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In the Matter of the Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance  
renewal application for:

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NORMAN LANDRY  
"BLUE GARDENIA"  
408 East North Avenue

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Proceedings had and testimony given in  
the above-entitled matter, before the LICENSES  
COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on  
the 6th day of May, 2008.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN BOHL: 10:15 agenda we have  
Norman Landry, a Class "B" Tavern and Tavern  
Dance renewal applications for the "Blue  
Gardenia" at 408 East North Avenue. Good  
morning, Mr. Landry?  
THE APPLICANT: Yes.  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: How are you today, sir?  
THE APPLICANT: Fine.  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: Good. If the - - If  
you could raise your right hand, we'll swear you  
in, please.  
(Whereupon the applicant was sworn.)  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Landry, do you  
acknowledge - - First off, your name and - - and  
your address for the record, please?  
THE APPLICANT: Norman G. Landry.  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: And - - And your  
address, please?  
THE APPLICANT: Pardon?  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: Your - - Your address.  
THE APPLICANT: 1445 North 18th Street,  
53205.  
CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Mr. Landry,  
I need to ask you if you acknowledge receiving

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1 notice of today's meeting with the possibility  
2 your application could be denied. It is cited  
3 for a variety of neighborhood objections that  
4 should have been in the notice that you received?

5 THE APPLICANT: Yes, I did.

6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you. Mrs.  
7 Grill, no holds?

8 MS. GRILL: There are no holds.

9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. We have no items  
10 on the police report here, Sergeant, at least no  
11 - - no recent items. Are there any neighbors  
12 here to testify in the matter of the Blue  
13 Gardenia? I see a number of them.

14 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And what I'm going to -  
16 - to ask of those individuals who are here to  
17 testify, how many of you are here in opposition  
18 to the license? Two. And how many are in  
19 support? Okay. What we're going to ask you to  
20 do is I'll need everyone who here intends to  
21 testify to raise your right hand, we'll swear you  
22 in.

23 (Whereupon the witnesses were sworn.)

24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And what we're going to  
25 ask is, because there's a larger crowd, that - -

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1 that you come up one by one, unless you are  
2 unable to stand, if you could move and proceed to  
3 the microphone here that is on my right, your  
4 left. We hear from the objectors first. And  
5 what I will ask others to do is after the first  
6 two people speak, if we could start to rotate  
7 other individuals who intend to testify into  
8 these front row seats, so that we are proceeding  
9 in a more orderly fashion. Sir, your name and  
10 address for the record, please.

11 THE WITNESS: Michael R. Trapp, T-R-A-  
12 P-P. 2307 North Buffum.

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: 2307 North?

14 THE WITNESS: North Buffum.

15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And, Mr. Trapp, how  
16 close is that to the licensed location?

17 THE WITNESS: Right across the street.

18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you. And  
19 your testimony, sir?

20 THE WITNESS: Well, I - - This is the  
21 second testimony I've had to give in the last two  
22 months. There was a prior owner, I - - I guess,  
23 that tried to get a renewal. I guess it was a  
24 renewal. I'm not understanding why I have to  
25 come back here. As a matter of fact, I - - Did

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1 you get my - -

2 MS. GRILL: Um-hnh.

3 THE WITNESS: Okay. I've lived there  
4 40 - - about 46 years, and we've had a variety of  
5 taverns, different establishments in that same  
6 tavern. Same problems every time. Numerous - -  
7 We've got drinking on the curbsides. We've got  
8 crowds outside the bar, noise, shootings. Had a  
9 murder there last year, I believe it was, two  
10 houses up from me. I've got two children, nine  
11 and 13. I'm concerned about the - - the kinds of  
12 variety of problems out there. I - - I work  
13 nights. I can never park. There's always the  
14 noise at - - after the bar is closed. We have  
15 numerous problems. I'm sure you guys remember  
16 me, because I came here about two months ago with  
17 the same problems.

18 First, why is this back on the agenda?  
19 I'm just curious.

20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I don't know. I think  
21 that at one point he filed his application late  
22 for the last time, and then it's just a - - a  
23 renewal.

24 THE WITNESS: Well, it was a different  
25 - - different person here that was attempting to

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1 start another bar. I'm just, you know - -

2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: This is a renewal  
3 application here.

4 THE WITNESS: We've had - - We've had  
5 at least in the 40 some odd years I've lived  
6 there, we've had at least 20 some odd bars. Same  
7 problems every time. Now the - - the key for me  
8 was the murder two houses up for me, this  
9 underage guy that was in that bar, according to  
10 the street, per se. He was in the bar. Some guy  
11 killed him, and he laid there for over, you know,  
12 a couple hours. I mean, why do we have to go  
13 through this mess? Why is - - Why is the - - the  
14 need to the - - the bar patrons above the needs  
15 of the - - the people that live in the  
16 neighborhood?

17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Trapp, first off,  
18 Mr. Landry, how - - how long have you operated  
19 the bar at this location?

20 THE WITNESS: About five years.

21 CHAIRMAN BOHL: For about five years.  
22 And before that, there was some turnover. The  
23 only thing that I can tell you is that, you know,  
24 the - - the con - - concerns you're expressing  
25 here I believe are very real. What - - What I

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1 want to tell you is, is that it has come before  
2 this committee before, and we've adjudicated  
3 matters that were in a police report here in the  
4 past. In the last year there is not one item  
5 that is on the police report.

6 THE WITNESS: Well, he has - - he  
7 hasn't operated the last six, seven months. What  
8 is that?

9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir - -

10 THE WITNESS: I mean, there was a  
11 problem with the shooting. I mean, I've had  
12 people come urinating on my house, inside my - -  
13 my fence. I've got people outside drinking in  
14 their cars. I've got dope deals going on in  
15 front of my house. What is that? Is that what  
16 we're supposed to be doing? I don't understand,  
17 you know. He doesn't even live there. He lives  
18 on 18th and Vliet. Now, you know, I don't know  
19 Mr. Landry. He's probably a good gentleman. But  
20 I'm saying any - - any owner cannot control the  
21 outside environment. And it's constant. Now,  
22 who wants to go home to that? I think the people  
23 that lived there for years ought to have the  
24 right to say they don't want it. What has that  
25 got to do with what happened the last - - He

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1 hasn't been in the bar. The bar's been closed  
2 for six months.  
3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is that - - Is that  
4 true, Mr. Landry?  
5 THE APPLICANT: What?  
6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Has the bar been  
7 closed?  
8 THE APPLICANT: Yes.  
9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: For - - For what? Half  
10 a year now?  
11 THE APPLICANT: Yes.  
12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. And - - And was  
13 there a reason why you didn't have it open?  
14 THE APPLICANT: Yes, I was making major  
15 repairs.  
16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You were making major  
17 repairs to the property? Okay. All right.  
18 THE WITNESS: Yeah, he's trying to sell  
19 the place.  
20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And, Mr. Trapp?  
21 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Can I just - - This is  
23 just to let you know, that a operator, when they  
24 have a license, is not required by law to be  
25 open. And they have a vested property right that



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1 extends for a year after their renewal.

2 THE WITNESS: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: So you theoretically,  
4 from the time you're approved, you can - - you  
5 can get by operating for part of the time, close  
6 up for business, and - - and literally go to the  
7 point of almost reaching two years. I'm not - -  
8 You - - You, if you ask, you may not like the  
9 answer, but that is what the legal answer is.  
10 And I'll our City - - Assistant - -

11 THE WITNESS: Can I ask another  
12 question?

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: No, no. You - - Hold  
14 on.

15 THE WITNESS: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Because I want to run  
17 the meeting here, if you hold on. And - - And  
18 I'm not a legal person, so I want a yes or no on  
19 that, Mr. Assistant City Attorney. Am I correct  
20 on that?

