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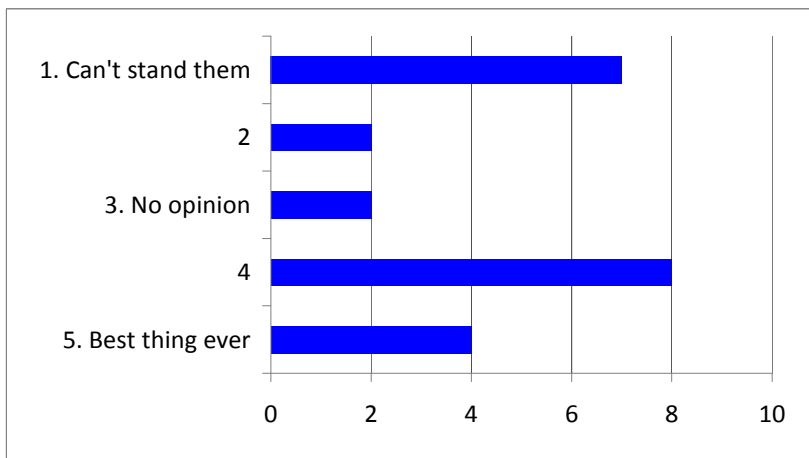
Neighborhood Check in re: Gasthof Tent Events

### Survey Summary

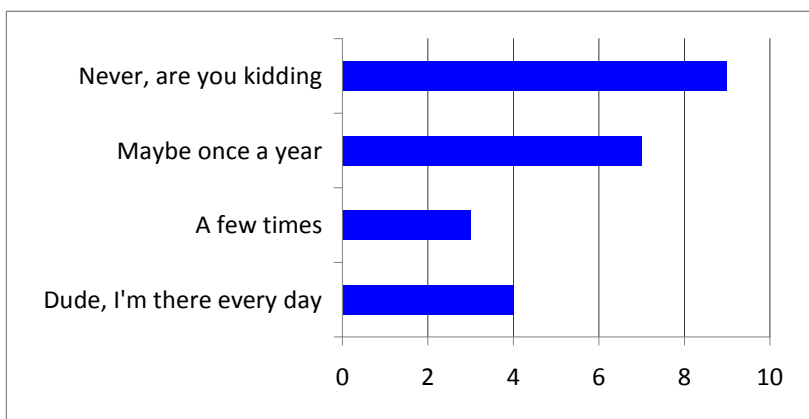
Surveys were distributed to 150 addresses within an approximate two-block radius from Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit (2300 University Avenue NE). The survey was also available online and that availability was publicized in both the survey itself and on the Bottineau Neighborhood Association website. A total of 23 responses were gathered through return mail surveys and online. While this is far from a statistically significant sample, the responses do seem to represent what the Bottineau Neighborhood Association has come to understand over the years as the general feeling of the community regarding these events.

Every attempt was made to create a short survey that was both neutral and fair. While not professionally designed, we feel the survey was both. Below are the results.

#1. On a scale of 1-5 how do you feel about the tent events (circle one number):

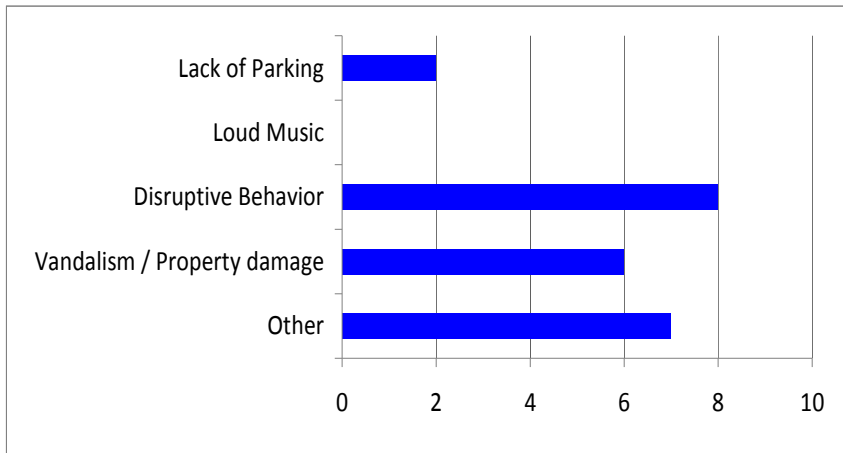


#2. Do you attend the events? (check the best description)



