

Pacific Beach Planning Group
Alcohol License Review Committee
Minutes – July 13, 2010, 6:30 pm,
Pacific Beach Taylor Library

Commenced: 6:30 pm

ALRC Members Present:

PBPG: Scott Chipman (Chair), Marcie Beckett, Diane Faulds

PBTC: Nici Boyle, Joe Wilding

Discover PB: None

Guests:

Eve Anderson, Ron Eisenberg (Great News), Jerry Hall, Rob Hall, Jim Krokee, Kathy Lippitt, Kristin Nichols (Great News), Rick Oldham, Rosalie Schwartz (PBPG)

Agenda: Agenda approved without objection.

Minutes: Motion (Faulds/): Approve June minutes. **Passed**

Non Agenda Public Comment:

Kathy Lippitt – Handed out spreadsheet showing conditions on PB alcohol licenses in census tract 79.01.

Eve Anderson – Handed out list of Community Covenant signers (original signers from 2007 plus additional signers from 2009). Signers agreed not to encourage over-consumption, yet PB Shore Club has beer pong and reverse happy hour (after kitchen is closed). Some groups at Kate Sessions are arranging for delivery of beer and food from local restaurants.

Rob Hall – Those deliveries may or may not be legal, it would be good to find out.

Rick Oldham – Suggests giving SDPD Vice the spreadsheet and print-outs of conditions for PB licenses.

Jerry Hall – Working on making conditions spreadsheet complete for all PB licenses. Two DUI checkpoints on July 2nd: 21 people arrested for DUI on Garnet, 20 arrested for DUI on Grand. ABC stats: 87,000 licenses renewed in 2009; 17,000 new licenses issued; 450 licenses suspended. BATF came up with 23 recommendations but they still need to be implemented.

Chair's Report:

Scott Chipman – PB Quik Corner update: In April, PBPG passed motion to approve CUP with a list of conditions including stop selling alcohol at midnight and have no more than 10% of shelf space devoted to alcohol. On June 2, Hearing Officer approved CUP without those conditions. Since this decision was not consistent with the PBPG motion, John Shannon filed PBPG appeal. Planning Commission will hear appeal on August 5 at 9:00 am.

License Review

Great News Cooking School:

Ron Eisenberg (applicant) – Open since 1986. At the beginning, we asked police about giving cooking class customers a glass of wine, police said don't worry about it. During the 2.5-hour classes, after all the cooking preparation was done, we offered each customer two 3-ounce glasses of wine. On January 5, 2010, Melissa Beach of ABC contacted us and said they had received a complaint; she told us to stop or we would be cited. We stopped. It is affecting the cooking school; we are losing some of our customers. ABC says they do not have a license type that fits our activity.

Discussion ensued and questions ensued. Letter to ABC asking questions has not been answered yet. Ask for issue to be on PBPG July meeting agenda.

Community Presentation:

Audience Survey - summary of responses and comments handed out. Public comments made at microphone at end of presentation are on video tape and could be added to summary if someone will transcribe them.

Video – Jerry Hall will put video on DVD.

Presentation – Need executive summary

Still need to do more research on what other communities have done and the outcomes.

Research Assignments (City – Volunteer to do research):

Huntington Beach – Jerry Hall

Oxnard – Nici Boyle

Fullerton – Diane Faulds

Ventura – Scott Chipman

Gaslamp (CCDC) – Kathy Lippitt

Round Table/Future Efforts/ALRC Role

Brief discussion ensued.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Submitted by Marcie Beckett