21 MR. SCHRIMPF: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.

23 THE WITNESS: Well, then - - Well, can  
24 I ask you why you voted against it last time we  
25 were here?

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Why I voted against  
2           what?  
3                   THE WITNESS: The - - The re - - The  
4           renewal of the same license.  
5                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: I - -  
6                   THE WITNESS: You were the major one.  
7           You were the first one.  
8                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yes.  
9                   THE WITNESS: You said I - - I - - I  
10          don't want to vote for it.  
11                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Correct.  
12                  THE WITNESS: That's what you said.  
13          You were the first person.  
14                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Trapp, you are - -  
15          you're testing my patience here right now.  
16                  THE WITNESS: Okay.  
17                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Don't - -  
18                  THE WITNESS: Can I ask you another  
19          question?  
20                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: No. No, you cannot.  
21          No, you cannot. What I'm going to ask you - - I  
22          may not be happy with the application coming  
23          back. I haven't made up my mind here today. I  
24          understand your patience - -  
25                  THE WITNESS: I apologize.

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: - - but you have to - -  
2                   you have to understand this much. I understand  
3                   your frustration. But don't get angry at someone  
4                   surmising that somebody's going to do something  
5                   before they've even done it.

6                   THE WITNESS: Right, I'm sorry.  
7                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: You - - You came in  
8                   just assuming that somehow - - He has every legal  
9                   right. You may not agree with it. He has every  
10                  legal right to apply for a renewal of a license.  
11                  You can come in and say - -

12                  THE WITNESS: Right.  
13                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: - - you object because  
14                  you've had all these problems in the past, and  
15                  the only reason it's been quiet for the last six  
16                  months is because he's been closed.

17                  THE WITNESS: All right.  
18                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: And you don't want it  
19                  to change. And that's your testimony. And then  
20                  you're done. Correct?

21                  THE WITNESS: Well, I wanted to ask a  
22                  couple more questions, if I could.

23                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: No, you - -  
24                  THE WITNESS: Okay. I can make another  
25                  statement. Right?

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir. Sir. Sir. I'm  
2 going to ask, first off, the way that this - -  
3 this committee runs, it's not an opportunity for  
4 you to ask questions. It's an opportunity for  
5 you to provide testimony, and we ask the  
6 questions. And that's how the committee runs.

7                   THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm not finished  
8 with my testimony. Can I finish it?

9                   ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Can I interject  
10 here, Chairman?

11                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: One moment here.  
12 Because I'm real close to hitting the gavel here  
13 and asking you to end your testimony. Now I'm  
14 going to allow you to finish providing your  
15 testimony. Your testimony is going to be pertinent,  
16 without questions here, and if - - and if you're  
17 not happy, you can go see the Licensing Division  
18 downstairs about why things are, or you can  
19 contact me at another occasion. But he does have  
20 a legal right to apply, and I appreciate your  
21 strong concerns over even past operations.

22                   THE WITNESS: Okay.

23                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Even when I agreed with  
24 you that - -

25                   THE WITNESS: Right.

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: - - in the past - -

2                   THE WITNESS: Right.

3                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: - - where these things  
4 ought to be. But go on.

5                   THE WITNESS: All right. There's also  
6 a day care provider right across the street that  
7 provides day care for a bunch of kids. I - - I  
8 don't believe they have a right to have that  
9 within a certain distance, do they?

10                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: That - - That isn't  
11 true, Mr. Trapp. What happens is, is we do have  
12 an ordinance that is in place which would provide  
13 about a 300 foot restriction for those  
14 establishments that have not been grandfathered.  
15 This one would have been one that is  
16 grandfathered.

17                  THE WITNESS: Um-hnh. Okay. All  
18 right. All right. Well, you heard my - - You've  
19 heard my objections. There is probably 100 I  
20 can't think of. I just - - I voted for you, by  
21 the way, congratulations. I'm glad to see we got  
22 new blood. And - -

23                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: And I just want to say,  
24 as well, too. While I do understand that - -  
25 that there may not be anything on the report, and

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1 this is a renewal, as well, too, I would have  
2 preferred in the future if we have an - - an  
3 occasion where there is a recent police report,  
4 even to have that. It is something that we don't  
5 necessarily have to read, because there may be  
6 nothing substantially new, but this - - this  
7 premises does have quite a - - a history of some  
8 items here in the past. Alderwoman Coggs.

