here. I don't know if it will be within the
 3 four-minute mark, but there appeared to be, you
 4 know, -- perhaps something was being exchanged.
 5 Well, that's one of the incidents of a
 6 where a fellow is going northbound in the southbound
 7 lane. There's a couple of others, very blatant.
 8 Here's a fellow -- Oh, that's the motorcycle. He'll
 9 be revving it up soon, and then another guy will
 10 follow him. I guess it's a 35 mile an hour zone.
 11 This is a little faster than that. Okay. Double
 12 parking.
 13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Knurr, about how much
 14 more time is there to this?
 15 MS. KNURR: It's seven minutes and 19
 16 seconds. Well, after this there will be the --
 17 there's northbound, another one, and I don't know --
 18 not much more. You see there's a lot of parking, and
 19 the -- what was it, the parking, and the people in
 20 between the church and in the lot and the loitering, I
 21 guess.
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I think that that's a
 23 substantial amount at this point here.
 24 MR. SCHRIMPF: Ma'am, I have --
 25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Schrimpf.

1 MR. SCHRIMPF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
 2 have one follow-up question. Is there any other
 3 establishment that's open in the immediate area that
 4 could account for any of this traffic or noise at that
 5 hour?
 6 MS. KNURR: Not really.
 7 MR. SCHRIMPF: Well, what do you mean by not
 8 really?
 9 MS. KNURR: Well, I don't go to those kind
 10 of places, and there's a place maybe down on Hampton
 11 but that would be --
 12 MS. VARNADO: There's nothing down on
 13 Hampton.
 14 MS. KNURR: -- three blocks, four, five
 15 blocks, but I don't know.
 16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Please, if you could allow
 17 the witness to answer the question unabated here.
 18 MS. KNURR: Well, there's nothing north on
 19 Green Bay Avenue, there's nothing south on Green Bay
 20 Avenue, there's nothing east on Hampton, and there
 21 might be something west on Hampton, but -- Maybe
 22 ARJ's, but they have their own thing.
 23 MR. SCHRIMPF: And how far is ARJ's?
 24 MS. KNURR: ARJ is on approximately
 25 Hampton -- I'm sorry, -- Villard, about 29th, 30th and

1 indicate whether or not you support the license, and
 2 whether or not you substantially agree or disagree
 3 with previous testimony. We'll go on that way. Sir?
 4 MR. JOHNSON: That's mainly what I'm going
 5 to do is tell I agree.
 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir, for the record, your
 7 name and --
 8 MR. JOHNSON: I'm Raymond Johnson, and I
 9 live at 5384 North Green Bay. My wife was a previous
 10 witness here. And we live right across the street
 11 from the tavern, and it is terrible. That's all I can
 12 say.
 13 There's so many -- I could substantiate most
 14 of the things that have been said, and I saw them
 15 personally, all the things that they have said that
 16 happens. I look out my window, and there's people
 17 outside on the streets urinating, and they tore down
 18 my fence. The people, they come from the tavern, and
 19 they -- kids were fooling around, and they -- I got a
 20 picket fence, and they had teared the pickets off of
 21 there one time, and they got in a fight where they
 22 were using the pickets for to hit each other. And
 23 that's all I got to say about it.
 24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you, sir.
 25 Questions for Mr. Johnson? Okay. Mr. Reid, any

1 Villard.
 2 MR. SCHRIMPF: So that would be a mile from
 3 this location?
 4 MS. KNURR: I suppose.
 5 ALDERMAN GORDON: Couple miles actually.
 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Other questions for
 7 Miss Knurr from committee members? Okay. Mr. Reid,
 8 any follow-up?
 9 MR. REID: No questions.
 10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you, Miss
 11 Knurr. Next witness, please. Is there anyone else
 12 from the neighborhood?
 13 MS. VARNADO: What we did is let some people
 14 speak so that we could be as expeditious as possible.
 15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That's appreciated. So
 16 everyone who has spoken -- If there are others, --
 17 ALDERMAN GORDON: I believe this gentleman
 18 wishes to speak.
 19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Sir, if you want to
 20 add anything else; if not, what I would ask with the
 21 remaining individuals at this point, if you
 22 substantially agree with the testimony that's come
 23 before, if you would like, after this gentleman is
 24 done, if you could come up to the microphone, give
 25 your name and your address for the record, and then

1 follow-up?
 2 MR. REID: I wasn't aware of the fight or
 3 the picket fence. That's something I didn't know of.
 4 I know they do park across the street, and when the
 5 cars do park across the street, it's usually, again,
 6 like I said, on the holidays. It's never that busy.
 7 According to the video, the people you see
 8 congregating outside are the people actually waiting
 9 in line for us to let them in. And when we reach
 10 capacity, we tell them we can't let no one else until
 11 we let some more people out, and that's the reason for
 12 that on the video. I'm not sure about the picket
 13 fence.
 14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Johnson, thank you for
 15 your testimony here. Okay. The remaining residents,
 16 if you just want to line up and provide your name and
 17 your address for the record.
 18 MS. REEP: My name is Lisa Reep. I live at
 19 1436 West Lawn Avenue, and I have been witness to most
 20 of the things that were shown here today. And I just
 21 beg with you all to please consider what we're saying.
 22 We do live there. We experience it. We get up in the
 23 middle of the night and make these rounds. This is
 24 not a 10-minute video that you've seen, this is
 25 weekend after weekend, that we're getting up on our

1 time to try and keep that neighborhood up.
 2 And Alderman Pratt, I beg you, -- and I will
 3 personally invite you to come this spring and in
 4 summer, to come and spend a weekend with us on one of
 5 those nights. And I don't mean any disrespect, but I
 6 will personally -- in fact, I'm personally inviting
 7 you now, and I'll call you with a day, okay?
 8 ALDERMAN PRATT: Okay.
 9 MS. REEP: Thank you.
 10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Mrs. Reep. Any
 11 others from the neighborhood? Miss Knurr, we've had
 12 your testimony. Any others here who want to provide
 13 their name for the record? Okay.
 14 Are there any individuals here in support of
 15 the license, to speak in support of? Okay, sir, if
 16 you want to -- if you want to come forward, this is
 17 your opportunity. Sir, have you been sworn in at this
 18 point here?
 19 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No, I haven't.
 20 (Whereupon Mr. Golembiewski was Sworn Under
 21 Oath.)
 22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir, for the record, we need
 23 your name and your home address.
 24 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Steven Golembiewski,
 25 G-o-l-e-m-b-i-e-w-s-k-i, 5418 North 20th Street. I

1 patrol and try to keep control of it.
 2 It's a well-known fact of the neighborhood
 3 that the church parking lot is a drug dealing place.
 4 At the Park Market across the street, next door to it
 5 on Green Bay, there's a telephone booth. It's a
 6 well-known telephone booth. That's where you go to
 7 call to get your drugs, and they deal in the parking
 8 lot.
 9 The church, thankfully, did put a fence
 10 across the back so you can't get into my neighborhood
 11 from the church parking lot, but that still doesn't
 12 stop it from circulating around.
 13 I watched the video out in the hallway.
 14 They have a deck on the side of their building. I
 15 believe you have a permit to have parties outside. A
 16 couple times during the summer I might hear music or
 17 noise coming from there. Shots? Shots in my
 18 neighborhood all the time. I've picked up several
 19 guns, lots of casings. That has nothing to do with
 20 Junior's Bar.
 21 Sitting in the parking lot waiting for my
 22 son, I have seen security out in the parking lot, the
 23 church parking lot. The thing I saw in the video with
 24 all them cars, I find that hard to believe. I've
 25 never seen that before. As far as them going down the

1 live approximately three houses west, directly behind
 2 Junior's Bar.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And for the record, your
 4 reason for supporting the license here?
 5 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Well, I just got up, and
 6 I was watching this on T.V. I've lived there almost
 7 all my life. I'm 48 years old. I was there when it
 8 was the Suburbanite. It was a lot worse when it was
 9 the Suburbanite, and I hung around with the kids, the
 10 children of the people who owned it when it was the
 11 Suburbanite. I've never been in Junior's Bar. I
 12 don't know Mr. Reid, I don't know Junior.
 13 I have sat in the church parking lot waiting
 14 for my youngest son to come out from functions at the
 15 school on a Saturday night. A lot of what you're
 16 seeing and hearing about drugs is from my
 17 neighborhood. And Mr. Pratt, you know what I'm
 18 talking about.
 19 ALDERMAN PRATT: I sure do.
 20 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: And Mr. Reid, you must
 21 know what I'm talking about. And that's unfortunate,
 22 but it's always been that way.
 23 We have a street called Lawn and Island
 24 Drive, it's lower-end, it's hot, and it's a problem.
 25 And there's a couple of us in the neighborhood that

