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The Como Community Council board voted May 21 to support a request from Gabe's By The Park to modify its liquor license to allow speakers for recorded music on its patio. We recommend your approval of this enhancement for the restaurant.

The full board, and the district council's Land Use Committee, reviewed sound studies that Gabe's conducted. These studies indicate speakers that are properly placed and calibrated will not be audible at the nearest residential properties across Lexington Parkway. (Neighbors were informed of the restaurant's plans and, although concerned, seem to have more of an issue with loud patrons.)

It is our understanding speakers will be on only when the patio is open – roughly from April to September and only until 11 p.m. daily. Speakers will be directional and angled toward the patio, and will be installed with controls that do not allow them to be turned up beyond levels recommended in the sound study. It is our understanding that speakers overall will not exceed the 65 decibel readings allowed in state statute. The restaurant, of course, will seek separate sound-level variances if it has specific outdoor events.

Sincerely,

Michael Kuchta
Executive Director