

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
5:15p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Danny Whitson, Vice Chair Mark Cantrell, Secretary Wende Doolittle, Rodney Nelson, David Mosby

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Hickman,

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Ben Pounds, *Oakridger*

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Whitson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll.

Ms. Hickman introduced herself as the new staff liaison for the Beer Permit Board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Application for New Beer Permit and Associated Manager Approval

The Scotsman Grille (Application #1614 – Class C, On-Premises Consumption)
101 Centennial Blvd.
Christopher Dale Keever

Mr. Keever and Ms. Lucas-Moore were present to discuss the application. Mr. Keever reviewed the business plan. The Scotsman Grille is the new contract holder for the Centennial golf course. They will be serving food as well as beer, which will mainly be standard domestic offerings in both cans or on draft. Their hours of operation during the winter are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; normal seasonal hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to midnight on weekends. Mr. Nelson asked if they will have a drink cart serving the players on the course. They will have a drink and snack cart to serve patrons around the grounds. Chair Whitson discussed the importance of calling the city police force in case of any sign of trouble. The Board reviewed Ms. Lucas-Moore's experience and emphasized the right of the person serving alcohol to refuse a sale if the customer seems intoxicated or to call the police earlier rather than later, if necessary.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the application. The motion carried unanimously.

201 Café and Wine Bar (Application #1611 – Class F On/off-Premises Consumption)
201 Jackson Square
Linda Cassens James, Warren LaForest, Joshua Brantley

Dr. James, Mr. LaForest, and Mr. Brantley were present to discuss the application. They discussed the business plan and vision for the location which was formerly Razzleberry Ice Cream Lab at Jackson Square. They do plan on having wine and liquor as well as beer. Their ABC Permit is in process They plan on having live music, charcuterie, and approximately four specials per night. Chair Whitson emphasized the need for responsibility regarding checking IDs and avoiding overserving. The Board discussed the use of ID scanners available for point-of-sale devices or mobile devices as a potential aid to ensuring IDs are valid and patrons are of legal drinking age. The Board asked about entrance and exit points. The front entrance will be for public use. The back door will be for staff, bands, and emergency use only. The Board recommended installing cameras throughout the facility, which Dr. James confirmed they plan to install. Chair Whitson reinforced the importance of contacting the police at the first sign of an issue. Their anticipated hours of operation are lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., then closing until dinner, which runs from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. They anticipate having up to 5 servers during peak operations. Chair Whitson asked when they anticipate opening. The goal is to open in approximately one month. Vice-chair Cantrell pointed out the possibility of high numbers of people who may be coming and going from the restaurant on football nights, and these people may include many underage people. Dr. James stated they will be considering plans for Friday nights to accommodate increased numbers of people and mitigate the risk of serving underaged persons.

Secretary Doolittle moved to approve the application. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications for New Managers

Wal-Mart #1194
373 S. Illinois Ave.
Manager Application: Thomas Lincoln Crass

Mr. Crass was present to discuss the manager application. He reviewed the corporate training approach, which includes ongoing alcohol sales units. The store has had no issues with underage sales. Mr. Nelson and Vice-chair Cantrell recommended having an additional manager on file to avoid gaps in managers since it has been greater than 60 days since the last manager left. Mr. Crass confirmed they do provide curbside deliver of beer, and curbside clerks check the IDs of the customers receiving an order.

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

Dollar General Store #4363
600 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Manager Application: Stacey Marie Ward

Ms. Ward was present to discuss the manager application. The Board reviewed the City's new manager policy. The store's operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and they have 7 employees. Ms. Ward discussed her experience in general and her experience for the last 18 months at this specific store.

Mr. Mosby moved to approve the application. The board unanimously approved the application.

V. REPORTS FROM OAK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No representatives from the Police Department were present to give a report.

VI. APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because the new Board would not be selected before the first Wednesday of the month, the Board is moving the February meeting to Feb. 16 at 5:15 p.m. At the request of the Board, Ms. Hickman will invite the City Attorney to attend the meeting to review the Board's responsibilities for the new members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Nelson", written over the printed name "Secretary".

Secretary