1 wrong way on Green Bay Avenue, I see the church people
 2 do that on Sunday morning.
 3 So I just was watching this on TV, and --
 4 I've seen that bar in a lot worse shape than it is
 5 right now. I know I get flyers in my mailbox where he
 6 asks if there's any problems, that we should contact
 7 him. I don't -- I've been there when it was much,
 8 much worse.
 9 And there's a certain amount of things
 10 during the summer -- There are no other bars. There's
 11 no other place for people to go, and I think this is,
 12 when you compare it to most, a very good place to go.
 13 Like I say, I know nothing; I don't know Mr. Reid, I
 14 don't know Junior, and I've never been in the bar.
 15 Thank you.
 16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Committee, any questions for
 17 Mr. Golembiewski?
 18 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman.
 19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.
 20 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you, sir, for coming
 21 down. I mean I think it's -- as long as I've been on
 22 this committee, which has been 11 years, -- virtually
 23 unprecedented that someone would get up and actually
 24 come down to this hearing based on what they have seen
 25 on television, so I certainly commend you.

1 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I watch you guys all the
 2 time.
 3 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you for coming
 4 forward. I just have a couple of questions. Has your
 5 quality of life been impacted by the congregating in
 6 the parking lot since you live directly behind the
 7 bar?
 8 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No.
 9 ALDERMAN GORDON: You've heard no
 10 extraordinary loud activity, behavior, no one's cut
 11 through your backyard or your front yard to get to
 12 another location? They have not used your yard has a
 13 pass through?
 14 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No, they can't, because
 15 Junior's put up a -- must be an eight-foot-high fence
 16 across the back of their lot which stops that from
 17 happening, which was never there before, and that was
 18 a problem in the past.
 19 ALDERMAN GORDON: And does that fence
 20 obstruct any litter or refuge being thrown into your
 21 yard?
 22 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No.
 23 ALDERMAN GORDON: So you've not had to pick
 24 up anything like that?
 25 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: Now, you indicated, based
 2 on your viewing of the video, that some of those crowd
 3 situations occurred because you had reached capacity
 4 and you couldn't let anybody else in; is that right?
 5 MR. REID: That's correct.
 6 ALDERMAN GORDON: On those occasions, would
 7 you say those occasions take place more often than
 8 not; that is, during the summer months you come to
 9 capacity fairly quickly?
 10 MR. REID: That's correct. Summer months
 11 are usually busier.
 12 ALDERMAN GORDON: And so would you say that
 13 you're usually busy, and those capacity situations are
 14 reached starting on Thursday night and going all the
 15 way through Sunday night?
 16 MR. REID: I would say depending on the time
 17 of month, maybe Fridays and Sundays are usually pretty
 18 busy.
 19 ALDERMAN GORDON: So that's usually two to
 20 three nights a week on the weekends?
 21 MR. REID: Correct.
 22 ALDERMAN GORDON: Now, I'm looking at the
 23 tavern-related supplement, and you have live musicians
 24 on a regular basis at the club; is that correct?
 25 MR. REID: Correct.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you.
 2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Any other questions?
 3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: If I may.
 4 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Dudzik.
 5 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: I just want to be clear.
 6 Your property abuts Junior's or --
 7 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No. I'm about three
 8 houses west. There's 19th Street, there's two houses,
 9 and there's 20th Street, and I'm on 20th Street.
 10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Okay. Thank you.
 11 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you, sir, for
 12 coming down here.
 13 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I'm about to get beat up
 14 now.
 15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. We're going to first
 16 turn this over to Alderman Pratt, and then, Mr. Reid,
 17 we'll allow you to make any closing statement here
 18 before the committee.
 19 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman, I have some
 20 questions for Mr. Reid as well.
 21 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Why don't we go ahead and do
 22 that, Alderman Gordon.
 23 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you. Mr. Reid, what
 24 is the capacity of Junior's?
 25 MR. REID: Approximately 180.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: And I know that you have
 2 live music during the week; is that correct?
 3 MR. REID: On a Tuesday night we have a jazz
 4 band, correct.
 5 ALDERMAN GORDON: Is that the only night
 6 during the week that you have a jazz band?
 7 MR. REID: Tuesday and on a Sunday, we have
 8 various bands.
 9 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. So that's Tuesday
 10 and Sunday?
 11 MR. REID: Correct.
 12 ALDERMAN GORDON: No live music on Friday
 13 nights?
 14 MR. REID: No, sir.
 15 ALDERMAN GORDON: No live music on Saturday
 16 nights?
 17 MR. REID: No.
 18 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. So essentially do
 19 you have any other entertainment other than the live
 20 musicians?
 21 MR. REID: Karaoke on Wednesday.
 22 ALDERMAN GORDON: That's on Wednesday?
 23 MR. REID: That's correct.
 24 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. So you have karaoke
 25 on Wednesdays, live music on Tuesdays and Sundays.

