

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

**Truxtun Recreation Center  
Birthday Party Room  
April 20, 2010  
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Committee Members:**

Whitney Chellis, Chair	Joe Lyon	Vince Quinlan
Brian Cahalan	Valerie Miller	Gilbert Renaut
Chris Fox	Sean O'Neill	Chuck Weikel
Jerry Hardesty	Vic Pascoe	Denise Worthen

**Committee Resource Members:**

Charles Grayston, Vice Chair

**City Staff:**

Sally Nash  
Jacqui Rouse

**Parties of Interest:**

Alderman Kirby  
Alderman Paone  
2 members of the public

**General Notes:**

The **Chair** opened the meeting at 6:06 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to formulate recommendations regarding enforcement of ABCB rules and regulations. Before the discussion began, the **Chair** told the Committee about the City Council Work Session that had been held on April 15, 2010 to review the Committee's interim report and get feedback from the City Council and Mayor Cohen. The Mayor had requested that the Committee look into a few additional issues, including the auctioning of liquor licenses. **Charlie Grayston** offered to email other liquor board contacts to determine if there are any jurisdiction in Maryland that auction licenses.

The **Chair** e also mentioned the Public Safety Committee meeting that she and **Denise Worthen** had attended the night before. This Committee met with **Police Chief Pristoop** to discuss enforcement and 2 am licensing.

A discussion of fees versus taxes ensued, and the **Chair** explained that she is trying to get clarification on this issue from the Office of Law.

A discussion regarding parliamentary procedure then began. This included a request that the Committee approve the minutes for each meeting. The **Chair** restated her dedication to voting on the issues within the Committee, but stressed the importance of timing in any such vote. She

also discussed the importance of maintaining a cohesive group that is not fractured by the complexity of the process. Also, as the Chair, **Whitney Chellis** took the prerogative not to require parliamentary proceedings. The committee is not a decision maker and she did not feel it necessary in this forum. The Committee then looked at a letter from the Mayor that had been sent out to some of the Committee members who are liquor license holders. The letter invited them to attend a meeting with the Mayor, the Police Chief, and **Charlie Grayston**, as head of the ABCB. The meeting will be April 28, 2010 at 2 at Truxtun Park Recreation Center. The **Chair** stated that she would be calling the Mayor to discuss this letter and its implications as soon as possible.

For homework, the **Chair** would like all Committee members to look through the three draft recommendation sheets and mark which recommendations they feel are “primary,” which are “secondary,” and which they consider a “no.”

**Agenda Item II: Formulating Recommendation:** Enforcement-Committee Discussion  
The **Chair** began by reviewing a statement from the ABCB Rules and Regulations. The Committee then made numerous recommendations regarding enforcement and how to prevent nuisance problems, such as public urination. The Committee also made recommendations on such topics as parking, fines for drunken disorderly conduct, Neighborhood Watch Programs, and having better coordination between the police and the ABCB.

**Closing:**

At the end of the meeting, the **Chair** reminded the committee about the public hearing that will be held on April 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The next regular meeting of the Committee will be May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in **Meeting Room 3**. The Committee will discuss the public hearing

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35**

**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 enforcement recommendation list from brainstorming session (P&Z)**

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting for the Committee will be held on **May 4, 2010 at 6:00pm** at the Truxtun Park Recreation Center, Meeting Room 3.

**Future Draft Agenda(s):**

**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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