9 ALDERWOMAN COGGS: I am the Alderwoman  
10 of - - of the district. And this is just a  
11 suggestion or request to you, Mr. Landry. You  
12 and I have not had an opportunity to sit down and  
13 talk.

14 THE WITNESS: No, we haven't.

15 ALDERWOMAN COGGS: And I think that's  
16 the problem. I have heard from neighbors who  
17 don't want this establishment reopened. In all  
18 fairness, I think it's some neighborhood  
19 outreach, additional neighborhood outreach that  
20 needs to be done here. So I would just ask, and  
21 I know you haven't been open for six months  
22 already, and I know it's your right to be here  
23 now, and to - - to come before us now for this.  
24 But I would just ask that you consider allowing  
25 this to be held until the next meeting, so that

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1 you and I can sit down, and so that we can sit  
2 down with some additional neighbors to maybe  
3 attempt to rectify some things.

4 THE APPLICANT: Sure.

5 ALDERWOMAN COGGS: You'd be willing to  
6 do that?

7 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

8 ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Well, I move that  
9 this be held.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. What - - That's  
11 fine. What I - - What I do want to do is there  
12 is one other objector who is here. Ma'am, I want  
13 to hear from you and - - and I don't have a  
14 problem with - - with considering that motion.  
15 What we do try to do here at this committee on -  
16 - on many occasions is if we hold this matter,  
17 and I also want to - - to at least get the names  
18 and the addresses of those individuals here who  
19 are in favor and - - and at least for the record,  
20 have a list of those who did show up in favor, as  
21 well, too. Oftentimes, people will take off from  
22 their day to show up here, and what we at least  
23 want to do is acknowledge your time in coming in,  
24 and not necessarily hold the matter, make you  
25 come back and take another day off, as well, too,

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1 without our - - our at least getting on the  
2 record your - - your opposition or support.  
3 Ma'am, if you get a name - - you can provide your  
4 name and address for the record here.

5 THE WITNESS: Velma Henderson, 2321  
6 North Buffum Street.

7 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And - - And the  
8 proximity, Mrs. Henderson, to the location?

9 THE WITNESS: Five doors away.

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Five doors away. Thank  
11 you. And your testimony, ma'am.

12 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm - - I'm with  
13 Mike, also. Me and Mike grew up in this  
14 community. It's a fairly old community. We have  
15 members as old as 99 years old to three months  
16 old in this community. And there are a number of  
17 elders in the community, as well. We're  
18 concerned about the safety of the children, as  
19 well as the old people not being able to rest at  
20 night because of the loud activity after hours  
21 when he closes his bar. Now, I've been in that  
22 community for a long time. I've been back 26  
23 years, and the young man Michael, spoke about  
24 that, that was murdered, he was murdered in front  
25 of my house at two a.m. in the morning. And it



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1 was very disturbing to hear that. Upsetting to  
2 the community. I'm not saying that Mr. Landry is  
3 responsible for that, but the - - the crowd that  
4 he brought in - - Originally he started out very  
5 well. When he left Brewers Hill area and came  
6 down, he had the older crowd. He said he was  
7 going to keep it that way. It was fine for a  
8 while. But then after that, then he brought in  
9 the younger crowd. They got really loud. There  
10 has been glass tables broken and shattered,  
11 mirrors that fell from the wall because of the  
12 loud music from the members that come from his -  
13 - his bar. And I know he has no control over  
14 that, but to control over the crowd that he has,  
15 he does have control over that. And if it was an  
16 older crowd, it may work. Like I said, before it  
17 did work. But he changed his rules, and we just  
18 don't need it right now in our community. We're  
19 a old community. There's a mixed culture there,  
20 like I said, from 99 to two months old. And the  
21 99 year old, she's as sharp as a whip. She was  
22 there when me and Mike grew up. She knows all my  
23 children, all my siblings. That's irrelevant,  
24 but she's a very well - - well woman. But we  
25 don't need this. We really don't need this. We