1 MR. REID: Correct.
 2 ALDERMAN GORDON: Any other kind of
 3 activity, comedians?
 4 MR. REID: No, sir.
 5 ALDERMAN GORDON: No, comedians. No solo
 6 singers?
 7 MR. REID: No, sir.
 8 ALDERMAN GORDON: Do you have singing with
 9 the jazz group?
 10 MR. REID: Occasionally they'll bring in a
 11 singer, yes.
 12 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. Now, you have a
 13 deck in the parking lot, correct?
 14 MR. REID: That's correct.
 15 ALDERMAN GORDON: Now, on those nights where
 16 you have overcrowding, do you also open up the deck
 17 for people to congregate there?
 18 MR. REID: No, we don't.
 19 ALDERMAN GORDON: So the deck is closed off?
 20 MR. REID: That's correct.
 21 ALDERMAN GORDON: And it's not used during
 22 those nights?
 23 MR. REID: It's used if the weather is nice.
 24 We try to close it about 11:00, and I get everyone off
 25 the deck because of the noise ordinances.

1 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: Well, I've been to
 2 a sports bar and grill like Damon's on Port Road in
 3 Mequon. That's a sports bar and grill. They don't
 4 have a tavern dance. People come there to eat, which
 5 is the grill part, and they watch several different
 6 sports on large screens, and they do have a bar for
 7 people who just want a drink or two, but it's a sports
 8 bar and grill. This seems like a misnomer. It's more
 9 of a lounge where they have dancing and stuff than a
 10 sports bar and grill.
 11 MR. REID: No, ma'am, we don't have any
 12 dancing. It is a sports bar and grill. It's become
 13 popular over the years, and a lot of people have come
 14 to know Junior's as a nice place to be, a safe place
 15 to be. We have cameras that in and out for the safety
 16 of our patrons. And they understand it to be a safe
 17 place to be, and men and women alike will walk up
 18 there by themselves to come into our place.
 19 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: So you wouldn't
 20 really need the tavern dance. If they don't dance,
 21 you don't need the tavern dance.
 22 MR. REID: Not the tavern dance, I don't
 23 think. Well, we don't have dancing. We have live
 24 music, and I don't know if that was all in one
 25 license, and I believe it is.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: So it's used up until
 2 11:00?
 3 MR. REID: That's correct.
 4 ALDERMAN GORDON: On those nights where you
 5 have large numbers of people?
 6 MR. REID: On the nights where people feel
 7 like standing out, being outside, depending on the
 8 weather.
 9 ALDERMAN GORDON: And what time would you
 10 estimate that that starts happening?
 11 MR. REID: Again, it depends on the
 12 individual. It can start as early as 5:00 or 9:00.
 13 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. So at any point in
 14 time, the deck could be utilized for five to six
 15 hours?
 16 MR. REID: That's correct, sir.
 17 ALDERMAN GORDON: Okay. That's all I have.
 18 Thank you.
 19 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: I have a question.
 20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderwoman Johnson-Odom.
 21 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: Yes. Mr. Reid,
 22 would you say that this is more of a bar and a lounge
 23 rather than a sports bar and grill?
 24 MR. REID: I'm sorry, I didn't understand
 25 the question.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: Yes.
 2 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: I thought that was
 3 a cabaret.
 4 MR. COPELAND: If there's a question, he
 5 could do the same thing under instrumental music.
 6 Correct me if I'm wrong, when you first applied for
 7 the license, there was some concerns about patrons who
 8 might get up and start dancing, --
 9 MR. REID: That's correct.
 10 MR. COPELAND: -- and you wanted to be
 11 covered.
 12 MR. REID: I want to cover all my bases,
 13 correct..
 14 MR. COPELAND: That's why he went for the
 15 tavern dance the first time he applied for the
 16 license.
 17 MR. REID: We don't have a dance floor,
 18 Alderwoman Odom. We just have a sports bar. Usually,
 19 like now, it's March madness, college basketball. The
 20 crowds may get a little bigger because there's a lot
 21 of things going on.
 22 We have approximately eight TVs if I'm not
 23 mistaken, seven to eight TVs, and when people come in,
 24 they can watch different games on different screens,
 25 and they will actually come and request a game if we

