

# Rethinking the South Shore music scene

To the community,

I would like to see a club that could hold 500-1,500 people, and would have live music playing every night. A venue this size could attract some great bands in a variety of music genres, and would be a popular asset to both locals and tourists.

Something along the lines of The Knitting Factory that just opened up in Reno. Maybe we could get in the loop with them and get bands to play a day at each venue. To tell the truth, I have no idea how these places run, or how profitable they are, but maybe someone around here does.

Personally, I would love to have some variety of music in town. Harrah's does what they can, but it's either not in their best interest or they just aren't into anything other than the older bands or country.

A larger Whiskey Dick's type venue is what I'm thinking, with a cover of \$8-\$30 or so, depending on who's playing. Of course the bigger bands would be on the weekends, but we still could have some interesting up and coming bands on the weekdays, and mid-week specials to pull people in.

This would create some jobs, fill some beds, and the bands/people that come up to see them would spend their money around town. I know, it could be said that these people probably won't be "big spenders",

but some of them will, and we have many motels to fill, and burger/pizza joints to keep busy, all business is good.

An eclectic mix would be cool – blue grass, rock, punk, folk,

alt country, rap, jazz, reggae, etc.

Location? My suggestion would be Bill's. If the "Pearl" is approved down the road, it will not conflict. The location is great, and it's the right size.

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