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1 just trying to live and be happy down there, and  
2 we - - we're doing very fine without all the  
3 activity from the bar. And it's been very  
4 peaceful. And to go out after the bar has closed  
5 and to pick up all the garbage and - - and drug  
6 wrappings, and everything else, we do that. We  
7 clean our own neighborhood. So we do have a  
8 problem with him reopening his establishment.  
9 And we should have that concern, because we are  
10 the community. We've been there for 50 years.  
11 The majority of us has been down there 50 and 60  
12 years. So that is my concern and I'm opposed to  
13 he - - him reopening this establishment.

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Mrs.  
15 Henderson, for your - - for your comments. And  
16 my question for you is, is has there been a  
17 noticeable difference in the last six months for  
18 you?

19 THE WITNESS: Absolutely.

20 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And - - And in a  
21 positive way, in your ways then?

22 THE WITNESS: In a positive way. I  
23 have lost three vehicles on the street, totaled  
24 from activity.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And this is prior - -

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1 You're talking about prior to their closing?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. I mean, you  
3 know, when they were open, there was all the  
4 racing up and down the street, all the fights in  
5 the middle of the street. It's just like you  
6 wouldn't believe. My mother is there. She's a  
7 senior citizen, as well. I'm concerned about  
8 her, as well. You know. So, yeah, I've - - I've  
9 had three cars totaled in the front of my house  
10 after hours, after bar closing, you know, so,  
11 yeah, it is a major concern down there of the  
12 activity of a bar being re-opened.

13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You - - You had  
14 expressed comment about when he had an older  
15 crowd, how that was more acceptable. In your  
16 view, is - - is the - - is the dance license part  
17 of the problem, or is it just - -

18 THE WITNESS: No, it is - - It is - -

19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: - - the clientele,  
20 period?

21 THE WITNESS: - - the clientele. It is  
22 the clientele that he has, how would you say,  
23 brought into the community, that has really  
24 caused us a lot of problems.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you.

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1 Questions by committee of Mrs. Henderson? Thank  
2 you for your testimony.

3 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: I'm sorry, Mr.  
4 Chair. I was - -

5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Hamilton.

6 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: The activity that  
7 you're complaining of now, is it the activity  
8 that was - - you said in the last six months he  
9 hasn't been operating. So it's been quiet.

10 THE WITNESS: Very much so.

11 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: And that would have  
12 been somewhere around November, October?

13 THE WITNESS: Yeah, October, November  
14 somewhere. I haven't been keeping track, but  
15 it's been very quiet - -

16 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Okay.

17 THE WITNESS: - - in the winter months.

18 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: But it's been very  
19 quiet since - - since that time.

20 THE WITNESS: Oh, absolutely.

21 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: And then, so prior  
22 to that, prior to his recent closing for the six  
23 months, has there been this type of activity  
24 since the last renewal up until he closed six  
25 months ago? Did you still have the same - -

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

ALDERMAN HAMILTON: - - um - -

THE WITNESS: Loudness.

ALDERMAN HAMILTON: - - loudness.

THE WITNESS: Music - -

ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Littering.

THE WITNESS: Fights in the middle of the street. Loitering. Just like every - - any and everything you can think of that will go wrong in a neighborhood as far as people, in and out, different people. People don't live in the community. Like I said, this is a fairly old community. Ms. Caus can attest to that. A lot of people down there have been there for a number of years, 30, 40, 50 years. And then you have the new strays. I'm going to strays, but new people come in with different attitudes, and different agendas, as you may say. Yeah, this - - this has been going on since the reopening five years ago of his establishment.

And I will tell you this, when they were reopening this establishment five years ago, I asked the gentleman, I says, what is this going to be? Because we know, we closed it down before, the bar. He says it's going to be a

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1 hardware store. I says, oh, is that right. So I  
2 thought no more of it. And then it turned out to  
3 be a bar that brought in a lot of problems behind  
4 it.

5 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: So we are very opposed to  
7 it.

8 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Okay. And the - -  
9 the reason why I asked the question, because I  
10 just wanted to be sure that the testimony today  
11 is since the last renewal. I mean, I know in  
12 2003 they received a 30 day suspension, and then  
13 in 2005 they received a 30 day suspension. In  
14 2006 they received a 60 day suspension. So a lot  
15 of the activity, you know, prior to the last  
16 renewal, they've been punished for, so to speak,  
17 and we want to just make sure that if things  
18 improved in the past year since the last  
19 suspension, that we would want to make note of,  
20 or if the activity stayed the same, then we want  
21 to make note of that, since the last suspension.

22 THE WITNESS: Well, I think since the  
23 last suspension he has been closed the majority  
24 of the time. That's why there is no police  
25 reports. I think if he had stayed open during

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1 that time, there would have been a long list of  
2 police reports of nuisance complaints, loitering  
3 complaints, and everything else you can think of.  
4 So, yeah, during this time the last time he had  
5 his license renewal, he has not been open. So,  
6 no, there is no current reports.

7 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Okay.

8 THE WITNESS: All right.

9 ALDERMAN HAMILTON: Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

11 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Any other  
12 questions by committee? Otherwise, thank you,  
13 Mrs. Henderson. If we could - - If we could just  
14 in orderly fashion, I know that there are  
15 individuals here who - - who are supporters of  
16 the establishment, if you could just one by one,  
17 just filter up. We can line up individuals.  
18 What I'm ask you to do is just provide your name  
19 and your address for the record, and you can just  
20 provide a - - a brief comment that, "I support  
21 the renewal of the license here." So if we could  
22 take individuals up.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm Emmanuel Pitts, and I  
24 live at 2641 North 60th. And I'm - - I am in  
25 support of the bar.

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
2 Sir, good morning.

3                   THE WITNESS: Good morning. My name is  
4 Japwar Harris. I'm at 402 North - - North  
5 Avenue, and I'm supporting the bar. And I wanted  
6 to make a brief comment about if - - if you guys  
7 been down there, Ms. Coggs, you know what type of  
8 neighborhood it is. And in the morning I - - I'm  
9 the caretaker over there, and I clean up, and I  
10 haven't seen this gentleman or the - - the lady  
11 there helping out. Anyway, through the six  
12 months we have been cleaning up outside and  
13 around the neighborhood. I haven't seen nothing  
14 or has there been any complaints. But it is a  
15 drug-reamed neighborhood, so. But if you come  
16 down there yourself, you'll see it yourself, but,  
17 you know, we cleaned it up - - we - - the area,  
18 but I have not seen these neighbors at all to  
19 help do anything in the area.

20                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.

21                   THE WITNESS: Hi. My name is Kasha  
22 Harris. I'm at 2749 North 51st Street. I just  
23 - - I just want to state that I have seen - - He  
24 said he did some major repairs. And I'm - - I'm  
25 not sure if he has pictures with him today, but



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1 they're really, really nice repairs. He - - His  
2 whole concern was to upgrade the bar, to change  
3 the atmosphere of the bar. He's redid the whole  
4 inside of the bar, I mean, from top to bottom,  
5 and the bathrooms. Everything has changed to  
6 ceramic. And me, myself, I really am particular  
7 about the type of places that I frequent. And  
8 the changes that he made made me want to frequent  
9 the bar. If you guys get together and you meet  
10 up, maybe you can schedule a time to come and  
11 look at the bar and see, you know. Because I'm  
12 hoping that, you know, if you guys allow him to  
13 get it, we'll see you guys there.

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Ms. Harris.  
15 Sir.

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, my name is Jack  
17 Boiers. I live at 2237 North Hubbard.

18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And, I'm sorry. The  
19 spelling of your last name is?

20 THE WITNESS: B-O-I-E-R-S.

21 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.