1 can pick it up. So it's more of a sports bar and
 2 grill. They come in and eat food. They tell me our
 3 chicken wings are wonderful.
 4 ALDERMAN GORDON: They are.
 5 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: And you have that
 6 many people waiting in a line outside to go into a
 7 sports bar and grill?
 8 MR. REID: Ma'am, it's usually just
 9 holidays, and Sunday nights are usually a little
 10 busier. That line is not there the rest of the
 11 nights, not unless it's a holiday, or usually maybe
 12 even spring break when we have more kids at home. A
 13 lot of the people that are 25 to 35, they have
 14 baby-sitters now with some of the college kids home.
 15 They can get out and hang out a little more.
 16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Are you done, Alderwoman
 17 Johnson-Odom?
 18 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: Uh-hmm.
 19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Reid, just one follow-up
 20 question. You indicated that you do not have any
 21 dancing by patrons in your establishment?
 22 MR. REID: Not at all, sir, no.
 23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. And in terms of the
 24 music, you do have live musicians, otherwise you play
 25 prerecorded music or --

1 licensed facilities, in the 1st Aldermanic District.
 2 I seldom, if ever, even come to this committee because
 3 people don't even apply for licenses in my aldermanic
 4 district. That's a fact.
 5 I do have one pending, which is really
 6 strange, because, you know, I'm real firm relative to,
 7 one, I think we have enough alcohol outlets in the
 8 City of Milwaukee let alone the 1st Aldermanic
 9 District. But I'm going to say that Junior's -- And
 10 there's another club in my aldermanic district called
 11 Mecca that's very well run; places that young people,
 12 you know, 21 to 40 go, that they can feel safe or
 13 positive, and where they can meet other positive
 14 people.
 15 I said to Devon, I said, well, you know, if
 16 this comes up -- and hopefully those problems that
 17 have been addressed -- that have been defined by the
 18 neighbors can be addressed by the next -- by next
 19 year, because hopefully this license will be granted,
 20 and hopefully we won't be back here next year.
 21 But if that's the case, if we are, if they
 22 aren't addressed, I said to him, why don't you bring
 23 some of the people who come to your place here to this
 24 committee, and I'm sure we could -- you know, he could
 25 have filled this committee room because there are a

1 MR. REID: A jukebox.
 2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: A juke \box. Okay. All
 3 right. Any final questions here for Mr. Reid? All
 4 right. Alderman Pratt, and then Mr. Reid will make a
 5 last statement.
 6 ALDERMAN PRATT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
 7 members of the committee. As I said, I frequent
 8 Junior's, or I go in once every couple of weeks,
 9 sometimes once a week, but generally once every couple
 10 of weeks. And I usually go in, I guess, early, and I
 11 don't generally go in -- some Saturdays, but very
 12 seldom if ever on Sundays, and not probably after
 13 12:00.
 14 I've never seen dancing there in all the
 15 years that it's been in operation. I've never seen
 16 anyone dance, so -- Devon has very nice music, usually
 17 nice quartets, and I've only been in there really a
 18 few times where I stayed where the music was playing.
 19 It's very similar, I would say to you, to a
 20 Major Goolsby's, a lot of young people who are just
 21 into sports. And there are very few places, as you
 22 well know, for young people to go.
 23 I would add to that that in the time that
 24 I've been in office, there's been a 25 percent
 25 reduction in liquor licenses and license beverages,

1 lot of positive young people who go to Junior's. A
 2 lot of young people who went to -- college graduates
 3 who went to schools with my son and with my daughter.
 4 I'm not saying there aren't some problems as
 5 identified by some of the neighbors, and I will say,
 6 I'm not usually there in July and August on Saturdays
 7 when they close, and as the video shows, I guess I
 8 would say there are some problems, but none relative
 9 to the degree of what we saw in some other videos
 10 where you had people who were completely out of
 11 control that -- like you had, maybe, I'm going to say
 12 at the Maze or, some other videos that I've seen.
 13 But I'm saying any folks that are causing
 14 havoc and disrupting the neighborhood cannot and
 15 should not be tolerated, but that's not my experience
 16 with Junior's. As I said, Devon lives upstairs over
 17 his place of business. We do have problems along
 18 Island Drive that was mentioned, do have some problems
 19 in the area. There's a couple of other problems that
 20 were identified that I didn't know was happening
 21 there.
 22 I consider myself in tune with my aldermanic
 23 district. I'm here to say that I believe this license
 24 should be renewed. I believe any of the problems that
 25 have been identified can be worked out.

