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From: indiegainesville@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 12:12 PM
To: Osborne, Rhonda L.
Subject: Re: Public Safety Committee Upcoming Meeting

Thanks for including us in this, Rhonda! I've forwarded this E-mail to the indiegainesville group.

Initial thoughts (pros): Outdoor concerts (with beer) seems like a lot of fun. Increasing the hours for itinerant food vendors seems like it would make the late-night bar hoppers happy as well as creating a safer atmosphere for people who are downtown late at night (or early in the morning).

Initial thoughts (cons): The death nail associated with the United Downtown events was the closing of the streets on our busiest nights of the week. If outdoor drinking can't be done without closing off the streets (and access to parking), it could negatively impact our sales. Also, the bar owners (and there are a lot of them) might experience a loss of revenue if people are discouraged from drinking within their establishments.

Of course, I do not speak for the group, but the cons listed above were concerns generated by the United Downtown event and could very well come up again. We look forward to working with you in exploring options that work for everyone and encourage a more vibrant downtown.

Thanks again!
 Andrew Schaer
 Hear Again Music and Movies

---- "Osborne wrote:

> Good morning. As the liaison to the City's Public Safety Committee, I would like to invite the GDOT members and other downtown businesses to the February 29 PSC meeting. The meeting will be held in City Hall Room 16 at 5:00 p.m.
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 > The discussion topics at this meeting will be: 1) Review of City Ordinance Regulating Alcohol Consumption on City Property (looking at modifying the ordinance to allow consumption at outside events and on public property in the downtown area); 2) Outdoor Concerts; and 3) Itinerant Food Vendor Hours of Operation.
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 > Please share this email with any others who may have an interest in these topics. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this meeting.
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 > Thank you.
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