22 THE WITNESS: And I support the bar.

23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.

24 THE WITNESS: My name is Janis Lowery,  
25 and I'm supporting the bar.

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1                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: I'm sorry. You will  
2 have to - - Pull that microphone down. It  
3 actually moves.

4                   THE WITNESS: My name is Janis Lowery,  
5 and I support the bar. And I know - - I live at  
6 2235 North Buffum. And I know Mr. Norman,  
7 because I used to be his neighbor.

8                   CHAIRMAN BOHL: And the spelling of  
9 your last name, ma'am?

10                  THE WITNESS: L-O-W-E-R-Y.

11                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you.

12                  THE WITNESS: And I know Mr. Norman.  
13 He been doing the right thing, but I know they is  
14 going to try to get together and do little things  
15 for the kids in the neighborhood, too, even  
16 though he is going to open up a bar.

17                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you. Sir?  
18 How are you? Careful, that thing comes off  
19 there.

20                  THE WITNESS: My name Dionjor Williams.  
21 I live at 2440 North Hubbard Street, and I  
22 support the community, the bar.

23                  CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
24 Williams.

25                  THE WITNESS: Hello. My name is Helen

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1 Poe, and I don't live in the neighborhood, but my  
2 Auntie stays at 2201 North Buffum. And Norm is  
3 one bar that I do go, because I take care of my  
4 Auntie, and I have been to his bar several times.  
5 And he runs a decent place. He can't control  
6 what goes on outside his bar. All he can do is  
7 try - - try - - All he can do is try and not make  
8 it happen, see. He's a good person, and I miss  
9 the bar being open, especially on Sundays,  
10 because he makes the best sub sandwiches.

11 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You said your last name  
12 was Paul?

13 THE WITNESS: Poe, P-O-E.

14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: P-O-E, okay, Poe.

15 Thank you. Sir? How are you?

16 THE WITNESS: Hi. My name is Ronnie  
17 Malone. I live at 3058 North Richardson, and I  
18 support the bar.

19 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, Mr. Malone.

20 Ma'am?

21 THE WITNESS: My name is Deborah  
22 Washington, and I live at 3262 North Palmer, and  
23 I also par - - have been patronizing the bar for  
24 a long time.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, ma'am.

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1 THE WITNESS: Hello. My name is Taka  
2 Harris Pitts, and I do support the bar. I am a  
3 business owner, and I hold a lot of professional  
4 clientele, and we all support the bar, also.

5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Ms. Pitts, do you own a  
6 place in the area there?

7 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. But we  
8 come all the way down, because we - - we love  
9 them, and, you know, we like to patronize the  
10 bar, because, I mean, it's more of a family  
11 atmosphere.

12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And could you provide  
13 an address for our records, please?

14 THE WITNESS: Sure. 56 - - 5466 West  
15 Appleton Avenue.

16 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you.  
17 Thank you all. At this point, and - - and I - -I  
18 appreciate your patience. I wanted to make  
19 certain that we - - we do get a transcript for  
20 the record if this item is being held here. And  
21 at - - at this point, because there - - there is  
22 a motion, I did want to at least provide the  
23 ability for those of you who - - who were here to  
24 testify to come forward and provide that  
25 testimony. We will have a transcript and

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1 hopefully that Alderwoman Coggs will have an  
2 opportunity to meet with Mr. Landry here between  
3 now here and - - and our next committee meeting  
4 in the next three weeks. But I do appreciate  
5 your time in coming down here. We wanted to at  
6 least acknowledge that. With that, there is a  
7 motion on the table to hold this matter at the  
8 Call of the Chair. Are there any objections to  
9 that motion? And hearing none, so ordered.

10 Mr. Landry, if you could - - If you  
11 could get in touch with Alderwoman Coggs then  
12 and, you know, as soon as - - as soon as you've  
13 had an opportunity to sit down with her, we'll -  
14 - we'll schedule - - schedule you at the next  
15 available meeting then. Okay?

16 THE APPLICANT: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, sir.

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