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#3. What is your greatest concern? (check one)

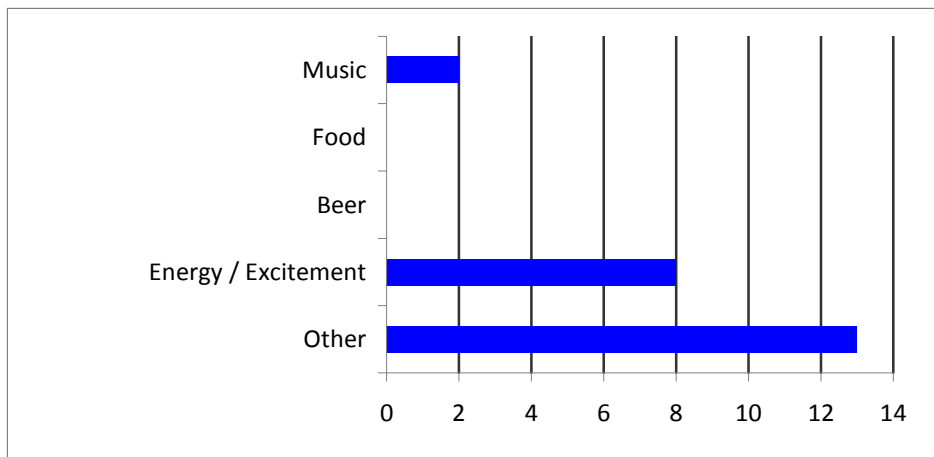


Three returned surveys selected both 'Disruptive Behavior' and 'Vandalism / Property Damage.' Instructions asked for only one response. To be consistent, only the first selection is included in the graph above.

Other Responses:

- Loud Music and Disruptive behavior
- customers drinking and driving. Taxi's driving too fast down 3rd st.
- all of the above
- All of these plus the party busses that park in front of my house. The drunks that ride these busses urinate in my front yard, swear so loud my children are woken up, and leave trash everywhere.
- nothing These people are from the suburbs
- NONE!
- drunk drivers driving to fast

#4. What do you like best about the events? (check one)



One returned survey selected 'Music,' 'Food' and 'Energy / Excitement.' Instructions asked for only one response. To be consistent, only the first selection is included in the graph above.

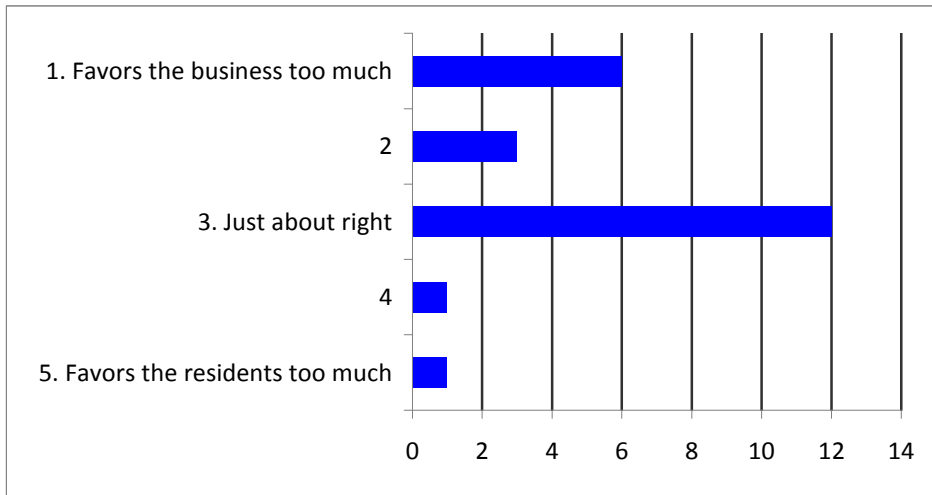
Other Responses:

- NOTHING
- All of the above
- When they come to an end.
- Nothing

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- Nothing really.. great if you like frat boy drunk parties I suppose.
- When they are over
- Nothing
- watching / laughing at the drunks
- nothing
- all the above
- all the above
- not longer than they are
- When they end

#5. Where is the balance between competing interests right now? (circle one)



#6. If you feel things are out of balance, what one thing would you suggest changing to create more of a balance?

