

**Citizens Committee to Review Alcoholic Beverage Laws (CCRABL)
Meeting Minutes**

**Truxtun Recreation Center
Meeting Room 3
April 13, 2010
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Committee Members:

Whitney Chellis, Chair	Lynne Jones	Sean O'Neill
Chris Fox	Ted Levitt	Vince Quinlan
John Giannetti	Joe Lyon	Gilbert Renaut
Jerry Hardesty	Valerie Miller	Denise Worthen

Committee Resource Members:

Charles Grayston, Vice Chair

City Staff:

Sally Nash

Parties of Interest:

Alderman Kirby
Alderman Silverman
Leonard Berman, Vice Chair of the ABCB
4 members of the public

General Notes:

The **Chair** opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to formulate recommendations regarding the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABCB) and general licensing procedures for establishments that sell alcoholic beverages. The draft of fee recommendations that were formulated at the previous meeting was distributed and the **Chair** asked committee members to review it carefully and make comments and corrections. A copy of the DC liquor licensing fee schedule was also distributed and discussed by the committee.

Agenda Item II: Formulating Recommendation: Licensing/ABCB-Committee Discussion

The **Chair** began by reviewing previous recommendations that the committee had discussed regarding the ABCB. For example, the ABCB meetings could be moved to the evening. They are currently held at 3:00 pm. There was general discussion about other ABCB procedures—such as producing findings of fact for every agenda item that requires a public hearing and having more involvement from the City Attorney.

The recommendation of a full-time liquor inspector was also discussed. The committee talked about several ideas for the kind and range of duties this person could have. The committee felt this person should have a good relationship with the community and the police department.

The committee continued making recommendations for how to improve the ABCB and licensing procedures, including how to make disciplinary fines more equitable between the server, the owner, and the underage drinker.

License categories were then discussed, along with the idea that these could be updated and reformulated to more accurately reflect the use in a particular establishment. Standards for Taverns/Bars; Restaurants; and other entertainment venues could be clarified and be part of everyone's expectations regarding the establishment from the time of initial application. The committee and several members of the audience agreed that a transition to a new system of definitions would have to be done very carefully and thoughtfully.

Closing:

The **Chair** went over the upcoming meeting schedule. The committee's public hearing will be held on April 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The next meeting of the committee will be April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. **in the birthday party room**. The committee will begin formulating recommendations on enforcement.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:28

Action Items:

Provide a summary of how APD staffing generally works on Friday and Saturday nights (**APD**)

Look up the timeline for the new fee schedule that will go into effect in July (**P&Z**)

Generate draft ABCB/Licensing recommendation list from brainstorming session (P&Z)

Next Meeting:

The next meeting for the committee will be held on **April 20, 2010 at 6:00pm** at the Truxtun Park Recreation Center, Birthday Party Room.

Future Draft Agenda(s):

April 20: Formulating Recommendation: Enforcement-Committee Discussion

April 27: No committee meeting (see April 29 below)

May 4: RECAP of Public Hearing-Committee Discussion/Tie All together

Schedule of Public Hearings:

April 29 7:00 PM- **CCRABL PUBLIC HEARING** City Council Chambers

July 26 7:30 PM-CCRABL City Council-**Final Report**

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