

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**  
Regular Meeting

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Secretary Bailey, Colin Colverson, Darren Osborne, Theresa Scott, Debra Solmonson, Chairman Randy Tedford, and Wendy Williams

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney / Staff Liaison to Board  
Heather Ashley, Police Department Administrative Assistant

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention

**ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Secretary Bailey was not present during roll call; however, he arrived during approval of minutes.

**ACTING SECRETARY**

In the absence of Secretary Bailey, Chairman Tedford stated the Board would need to approve an acting secretary for the meeting until he arrived. Ms. Scott, seconded by Chairman Tedford, nominated Ms. Solmonson and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Acting Secretary Solmonson moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting. Secretary Bailey arrived prior to the discussion and vote. With no changes to the minutes, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Secretary Bailey and Mr. Colverson abstaining from the vote due to their absence at that meeting.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS**

Application #1493  
Ulster Project  
Fundraiser St. Mary's Church  
John (Tom) Slankas, Supervisor of Beer Sales  
327 Vermont Avenue  
Class E Permit

Mr. Slankas (St. Mary's Church) and John Hough (Ulster Project) were present to discuss the beer permit special event application. Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to consider both Application #1493 and Application #1494 together and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Slankas indicated both events would take place under the same regulations as prior events with beer at St. Mary's Church – all patrons would be carded at the door and wristbands would be issued to those who appear under 30 years of age. Having no issues with events in the past, Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the beer permit applications including the requested waiver for wristband use and the motion carried unanimously.

Application #1494

Emory Valley Center  
Fundraiser at St. Mary's Church  
John (Tom) Slankas, Supervisor of Beer Sales  
327 Vermont Avenue  
Class E Permit

Mr. Slankas was present to discuss the application for the Emory Valley Center. This application was approved. See minutes for Application #1493.

**NEW MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS**

Bradley Taylor Crosby

Dollar General Store #14319  
2095 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Mr. Crosby was present to discuss his application. Chairman Tedford raised some concerns over Mr. Crosby stating he has not read the City's beer ordinances, however, he did indicate he read the manager application and agreed to the statements contained therein which are "highlights" of the ordinances. Mr. Crosby also explained the store's training process for beer sales and the ID policy. Mr. Crosby was advised by the Board to contact the police when trouble occurred if needed.

Having no further questions, Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Colverson, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

Kathryn Margaret Jenkins

Aubrey's  
481 S. Illinois Avenue

Ms. Jenkins was present to discuss her application. Ms. Jenkins explained their ID policy and training associated with beer sales. Having brief discussion, Mr. Colverson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

Misty Lynn Williams

Staybridge Suites  
420 S. Illinois Avenue

Ms. Williams was present to discuss her application. Ms. Williams was advised that she needed to make sure any replacement manager for herself received approval from the Board in a more timely manner (Ms. Williams is replacing a manager that left in 2011). Ms. Williams explained that they do not sell beer but offer a complimentary beer service a few nights a week to guests/residents. Ms. Williams explained that the guests are carded to ensure they are of age to drink beer. Aaron Wells, Director of Sales, also stated that the gentleman in the kitchen does the serving. Ms. Williams stated she felt comfortable that they did not serve anyone underage. Mr. Colverson moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

Heath Brandon Lowe

Walgreen's

1299 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Mr. Lowe was present to discuss to his manager application. The Board commented on how quickly Mr. Lowe applied as a replacement manager. Mr. Lowe explained the training process for managers and employees regarding beer sales. Mr. Lowe also explained the computer does not allow sales of beer during non-sale hours (3 am to 6 am). Mr. Lowe was advised to ensure the blind spot area of the parking lot is monitored as well for unlawful consumption and/or hand-off of beer. Ms. Solmonson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW / OLD BUSINESS**

A. Reports from Oak Ridge Police Department (if any)

None

B. Possible Ordinance Amendment –Training Requirements

This item was brought back for the Board's consideration at the Board's request from the February 10, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Colverson expressed concerns that there was still no information on the cost/benefits from other municipalities with similar training requirements and asked whether ASAP could help the Board obtain that information. Michael Foster, ASAP, advised he would try to find some information. He also reported that the county still had 100% compliance on beer stings from the businesses with employees that had been trained.

Ms. Solmonson was concerned about the impact on the businesses and made a motion to invite the businesses to a meeting to discuss the issues. This motion was seconded by Chairman Tedford. [Note – this motion was later tabled until further information was received from ASAP.]

Ms. Scott was concerned over so many businesses that have sold beer to a minor, over-served patrons, or had patrons that come in intoxicated from other businesses.

Secretary Bailey suggested a voluntary certified vendor type of program for businesses that used an ABC certified training classes and having zero tolerance for businesses who did not undergo such training. Ms. Solmonson questioned how many have used an ABC certified training class but still fail. Ms. Solmonson and Mr. Colverson stated they are not disagreeing with the issue at hand but are trying to see if this is the most effective solution. Secretary Bailey stated the only way to have effective data is to conduct a sting operation.

Mr. Colverson had a clarification on the proposed ordinance regarding new hires that already had a certification within the last three years and the need to not have to obtain a new certification within the first thirty days of employment.

Chairman Tedford wanted to know if ASAP had communicated with the candidates for Juvenile Judge to see if they are as willing to participate in using underage persons for beer stings. Mr. Foster stated they usually use a 19 year old, which did not require Juvenile Judge approval.

Mr. Colverson moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to request ASAP to provide cost/benefit data associated with other municipalities that require similar training of beer permit holders for the May meeting and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Privilege Tax Payments

All privilege tax payments have been received.

D. Updated Beer Permit List

An updated beer permit list (current through February 2014) was given to the Board for reference. Ms. Dunn also stated the list is usually updated within a day or two of the meeting.

E. Manager Status at Various Establishments

Ms. Scott reported she heard Lincoln's had reorganized staff and Lisa Green (Board-approved manager) was no longer acting in that capacity. Ms. Dunn stated she would send Lincoln's a letter regarding the concern.

Chairman Tedford stated he thought the Board-approved manager at Kroger's was no longer manager. Ms. Dunn stated she would contact Kroger's as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. upon unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on official copy)

Barton Bailey, Secretary