

Yamhill County
Docket NO: E-02-18
November 8, 2018

Yamhill County Commissioners,

Good evening Commissioners my name is Joyce Damman. I live at 30160 NE Benjamin Rd. My house is directly across from the applicant's parking lot.

I am here tonight to oppose the applicant's Docket No. E-02-18 for the following reasons:

Brewery - Tasting Room - Docket #C-10-14

When the applicant received this permit, the neighbors were led to believe that the applicant would be brewing his beer in the historic barn and selling his beer to the different establishments in and around Newberg. We never imagined the tasting room would be outside on picnic tables, under umbrellas, in front of the barn with vehicles coming and going all weekend long from Friday, after work and Saturday and Sunday.

Yamhill County Commissioners, nor the Planning Dept. of Yamhill County, oversee, nor enforce the conditions of a permit once it is issued. This was evidenced in the applicant's last year of the operation of Wolves & People.

Approval of OLCC License for service of alcohol

On Super Bowl Sunday, 2-04-18, the Newberg police arrested a 19 year old female for DUI on Benjamin Road and 99W. I have had my mail box hit and broken by a white car, with an obvious drunk driver, who came out of Wolves & People's driveway. After hitting and breaking my mailbox, he just kept on going and never stopped. I am sure he must have done damage to his car. Unfortunately by the time I got down to the end of the driveway, the car was gone. Therefore, I never got his license plate number. Also, at one of the applicant's big events, Saturday, Sept. 8th to be exact, I witnessed two men relieving themselves on a willow tree across the street from my house before they got into their pickup and left. Apparently the applicant didn't have an outhouse for use, or it was occupied and they couldn't wait to use it. This brings me to my next point.

Public Safety on Benjamin Road

Due to the increased traffic on such a rural road, with no policing and with foreseeable DUI drivers, I believe a traffic study is in order.

The increased traffic on Benjamin, is not only due to the applicants brewery/bar, but also the fact that Benjamin Rd. has become a thoroughfare for cars cutting through from 99W to

Springbrook and vice-versa, every morning and every evening going to and from work, in order to avoid all the traffic lights in town.

Add to that, large delivery trucks during the week to the applicant's brewery/bar and on weekends large tour busses, limos, etc. coming in and out from 99W that have to cross over the double yellow lines and what we have now is a very dangerous proposition. Also, speeding on Benjamin is a daily occurrence and is another grave concern with no Yamhill County deputies to police it.

Locals who live in the neighborhood are unable to come in or go out, when one of those big vehicles are entering or leaving Benjamin. The reason being that they take up the entire road. I personally have had to back up when one was entering Benjamin. Luckily there was no cars behind me.

Family Friendly

I know the applicant has stated that his establishment is family friendly where children and pets are welcome. I am not a prude - I raised six boys with my husband and we would go out at least twice a month to a place that had dancing, food and drinks. However, our children were at home with the babysitter because no place that served alcohol would allow under age children. Unless the law has changed, I do not understand how Wolves & People can allow under age children on the property, while there is drinking going on.

EFU Zoning Designation - Agritourism Permit E-02-18

Least but not last, a bar in a rural, residential area, on an EFU zoning designation, which is outside the urban growth boundary instead of in a business designation, blows my mind. I know the applicant has stated that he is going to plant barley for his operation but there certainly is not enough acreage to supply his commercial enterprise with enough barley to make his beer. Therefore, as the applicant's stepfather stated at the last meeting before the planning commission, "the bar supports the farm". Unless I am mistaken according to Oregon State Law and the issuance of an Agritourism permit, the farm is suppose to support the Agritourism, not the Brewery/bar supporting the farm.

Therefore, for the reasons I have outlined above, I would appreciate your consideration in denying Wolves & People anymore destruction of what use to be a peaceful, quiet, rural neighborhood, by granting another unlawful permit.

Not only that but I believe the Burden of Proof is suppose to be on the applicant, not on the neighbors.

RESPECTFULLY,

JOYCE DAMMAN