

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

**Truxtun Recreation Center
Meeting Room 3
June 29, 2010
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Committee Members:

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

Committee Resource Members:

Charles Grayston, Vice Chair

City Staff:

Sally Nash
Jacqui Rouse

Parties of Interest:

Alderman Kirby
1 member of the public

General Notes:

The **Chair** opened the meeting at 6:03 pm. The agenda for the meeting was to discuss two draft sections of the final report: Restricted Areas and Foreword.

The Committee began by discussing a timeline for completion of the report. It will be electronically distributed to the Committee by July 12, 2010, and a special meeting for the evening of the 12th will be scheduled so the Committee can discuss the final draft.

Committee member **Brian Cahalan** then brought up an idea that the Committee could recommend to the City Council that a few of CCRABL's members (whoever was interested) could continue to meet quarterly to ensure implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

The Committee then reviewed the Restricted Areas section and the Foreword.

Following the review of these sections, the Committee began to discuss the Zoning section and it reviewed a list of recommendations that had been proposed by Committee members **Whitney Chellis, Valerie Miller, Gilbert Renaut, and Denise Worthen**. This list, dated 6/27/2010, was compared to the list reviewed at the previous meeting prepared by the industry representatives on the committee, dated 6/17/2010. There were many areas of agreement among the lists, except for two points that were later voted on. The Committee agreed on a 60/40 Alcohol/Food ratio for new establishments that are open until 2AM (and establishments going from a 12 am license to a 2 am license including previously grandfathered from the alcohol/food ratio).

The Committee agreed that the three members (Chris Fox, Lynne Jones, and Ted Levitt) would be contacted on Wednesday for their vote).

The Committee members present then voted on whether to recommend the following:

Existing 12 midnight licenses in the C2 Zoning District should be exempt from having to formally amend their special exception approval in order to move to a 2 am license. These existing licenses will be subject to a 60/40 alcohol/food ratio requirement.

John Giannetti restated that this “open window” should be limited in time.

There are 15 existing establishments in C2 with 12 am licenses. These include establishments that opened before and after 1994. **Sally Nash** read a list of these establishments. They are: Aqua Terra, Buddy’s Crabs, Café Normandie, Castlebay, Chick & Ruth’s Delly, Galway Bay, Hard Bean Coffee, Joss Café & Sushi, Mangia, Maria’s Italian Restaurant, Nano Asian Dining, Osteria, Reynolds/Sly Fox, and Ristorante Piccola.

The vote was then taken and the votes were as follows:

Whitney Chellis	No
Brian Cahalan	Yes
John Giannetti	Yes
Jerry Hardesty	Yes
Valerie Miller	No
Sean O’Neill	No
Vic Pascoe	Yes
Vince Quinlan	Yes
Gilbert Renaut	No
Denise Worthen	No
Chuck Weikel	Yes

Therefore, the Committee voted 7 “yes” and 5 “no” to recommend that the 15 existing 12 am license holders in C2 can move to a 2 am license without a formal special exception process. It was noted that the committee has received conflicting information from the City as to if this is legal.

The Committee then voted on whether to recommend that Taverns with no food ratio should be allowed to apply for a 2 am license. The votes were as follows:

Whitney Chellis	No
Brian Cahalan	Yes

John Giannetti	Yes
Jerry Hardesty	Yes
Valerie Miller	No
Sean O'Neill	Yes
Vic Pascoe	Yes
Vince Quinlan	Yes
Gilbert Renaut	No
Denise Worthen	No
Chuck Weikel	Yes

Therefore, the Committee voted 8 “yes” and 4 “no” to recommend that Taverns with no food ratio requirement can apply for a 2 am license.

There were three Committee members absent. **Sally Nash** was to contact them the following day to ask them to vote on the two items. Their votes for the first item are:

Chris Fox	Yes
Lynne Jones	Yes
Ted Levitt	Yes

Their votes for the second item are:

Chris Fox	Yes
Lynne Jones	Yes
Ted Levitt	Yes

Closing:

The next meeting of the Committee will be July 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in **Meeting Room 3**. The Committee will discuss and final sections of the report and **will meet until 9:00 PM.**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 pm.

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