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Re: Cabaret License for Catalyst Music, 965 Payne Avenue

Dear Jeff,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Payne-Phalen Community Council. The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27th at the Arlington Hills Community Center. The application by Catalyst Music for a Cabaret License at 965 Payne Avenue was on the published agenda. The Applicant, Jack Kolb-Williams attended the meeting and made a presentation to the Board and the gathered public. The proposal for the project was explained and questions from the Board and the public were taken and addressed.

The meeting was very well attended. In addition to our Board and staff, more than 50 people from the general public showed up to hear the presentation and ample time was given to them to ask questions and share their input about Catalyst's proposed all ages, non-alcohol music café. Because we had a large crowd, our Chair took the opportunity to do an informal poll by asking for a show of hands from the audience prior to the Board deliberations. Approximately five or six people from the audience raised their hands to indicate that they did not think the Board should vote for support of this project. The balance of the gathered public – well over forty people - raised their hands to indicate that they thought the Board should vote to support Catalyst's proposal.

Deliberations by the Board recognized the benefits of Catalyst's program and venue as being a very positive addition to the Payne-Phalen community – especially because it will provide educational programming and opportunities for youth in the local community. The Board voted in favor of supporting Catalyst's proposal.