[text unchanged]

- The tent closings seem unnecessarily early - let people enjoy the outdoors longer. Other nearby establishments (e.g. Psycho Suzi's, 331 Club) have outdoor areas that are open until 2am all summer long; allowing tents to stay open past 10pm a dozen nights a year (or so) doesn't seem too unreasonable.
- Get the hell out of the neighborhood!
- Each year for an equal number of days to the Mayfest, Summerfest, Oktoberfest schedule the residents of the affected areas of Northeast Minneapolis should be allowed to hold a loud drunken party in the back yard of Mario's home, where we make a profit and leave him with a mess to clean up.
- I have a business a few blocks West of the Gasthof. This past October people from the event smashed up our picnic table that sits in our back lot. Each year we pick up broken glasses and bottles from the street and our yard. It's been getting worse each year. The destroying of our table really angered us.
- I think the bar should have to police its patrons. We regularly have their patrons urinating in our yard, throwing garbage in our bushes, and yelling obscenities under our windows until 2:00 a.m. We have party buses parked directly in front of our house with all the screaming and swearing and urinating that is involved in having a great time at the Gastoff. We are trying to raise 4 children in this neighborhood. I don't have any creative ideas or solutions to this issue and I see no balance currently between the bar and the residents.
- Gasthof's reaps all of the benefits from their events and the neighborhood gets put out, ending up cleaning the mess left for blocks around. How about Gasthof's cleans up all the trash and broken glass strewn through the

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streets and alleys after each night. Other bars do this to maintain relationships with neighbors. We have suffered through years of October Fest. and have yet to see Gasthof's do anything for the neighborhood.

- No tents + more police patrols
- The bar should hire people to go out + pick up the trash on our street and alley (22nd to 23rd)
- It's good for the neighborhood.
- Don't drive out a good business from our neighborhood. If you're only gripe is the tent please live with it. The rest of the year it is pleasantly quiet. The tent only occurs a couple times a year and the music is not loud and obnoxious like some of the other bars nearby. (Some are all day)
- greater success on part of business in discouraging disruptive behavior.
- Have them hire clean up crews for the neighborhood and guards at night to control both the tent party and the crowd as it is leaving.

## Conclusions

Again, this is not a large enough sample to result in any irrefutable conclusions. However, some things are quite clear. First is that nearby residents do not view these events as a community asset, but more as something that happens in/to the neighborhood. People either like them or they don't. While the overall response to #1 is slightly on the positive side (score of 8)<sup>1</sup>, nearly twice as many respondents selected the most negative option than the most positive. The responses suggest that there is an understanding of the business's right to have the event(s) [#1 & #5], while at the same time show a generally low level of personal support based on attendance [#2.]. There is also a strong negative response to the impacts on the community as a result of the events [#3 & #4]. Question #4 was intended to provide an opportunity for respondents to identify something positive about the events. However, the largest number of respondents answered 'Other' and ten of the 13 comments are negative. Question #6 asked for possible actions to address any imbalance in interests between the business and community. While there were three supportive comments, the others ranged from ambivalent to vindictive. It is also clear that the main issue is the actions of the tent event patrons after they leave the tent events. The two largest issues are the disruptive behavior that impacts residents as it happens and the "mess" remaining the mornings after the events [#3 & #6].

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<sup>1</sup> Answers receive a numerical value. #1 = (-2), #2 = (-1), #3=0, #4=1, and #5=2.

The resulting formula is  $(7 \cdot -2) + (2 \cdot -1) + (2 \cdot 0) + (8 \cdot 1) + (4 \cdot 2) = 8$ . with 23 responses, the total potential value range is -46 to +46.