

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**  
Special Meeting

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104  
Friday, April 25, 2014  
3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Darren Osborne, Theresa Scott, Debra Solmonson, Chairman Randy Tedford, and Wendy Williams

ABSENT: Colin Colverson and Secretary Bailey

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney / Staff Liaison to Board  
Alan Massengill, Deputy Chief of Police  
Chris Wallace, Police Officer

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Jim Akagi, Chief of Police; John Kelly, Police Lieutenant; Ben Higgins, Police Officer; Bob Fowler, Knoxville News Sentinel; Stacey Pratt, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention; Len Hart, Co-Owner of Lincoln's; Vander Murray, Co-Owner of Lincoln's; Roy McKinnon, consultant for Lincoln's; and other unidentified individuals

**ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. All members were present except Secretary Bailey and Colin Colverson, both of which gave advanced notice of their inability to attend the special meeting.

**NEW / OLD BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief Massengill reported that the Board inquired at the last meeting (April 14, 2014) about a physical disturbance occurring at Lincoln's Sports Grille, however, Deputy Chief Massengill did not have a report on the incident. Deputy Chief Massengill stated he received a copy of a report shortly after the last meeting, and the report was concerning a physical disturbance occurring at Lincoln's Sports Grille in the early morning hours of April 12, 2014. Deputy Chief Massengill stated Officer Wallace was the reporting officer.

Officer Wallace stated a call was received from Dispatch at approximately 12:58 a.m. on April 12, 2014 regarding a possible fist fight on the patio at Lincoln's Sports Grille involving two intoxicated patrons. Officer Wallace stated he arrived on the scene along with two backup officers. Officer Wallace stated approximately 15-20 subjects were on the patio; however, no one would cooperate with the officers so the patrons were separated. Officer Wallace stated Dispatch received a report that a beer mug had been thrown and Officer Wallace stated he saw broken glass in the parking lot near the patio. Officer Wallace stated more officers arrived on the scene. Officer Wallace stated he went inside Lincoln's Sports Grille and observed more patrons that appeared to be over-served and separated patrons at two tables that were having an issue. Officer Wallace stated they attempted to obtain more information on the altercation but were not successful.

Officer Wallace stated he recommended to management that Lincoln's close for the evening due to the intoxicated state of patrons and the disruptive environment. Officer Wallace stated management agreed. Officer Wallace stated he conducted a sweep of the parking lot and found empty airplane bottles of liquor (8-10 bottles) and the manager stated those were not sold on the premises. Officer Wallace reported that he was told by management that one patron that evening was on a semi-ban in

the past and that he was violent when he drank liquor but okay when he drank beer. Officer Wallace was concerned that this information may not have been known to all servers and bartenders and there were claims that this patron was at the center of the disturbance but Officer Wallace could not find any reliable, independent sober witness to corroborate that claim.

In response to questions received by the Board, Officer Wallace reported there were about thirty (30) patrons in Lincoln's upon his arrival (inside and outside, total) and that the call appears to have originated from Lincoln's. Officer Wallace also reported that the manager said the situation just "got out of hand." Officer Wallace reported no arrests were made due to a lack of cooperation regarding the source of the fight or involvement in the fight. Officer Wallace also reported a total of four officers responded to Lincoln's including supervision and the officers were on the scene about thirty (30) minutes. Officer Wallace also reported there was a band playing that night.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to hold a show cause for Lincoln's regarding this disturbance with the show cause hearing to occur immediately after the May 12, 2014 regular meeting and to request the following: presence of the owners, manager on duty, bartender on duty, and the server(s) on the patio and the inside tables with the "issues" that evening; video surveillance; bar tabs; and the presence of the person who was on a "semi-ban" that may have been the source of the disturbance. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m. after the conclusion of the discussion for which the special meeting was called.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on official file copy)

Barton Bailey, Secretary