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Dear Dolores,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit public comment in writing for the meeting of our PCDC on May 30th, 2024 in regards to review of Planned Unit Development at 501 West Main Street (River Bend) in Lyons.

There are to be 4 points under consideration, 3 of which I fully support.

The point that I do not support, and focus of this letter, is allowance for amplified music.

While I am not able to attend the meetings on Zoom nor in person, I do invite reading this letter to attendees and copying this letter freely to interested parties and public record.

SAFETY

Sleep protocols for public servants to safely operate vehicles and heavy equipment cannot be met with throbbing bass and cheering crowds during planned sleep time any night of the week. RTD bus operators, for example, leave for work at 3 a.m. on any morning including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; then proceed to operate a bus with passengers on board. Neither driving to work, nor operating a bus, should be done in the drowsy or distracted state that results from lack of sleep.

PROXIMITY

The issue should be raised with a much broader sampling of property owners than the current "adjacent property owners". Amplified music is heard throughout our town on many weekend and week day nights, during the seasons of spring, summer, and fall. Frequently a mix of sounds from A-Lodge, Planet Bluegrass, River Bend, and Main Stage Brewing is moving through the air after bed time.

CONDITIONS

Music cannot be controlled by aiming speakers a different direction. Depending on variable factors such as humidity, wind, temperature, and volume music will travel differently, and may or may not bounce off various canyon walls impacting our community in unsettling and unpredictable ways.

COMMUNITY SENTIMENT

I am not an organizer, and have not gone door-to-door with a petition. I can assure you that my neighbors all over town share an aversion to amplified music and crowds cheering that blankets our town most warm nights. Not just adjacent property owners.

PRECEDENT and EXPERIENCE

Planet Bluegrass started with a special permit to amplify music for up to 4 weekend festivals per year. Things have not gone well with Planet Bluegrass - more and more weekends have been added, curfew enforcement has been weak, and amplified music has grown from 4 festivals to include numerous weddings and parties in all seasons.

PARTY TOWN

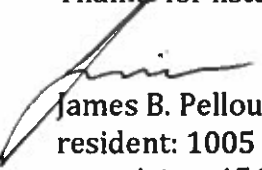
Once the Party Town cat is out of the bag, it is hard to get back in. Lyons is already known as a "Party Town". Towns in Florida and along the gulf coast are working hard to change party town reputations that have created safety issues and unstable economies. Telluride, here in Colorado is working to change their party town image too.

My own experience with Planet Bluegrass has not been good. I cannot count the times I have twisted and turned during my sleep time with throbbing, amplified, bass notes and cheering crowds going through my head. All while attempting to sleep as I prepare to leave for work at 3:00 a.m. and operate a bus for RTD. But please consider all shift workers, for example heavy equipment operators, graveyard shift Sheriff's deputies, bakery workers and other pre-dawn professions that require well rested, alert professionals.

For the reasons stated above I submit that Lyons Town government should:

- * stop authorizing and prohibit, any additional, new, amplified music in our town
- * work to pull back and control permissions that have been granted
 - *implement and enforce meaningful decibel limits on existing amplified music.
 - *strictly enforce existing amplified music curfews.
 - *move existing amplified music curfews to no later than 9:00 p.m., ever, any day.

Thanks for listening,



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