1 I would say that, Mr. Reid, that, you know,
2 as soon as you can, you have to have a meeting with
3 these neighbors, and during the summer months, you
4 have to meet with the Johnsons. During the summer
5 months, you have to have security outside, and you
6 have to make sure the outside -- they're doing what
7 they should be doing and what you're paying them to
8 do. So thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Mr. Reid, this is
10 your opportunity to provide any closing statements to
11 the committee before we take this matter up.

12 MR. REID: Thank you. I'd just like to say
13 to the committee, I've always tried try to take a
14 proactive approach to running Junior's as a business.
15 I've not only considered business, but also the
16 neighbors.

17 I've spoken to a lot of my neighbors in the
18 past. If they've had a concern, I've tried to address
19 it. I cannot control everyone, but what I will try to
20 do is address the issues that come to mind of that I
21 see. If I see anything as far as their mentioning
22 drugs, or any kind of activities like that, I'll call
23 the police myself. I'm not that way. Public
24 urination, I'll go out and approach the guy myself.
25 You'll see me walking around that parking lot. If

1 MR. COPELAND: He would have to amend his
2 renewal application and drop the tavern dance, and
3 then apply for instrumental music, which permits the
4 playing of instrumental music only, with the singing
5 on the part of and only by persons actually engaged in
6 the playing of such musical instruments, and dancing
7 is not allowed.

8 ALDERMAN GORDON: I have a motion,
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Go ahead.

11 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thank you. First of all,
12 I'd like to thank the neighbors and --

13 MS. VARNADO: I might go to jail here, but I
14 hope everybody knows that although you were swayed by
15 the gentleman who was nice enough to come down, 20th
16 Street is not behind Junior's.

17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Miss Varnado, please.

18 ALDERMAN GORDON: All right. Thank you.
19 Again, I want to thank the neighbors for coming
20 forward to testify. And, you know, this is a real
21 critical situation, obviously, and I think that taking
22 the initiative early in the part of the year, before
23 we get to the summer, is very important because I
24 think we all know that we'll have situations
25 throughout the summer months, maybe even throughout

1 there's loud music, loud noise, I ask them to turn it
2 down.

3 In the summer it got out of control, and we
4 went to the district on 71st and Silver Spring, and
5 they give us these forms for our security to fill
6 out. We warn the patrons or people in the car. We
7 write down their names and license plates or whatever
8 that form was, and then we sent it back to the police
9 department, and they issued a ticket.

10 We try to do everything we can to keep the
11 quality of living better in the neighborhood. If my
12 license is granted, I'll continue to work just as hard
13 to keep that going.

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Reid.
15 We are now in committee. Is there a motion?

16 ALDERMAN GORDON: Yes. I have a question
17 before the motion, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.

19 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Copeland, you
20 indicated that the activities currently at the bar
21 could be sustained -- I'm looking at the tavern-
22 related supplement, -- if the instrumental music
23 component was exercised. Would that take the form
24 of another change as far as the licensing would be
25 concerned?

1 the spring and summer months, where there will be
2 overcrowded occurrences taking place at various
3 locales throughout the City of Milwaukee, and having
4 had the opportunity to talk to residents in the area,
5 you know, I'm acutely aware of their concerns, and I
6 certainly thank Miss Varnado for inviting me as a
7 member of this committee to explain to the residents
8 about what the licensing procedures are for the City
9 of Milwaukee and how best they can deal with these
10 issues as they come forth.

