

MINUTES OF THE

**OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**  
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
5:15p.m.

**PRESENT:** David Mosby, David Vudragovich, Vice-Chair Mark Cantrell, Secretary Wende Doolittle, Chair Danny Whitson

**ABSENT:** Rodney Nelson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brittany Burger, Administrative Assistant for Oak Ridge Police Department; Sgt. Steakley, Oak Ridge Police Department

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS:** Chantel Harris, ASAP

**ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Cantrell called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the absence of Chair Whitson, who arrived following the approval of minutes and then assumed leadership of the meeting. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Mr. Mosby seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Mr. Whitson arrived and assumed leadership of the meeting.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MANAGERS**

Aldi #14  
111 Woodland Terrace East Road  
Manager Application: Sophia Grack

Ms. Grack was present to discuss the manager application. Mr. Vudragovich inquired about position within the company. Ms. Grack explained that she is a regional director over multiple Aldi stores. She does work in the Oak Ridge location multiple days per week. Secretary Doolittle asked if the location has cameras, which she confirmed the store does have throughout. Secretary Doolittle also advised Ms. Grack about monitoring the parking lot for any on-premises consumption or other unlawful activities in the parking lot. Chair Whitson advised that the police should be called at any sign of an issue.

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the application. Vice-chair Cantrell seconded. The board unanimously approved the application.

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

The Backyard (Application #1610 – Class F, On/Off-Premises Consumption)  
317 Belgrade Rd.  
Amanda Sue Lovegrove

Ms. Lovegrove and Ms. Leah Hunter were present to discuss the application. Ms. Lovegrove explained the business plan for The Backyard, which will essentially be a paid dog park area at The Houndry facility with a beer garden for the dog owners. Ms. Hunter does have her ABC license. Secretary Doolittle asked

why they are applying for a class F instead of a Class C On-premises Consumption. Ms. Lovegrove explained that they anticipate participating in future events and fundraisers where they may have the opportunity to sell beer on a site other than their own. Secretary Doolittle further inquired how many employees The Backyard will have. There will be two employees inside the dog park area plus Ms. Lovegrove and Ms. Hunter. Hours for beer sales will be 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Vudragovich asked if they will be open in winter, which they will be. Mr. Vudragovich asked also about cameras in the facilities. Ms. Lovegrove explained are cameras throughout the facility for safety documentation of human and canine behaviors. Chair Whitson inquired if the property has open access or controlled access. Ms. Lovegrove and Ms. Hunter explained that The Backyard designated area is fenced, mainly with a 6' privacy fence and partly 6' chain link fence. Chair Whitson asked about a point-of-sale scanner for IDs, which they do not currently have planned for the space but will look into for a future equipment upgrade. Secretary Doolittle asked if they will be selling liquor as well. Ms. Lovegrove explained the plan is to just sell beer in cans. All employees are tip trained. Chairman Whitson advised them to call the police in case of any sign of an issue. Vice-chair Cantrell advised that off-site sales can be trickier because of the potential for a less-controlled space. Mr. Mosby noted an issue with the notary signature on the declaration of citizenship.

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the application pending the life safety inspection and the correction to the paperwork noted above. Vice-chair Cantrell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the accompanying manager's permit. Vice-chair Cantrell seconded. The motion carried unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Police Department reported no incidents since the previous meeting.

Ms. Burger distributed copies of the permit and manager applications for review by Board Members. Any changes are to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Beer Permit Board.

Chair Whitson opened the discussion regarding the license status of Oakey's based on the email received from City Attorney Tammy Dunn. The Board had many questions about the process to move forward to ensure Oakey's ability to either maintain or obtain an active license, which Staff Liaison Burger agreed to ask Ms. Dunn. Additional questions arose regarding the proper process for calling and scheduling a specially called meeting to confirm the Oakey's license, in accordance with Ms. Dunn's email. Ms. Burger volunteered to also ask Ms. Dunn these questions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-chair Cantrell moved to adjourn at 6:35. Mr. Vudragovich seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary