

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**

APPROVED

Regular Meeting

Training Room – Municipal Building  
June 13, 2011  
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Barton Bailey, Gerald Cooksey, Carol Heck, Chuck Hope, and Debra Solmonson

ABSENT: Randy Tedford and Joe Valentino

ALSO

PRESENT: JoAnn Oran, Legal Department on behalf of Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney  
Alan Massengill, Acting Police Chief

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM**

In the absence of Chairman Tedford, Ms. Solmonson moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to elect Mr. Hope Chairman Pro Tem for this meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Pro Tem Hope called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Cooksey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting and the motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS**

Chairman Pro Tem Hope moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to move the manager applications for Jackson Square Bistro and Lincoln's Sports Bar ahead of the permit applications for Rancho Viejo Mexican Grill and Throttle Down Bar & Grill for convenience, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Jennifer Deatherage**  
**Jackson Square Bistro**  
**80 E. Tennessee Avenue**

Ms. Deatherage was present to discuss her manager application. Ms. Deatherage stated she had ten (10) years of experience at another restaurant. Chairman Pro Tem Hope cautioned about the outside seating area and parking lot responsibilities. Ms. Deatherage was advised to call police if any sign of problem or disturbance. Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

**Karen (Lisa) Green**  
**Lincoln's Sports Bar & Grill**  
**119 S. Illinois Avenue**

Ms. Green was present to discuss her manager application. Also present were two of the owners of the establishment, Mr. Scott Green and Mr. Len Hart. Ms. Green stated she had no prior experience but has been receiving management training and is ABC Certified and has had TIIPs training. She stated there are approximately 40-45 servers total. After a discussion regarding security and responsibility for the parking lot and outside events, Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

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

**Application No. 1431**  
**Rancho Viejo Mexican Grill**  
**Francisco Hernandez/Salvador Gonzales, Owners**  
**Francisco Hernandez, Manager**  
**1140 Oak Ridge Turnpike**  
**Class "C" Permit**

Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Gonzales were present to discuss the beer permit application and Mr. Hernandez's manager application. Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to hear both applications together and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gonzales stated that he has thirteen (13) years' experience and has operated restaurants in the Nashville area. When asked about servers and their experience, the Board was told they hired experienced servers who are able to check ID's even if their English is limited. They have also applied for a liquor license. After further discussion concerning their responsibilities for the parking lot and outside patio, Mr. Cooksey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the beer permit application and the manager application pending completed background checks, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Application #1429**  
**Throttle Down Bar & Grill**  
**William Lawrence Renfro, Owner/Manager**  
**259 Warehouse Road**  
**Class "C" Permit**

Mr. Renfro was present to discuss his beer permit application and manager application which was postponed from the previous meeting in May to allow time for Mr. Renfro to obtain requested information prior to the meeting for the Board's review. At the prior meeting, Chairman Tedford outlined the following items for Mr. Renfro to complete by this meeting and asked Mr. Renfro to write them down:

Provide the City/Board with a signed copy of the lease agreement showing the space leased and for what purpose.

Provide a drawing of the premises showing inside and outside layout including parking spaces and entrances and exits.

Provide video evidence of the camera security system working by bringing in video footage showing Mr. Renfro holding a current newspaper as seen through the security cameras.

Pass the life safety inspection by the City.

Mr. Renfro produced copies of a signed and notarized lease agreement, the requested drawing showing inside and outside layout, and a USB thumb-drive that (he states) shows someone holding up a recent newspaper (June 2, 2011) in front of the security cameras to show they are currently working. Chief

Massengill took custody of the thumb-drive to check later on a Police Department computer. Mr. Renfro also stated that he had corrected problems with sprinkler system and had replaced twenty-five (25) sprinklers. He also provided copies of various invoices and receipts for security work. He advised that he had passed his life safety inspection which was later confirmed by Denny Boss, Code Enforcement Supervisor, to the Legal Department.

Acting Chief Massengill asked questions of Mr. Renfro concerning a back room door that is shown on the drawing but is not a part of his leased portion of the building. There was extensive discussion and questioning of Mr. Renfro about parking lot security and limiting the sale and consumption of beer to inside premises only. The Board also asked for assurance that the room on the other side of the discussed interior door would not be accessed by bar patrons. Mr. Renfro mentioned the possibility that in the future there might be a Biker Shop opened up in another area of the warehouse. He was cautioned again that there could not be direct access from the bar into another area of the warehouse.

Ms. Heck asked about hours of operation and Mr. Renfro responded that he planned for seven days a week from 12:00 noon to approximately 2:00 a.m. with last call around 1:30 a.m. Chairman Pro Tem Hope stated that Mr. Renfro has provided sufficient information at the request of the Board and brought it to a vote. Mr. Cooksey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the beer permit application (for inside consumption only) and the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pro Tem Hope and Acting Chief Massengill explained to Mr. Renfro that because of negative history at that location, he was being forewarned that there would be random inspections to make sure that he was in compliance with his permit. Mr. Bailey also stated that since he resides in a nearby neighborhood he would definitely report to Oak Ridge Police Department loud music and loud "revving" sounds of vehicles or motorbikes late at night or after hours.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

A brief discussion was held concerning a flyer that Ms. Heck had obtained concerning a poker run that Shenanigan's was sponsoring. It was determined that a poker run is different from a poker tournament which would be considered illegal gambling in Tennessee. Participates in a Poker Run apparently receive a poker card at different segments of a motor vehicle event and after collecting five cards – the best hand would be the winner of the charity event.

When asked about the status of the Atomic Elks Lodge, Ms. Oran reported that someone from the organization recently inquired as to when the suspension time would be up and the Lodge could make application for a new permit. She advised them the suspension time ends on September 14, 2011.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. upon motion by Ms. Solmonson, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and unanimous vote of all members.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Barton Bailey, Secretary