11 And one of the things that I did when I
12 attended the meeting at Lincoln Park Community Center
13 was to strongly urge the members that attended to meet
14 with Mr. Reid and with Alderman Pratt, because I think
15 that there has to be a discontinuance of the
16 disconnection between what residents have to say about
17 what goes on in their neighborhoods and what business
18 people have to say about what goes on in their
19 neighborhoods, and I think their testimony clearly
20 shows that here. There's a disconnect that has to be
21 connected. And last year, as I recall, we had similar
22 discussions and concerns being raised about Junior's,
23 and I concur with the sentiments of Alderman Pratt.
24 This is an establishment that is very well run. You
25 know, I've gone there several times, I've eaten there,

1 I've watched sports activities there, I've listened to
 2 jazz music there, and I think it's certainly one of
 3 the bright spots in the City of Milwaukee.
 4 However, bright spots do tend to draw a lot
 5 of people, and I think that that's what happening
 6 here. So to the extent that residents have come
 7 forward, those are the concerns that I think that this
 8 committee put a great deal of weight on, and I think
 9 that what we have here is a reluctance to some degree
 10 to be proactive. Mr. Reid spoke about being
 11 proactive. To be proactive, you know, you've got to
 12 reach out to people, and you certainly have to reach
 13 out to other people that in fact live close to your
 14 neighborhood, close to your establishment in a
 15 neighborhood. And these people apparently have not
 16 been reached out to, and I think that this is an
 17 opportunity now to do that.
 18 So my motion is twofold. One, if Mr. Reid
 19 is willing, to amend his license application to
 20 include instrumental music only and not to renew the
 21 tavern dance application part of the application, and
 22 if he consents to that, that would be my motion.
 23 And then secondly, because of the concerns
 24 that have been raised, because of the evidence that
 25 clearly shows that there needs to be real

1 you would drop your renewal for the tavern dance and
 2 would like to have an instrumental music only.
 3 MR. REID: Can I be allowed to think about
 4 that?
 5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: We are going to have to make
 6 a decision here now at this point, and both your
 7 licenses are up before us. Ultimately the committee
 8 could decide a number of things, which may include a
 9 nonrenewal of your tavern and dance license.
 10 MR. REID: I understand that.
 11 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That's within the purview of
 12 this committee.
 13 MR. REID: I understand that, Alderman Bohl.
 14 I would just like to see what's under tavern dance and
 15 what's under instrumental so I can make a clear
 16 decision. Right now I'm sort of being pushed in a
 17 direction without being able to see what's there, and
 18 I would just like the opportunity to review it.
 19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Copeland, would you
 20 clarify that one more time for us?
 21 MR. COPELAND: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the
 22 question.
 23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Reid wanted to know what
 24 the differences were between a tavern dance, what he
 25 presently has now, and if he would be agreeable to a

1 communication between Mr. Reid and the residents,
 2 that we impose a five-day suspension to allow this
 3 to take place.
 4 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon, we are
 5 statutorily allowed a minimum of 10, unless
 6 Mr. Schrimpf corrects me otherwise.
 7 MR. SCHRIMPF: No, you're correct,
 8 Mr. Chairman.
 9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And the maximum is 90.
 10 ALDERMAN GORDON: All right. So then my
 11 request for a suspension would be for 10 days.
 12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. The motion before
 13 us -- And what he did is, Mr. Reid, he -- Alderman
 14 Gordon does not have the ability to ask you to amend
 15 your license to an instrumental only. That would be
 16 something that you would have to willingly concur
 17 here, and we can amend that here before us, can we
 18 not, Mr. Copeland?
 19 MR. COPELAND: He's under oath. If he would
 20 agree to it, it would be taken as an amendment to his
 21 application.
 22 MR. REID: What are the circumstances of me
 23 amending the license? I don't have dancing anyways.
 24 Is that the only thing that --
 25 MR. COPELAND: You would have to agree that

1 instrumental music only, what the difference would be
 2 between those two licenses.
 3 MR. COPELAND: Presently your tavern dance
 4 allows dancing by the patrons to prerecorded music or
 5 a band. If you were to go -- and from your testimony,
 6 you might have to correct me, -- you're saying your
 7 patrons don't dance; that you only have bands and jazz
 8 groups and singers. You could do that under
 9 instrumental music.
 10 The only part the instrumental music drops
 11 out is the dancing by patrons, so if a patron got up
 12 to dance, you have to tell them, no, you can't do that
 13 because I'm not licensed for that.
 14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Reid, we have -- you
 15 have the ability, if you so choose right now, to
 16 make -- to amend your license here at the committee.
 17 Is that something that you'd like to consider?
 18 MR. REID: I'd like to have more time to
 19 think about it.
 20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Well, Alderman
 21 Gordon, do you want to change your motion at this
 22 point here?
 23 ALDERMAN GORDON: Well, Mr. Chairman, I
 24 understand Mr. Reid's concerns and, you know, it's not
 25 my -- it's not something that I want to do in terms of

1 impinging upon him at his business, so I withdraw my
2 motion as to the instrumental music component, but I
3 will still make the motion that we renew his license
4 with a 10-day suspension.

5 MR. SCHRIMPF: And just so that we're clear,
6 Mr. Chairman, when I ask Alderman Gordon, that would
7 be a 10-day suspension as to the Class "B" tavern and
8 tavern dance.

9 ALDERMAN GORDON: Correct.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: The motion before us is
11 renewal of the Class "B" tavern and tavern dance with
12 a 10-day suspension. On the motion, are there any
13 comments?

14 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: Well, I'm --

15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderwoman Johnson-Odom.

16 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: I'm opposed to the
17 tavern dance but not the Class "B" because he can get
18 10 party permits during the year and have an
19 opportunity to see if, in fact, that is what is
20 causing the real problem, and maybe over this year he
21 could see, you know, if we eliminate the tavern dance
22 and support the Class "B", whether or not that is a
23 problem or whether the problem is something else.

24 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Gordon.

1 ALDERMAN GORDON: On the motion, I don't
2 think that the issue has to do with the licensing per
3 se. You know, I think whether you have a Class "B"
4 and a tavern dance or not is not really addressing the
5 problem.

6 The problem is overcrowding. The problem is
7 the fact that this establishment is very popular, and
8 that during the spring and summer months, it's going
9 to continue to attract more individuals going there.

10 Fortunately we've not seen or heard from the
11 police department that there have been outbursts of
12 violence or anything like that taking place. But it
13 appears that the problem is substantial enough that
14 the residents have come forward, and they've certainly
15 worked very hard to document evidence to show what has
16 happened in the past and what can be the potential for
17 something like this happening in the future.

18 So to the extent that my motion deals with a
19 suspension, you know, it's the minimum suspension that
20 can be imposed. It will force residents and
21 management of this establishment to meet to discuss
22 ways of preventing this activity from happening in the
23 future, because obviously it's going to continue to be
24 a popular spot. It's going to continue to have the
25 kind of drawing power that establishments of this

1 nature have, and the same kinds of issues are going to
2 come forward.

3 And, again, given that there were no police
4 reports, regarding activity at this location, it may
5 also call for police intervention to the extent that
6 there can be documentation that can be shown to this
7 committee or to the residents in the area that their
8 calls who they say they have made have been
9 substantiated by the police department.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. I'm just going to
11 pass the gavel one moment and ask for recognition.

12 ALDERWOMAN JOHNSON-ODOM: Alderman Bohl.

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Madam Chair. The
14 motion we have before us, I feel, does not meet the
15 concerns that have been relayed here today. I will
16 not support that motion.

17 I will say that I believe that this does not
18 come anywhere near the threshold of taking a license
19 away. However, I think that there's been a huge
20 communication gap, and I do not believe that Mr. Reid
21 has adequately worked with either Alderman Pratt or
22 the residents or community groups to address problems,
23 whether they be related to the neighborhood or
24 problems that are drawn in in part because of this
25 establishment. And so with the motion that we have

1 before us, I will not be supporting that. I do not
2 believe it goes far enough, but we will take a vote on
3 that here if we can.

4 Okay. The motion before us is for renewal
5 of the Class "B" tavern and tavern dance with a 10-day
6 suspension. Is there any other objection other than
7 my own? Hearing none, so ordered. Okay,
8 Mr. Schrimpf.

9 MR. SCHRIMPF: The committee is going to be
10 doing Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law
11 recommending to the Common Council renewal of this
12 license, Class "B" tavern and tavern dance, with a 10-
13 day suspension.

14 You'll have an opportunity to submit written
15 objections to that recommendation as well as to appear
16 before the Common Council when this matters comes up
17 on March 25th at approximately 9 a.m. in the Common
18 Council Chambers of this building.

19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And Mr. Reid, clearly I
20 think that it's fair to say that there's consensus
21 here on this committee that you should be in contact
22 with Alderman Pratt and work with the area residents
23 and Miss Varnado on trying to positively deal with the
24 problems so that we don't have further situations
25 between now and summer where this will come back next

1 year.
 2 MR. REID: Thank you.
 3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And thank you, residents,
 4 for appearing.
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