

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**

APPROVED

Regular Meeting and Show Cause Hearing

Training Room – Municipal Building
March 14, 2011
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Gerald Cooksey, Carol Heck, Debra Solmonson, and Randy Tedford

ABSENT: Barton Bailey, Chuck Hope, and Joe Valentino
(excused absences)

ALSO

PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney
Alan Massengill, Deputy Police Chief

ROLL CALL

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cooksey moved, seconded by Chairman Tedford, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTING SECRETARY

In the absence of Mr. Bailey, Ms. Solmonson moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to appoint Ms. Heck as Acting Secretary for the meeting and the motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMIT/MANAGER APPROVALS

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to hear all beer permit and manager applications simultaneously for each business and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Dunn stated the applications would be subject to completed background checks.

Application #1424

**La Fogota Mexican Grill
Ruben Estrada, Owner
Kevin Gheen, Manager
985 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Class "C" Permit**

Mr. Gheen was present to discuss the on-premises beer permit application and his manager application. Chairman Tedford inquired as to training of employees and Mr. Gheen stated that since they would also have a liquor license, all servers would have ABC cards. Ms. Heck inquired as to operating hours and Mr. Gheen stated they would open at 11am and close around 9pm (10pm on Fridays and Saturdays).

Chairman Tedford stated the importance of calling the Police Department for assistance when needed and that such calls are not held against the establishment by the Board. Mr. Gheen stated they will not have outside dining at this time, but look to the possibility in the future. Ms. Dunn stated Mr. Gheen would need to check with zoning requirements first, then explained the potential problems to look out for if outside dining and beer consumption were to take place in the future. Mr. Gheen was told to come back before the Board if outside dining and beer consumption were to take place.

Mr. Gheen stated the restaurant is targeted to open mid-April. Having no further discussion, Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to approve both the on-premises beer permit application and the manager application and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Dunn stated the permit would be ready upon satisfactory completion of the background check, Mr. Estrada's completion of two questions on the beer permit application which were left blank, and the life safety inspection by the City.

Application #1425

Gary C. Carter, Sr., Manager
Atomic Elks Lodge #1301
262 Wilberforce Avenue
Class "D" Permit

Mr. Carter was present. Ms. Dunn read City Code §8-712(8) regarding the Board's discretion concerning this location since it is still under the one-year revocation timeframe. Ms. Heck asked Mr. Carter what happened back in the fall when the establishment requested a special event beer permit and did not follow through with the requirements set by the Board to send required information to the Police Department for review. Mr. Carter stated the party did not take place since the Board wanted them to close early and some of their guests did not arrive until late. The Board inquired as to the written security plan, and Mr. Carter stated they had one but the man who was to bring it to the meeting was ill and could not make it. Mr. Carter asked for a continuance.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to postpone this application to the April 11, 2011 regular meeting and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Tedford reminded Mr. Carter of the documentation he needed to bring, and Mr. Carter said he had that information and would bring it. Ms. Dunn asked Mr. Carter to deliver the information in advance of the meeting so it could be included in the agenda packet to the Board and reviewed in advance by Chief Massengill. Ms. Heck told Mr. Carter she would be inclined to vote along the recommendation of the Police Department for this application.

MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

None, aside from the managers approved along with the beer permit applications listed above.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Special Meeting Request – Soft Tails Bar and Grill

Ms. Dunn reported that an application has been submitted for Soft Tails Bar and Grill (former Crow's Nest, former Warehouse Tavern); however, the application was submitted too late for inclusion at this meeting. Mrs. Rhodes, co-owner, and Mr. Renfro, manager, were present to request a special meeting of the Board to hear their application citing financial considerations and an upcoming Toy Run in April. Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to hold a special meeting for this application on Friday, April 1, 2011 at noon and the motion carried unanimously. The Board informed Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Renfro to bring security information, proof of the cameras in working order, and a drawing or pictures of the building. Mr. Renfro said he would, and stated the Police are welcome anytime at this location.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm upon motion by Mr. Cooksey, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, and unanimous vote of all members.