

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

Truxtun Recreation Center
Meeting Room 3
May 25, 2010
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Committee Members:

Whitney Chellis, Chair	Jerry Hardesty	Denise Worthen
Brian Cahalan	Joe Lyon	
John Gianetti	Vince Quinlan	

Committee Resource Members:

Charles Grayston, Vice Chair

City Staff:

Sally Nash
Jacqui Rouse

Parties of Interest:

Alderman Kirby
5 members of the public

General Notes:

The **Chair** opened the meeting at 6:16 pm. The agenda for the meeting was to complete the discussion of the Committee's recommendation sheets.

The Committee first reviewed a recommendation from the previous meeting, ABCB 1H, which originally read:

H. More focus on penalizing actual offenders, not the owners.

It was clarified that in addition to recommending that the municipal infraction fine for the server should be increased, the Committee also recommended that Article 2B is changed. This would enable the ABCB to require that the server come before the Board with possible penalties issued directly to the server, as well as or instead of the licensee, depending on the circumstances.

The Committee then reviewed the remaining ABCB recommendations without any questions or changes. However, the last two items, ABCB 5A and 5B were discussed. Since no consensus on these had been reached by the Committee, it was agreed that at a future meeting, the whole Committee should once again vote on these items and the majority would decide the status of the recommendation. The Committee agreed to this process for all recommendations in this category.

The Committee then discussed the recommendations for Enforcement. There were no comments or questions in the first section. In the second section, there was a comment on 2B, which originally read:

2B. Corral patrons into downtown commercial areas.

The meaning of this recommendation was discussed and clarified to indicate that the purpose of the recommendation was to encourage patrons to use main thoroughfares and to avoid residential areas when entering and leaving the City.

The Committee then discussed:

2G. Have a list of employees fired for serving minors kept with ABCB

This recommendation was elaborated—it would be recommended that the ABCB keep a list of all servers that have violated an ABCB rule.

The Committee then discussed:

2K. Police at gate for parking garage.

It was clarified that this meant specifically at closing time.

The Committee moved on to the Fee Recommendations. Regarding this recommendation:

1K. Renewal notice should be sent sooner,

there was discussion on the meaning of “sooner.” The majority of Committee members felt that the notices did go out in plenty of time. However, the majority agreed that they would like more advance notice of when fees would be increasing. The Committee agreed to eliminate this recommendation, Fees 1K, because it did not represent the intent of the Committee.

During the discussion of Recommendation 3A, the Committee discussed whether it would need to determine and recommend a specific amount for fees and a specific methodology for calculating fees. Several of the Committee members, including **Brian Cahalan**, **John Gianetti**, **Jerry Hardesty**, and **Joe Lyon** agreed to meet on their own and discuss possible alternatives to the current system. At a previous meeting, Committee member **Lynne Jones** also agreed to look at alternative fee structures.

The public was then invited to speak. One member of the public described her experience, losing a son who died after leaving a bar in Annapolis. She discussed the problem of overserving and how bars that are being responsible should be rewarded for doing a good job. However, bars that overserve need to have enforcement action taken against them.

Another member of the public asked if there would be a systematic way to go through the recommendations that the public had made at the public hearing. The **Chair** explained that the public hearing was to provide additional input to the Committee for consideration. The digest of the testimony was prepared and provided to each Committee member, and the Committee meeting following the public hearing was open specifically for discussion on the public hearing

comments. It was not the intention that each public comment would be evaluated and discussed by the Committee.

Closing:

The next meeting of the Committee will be June 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in **Meeting Room 3**. The Committee will discuss liquor license categories (i.e., “Restaurant,” “Tavern,” and “Nightclub”) and how they could be re-defined.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 pm.

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**)

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee will be held on **June 1, 2010 at 6:00pm** at the Truxtun Park Recreation Center, Meeting Room 3.

Future Draft Agenda(s):

June 8 Discussion of the report drafting process

Public Hearing:

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

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