

## MINUTES

### Oak Park Board of Health Tuesday, April 24, 2018- 7:00 PM Village Hall – Room 101

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Noel Chavez, Jennifer Fritz, Ryan Patrick, Adrienne Rogers,

Excused: Natalie Serratos

Guests: See Public Comment. Also Susan Buchanan & Colleen Hallock

- I. Call to Order @ 7:03 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- III. Approval of the Minutes of March 27, 2018, Patrick, Fritz
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. James Poplelt: Oak Park is a wonderful close-knit community, the BeerShop is a location to share stories, share love, share dogs, and allowing dogs is good for socializing dogs.
  - B. Bret Williams: Proponent of allowing dogs at BeerShop. Our Village currently allows dogs at outdoor eating establishments. This is an old rule and would love to see rule change. Oak Park is an eclectic municipality and enjoys being able to take the dog for a walk to the BeerShop
  - C. Greg Marsey: He lives in neighborhood have been going there since opening. Sense of community extended by community that makes this place special. Locally owned business that we should continue to support. He recognizes that there are rules and regulations to follow, however he hopes the Board of Health would consider the request and thinks by the turnout tonight it's pretty evident as to what it means to the neighborhood.
  - D. Jay Hoppie: Oak Park resident for 7 years, been going to BeerShop since it opened. It pro dogs at BeerShop. He can understand that if it was a restaurant that he would not be in support of allowing dogs. Since there is no preparation of foods he doesn't see dogs as a problem. Since going there he hasn't observed any instances of where allowing dogs make it unhealthy. Just as important that it attracts people from neighboring communities. Will often see families there with children that bring their dollars to Oak Park. If there is no issue there, would not have any problem with allowing dogs. He wouldn't have any problem with other retail businesses allowing dogs.
  - E. Amy Hanson: One of those people that visit the BeerShop from a neighboring community. One establishment in Oak Park that she chooses to spend her money. If Oak Park doesn't approve allowing dogs there would be no difference for her than any other similar business. She chooses to go there because her dog is with her.
  - F. Ryan Oakes: I moved Oak Park a little less than 2 years ago. When he first visited the BeerShop he related to himself how cool it was for dogs to be there. Whenever family visits they go to the BeerShop, because this is the place to see dogs and that has

become the BeerShop's niche. To take away would be a disadvantage to the BeerShop and to small businesses. This helps his dog socialize in a more relaxed setting. Urge everyone to see through that there are no health issues, because not food. He has heard an argument against dogs is allergies; there are allergies to other things such as peanut allergies. They can put up signs to combat those dog allergies.

G. Erika Mantoya: They frequent Beershop with their dogs; there is a sense of community with other animal lovers. Drinking with other humans with pet sitting next to them is a unique experience at the BeerShop, to see go away would be very disappointing because there are not any other options for this.

H. Kate Derby: Work for Downtown Oak Park as their content producer where she is responsible for representing over 100 businesses in downtown Oak Park. At the beginning of every quarter they send out asking merchants to send her events every year. The BeerShop is often the first business to respond to those event requests. The dogs are the fuel for Oak Park and are a big part of the community. Chair Miller asked Kate if she was attending as the official capacity of Downtown Oak Park. Ms. Derby responded that she was not, she was representing herself as a dog owner.

V. Village Board referral to review Chapter 5-5-3 of the Village Code "Animals Prohibited in Public Buildings" as it relates to food establishments.

A. Tony Compaglia, owner Beershop. Mr. Compaglia submitted a Power Point presentation to the Board of Health and then provided a presentation titled "A Proposal to Allow Customer Dogs in BeerShop" to the Board of Health. Mr. Compaglia's presentation included:

1. A Case for allowing dogs in the BeerShop including that 65% of their customers are repeat customers, many of them that have dogs, the BeerShop has no food, just beer and that due to the absence of food he believes that customers should be allowed to bring their dogs.
2. A summary of existing local and State of Illinois laws regarding dogs and food establishments.
3. California law which Mr. Compaglia stated allows dogs in dining areas under specific circumstances.
4. A reference to London, UK where Mr. Compaglia communicated dogs are allowed in dining areas of food establishments.
5. Proposed rules regarding allowing dogs at the BeerShop.
  - a) At the conclusion of the presentation BOH member Chavez asked Mr. Compaglia whether the BeerShop currently routinely cleans and sanitize tables/chairs currently. Mr. Compaglia stated "yes". BOH member Chavez asked "Has there been any observed dog behavior issues? Mr. Compaglia stated that "Yes, however the business management has never had to request the dog owners to leave because of the behavior issues."

B. Chair Miller spoke to Mr. Compaglia regarding the State of California regulation and communicated to him that although Mr. Compaglia communicated that within his presentation California law allows for dogs within dining areas, that the law only allows for dogs under specific circumstances such as at Institutional facilities (Long Term Care Facilities) when there are therapy dogs or similar involved and only when no food is present. Public Health Director Charley also confirmed Chair Miller's statement as fact.

- C. Chair Miller and PH Director Charley provide an overview of the process, including the fact that the BOH will make a recommendation to the Village Board and that the final decision on amending the ordinance is up to the Village Board.
  - D. Chair Miller and BOH member Patrick provided some additional information on their review of 20+ State and local ordinances regarding dogs and food establishments. There is currently no State or local laws that specifically allow for dogs within the inside dining areas of food establishments. Patrick communicated that the reviewed codes dealt with signage, cleaning, employees and what they are allowed to do in regards to not touch the dogs, type of chemicals used to clean must be dog friendly in cases were dogs are allowed. Where dogs are allowed and how they can enter the space (dining patio), if were in the back and they had to walk through the establishment dogs would not be allowed to transverse through the inside of the establishment. Patrick did find some laws that allowed for access for law enforcement and all allow for special needs dogs. There were also a few laws that allowed for owners to have their dogs present inside, but not food establishments.
  - E. Next steps are for documents to be shared with BOH members from Miller and Ryan's research on codes/laws and for the BOH to discuss this issue at the next scheduled BOH meeting.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Fitzsimmons Awards: Charley provided an update on the Fitzsimmons awards. Applications are due by May 4. Applications will be reviewed at the next BOH meeting and all approved applicants will be notified and be invited to a future Village Board meeting for presentation of the award.
  - B. Work Plan: The work plan was reviewed and BOH member assignments to items were made.
- VII. Commissioner Updates: Miller stated that Village Trustee James Taglia approached her at the Earthday event and communicated that the Village Board had been discussing E-Cigarettes and how adolescents were observed using them in Oak Park. Miller stated that the Village Board may be referring the E-Cigarette issue to the Board of Health. Chair Miller introduced two additional guests at the meeting, Susan Buchanon and Colleen Hallock. Dr. Buchanon was attending to observe a BOH meeting and as a potential new BOH members. Ms. Hallock was attending as a requirement to observe a BOH meeting as part of the UIC Public Health program.
- VIII. Adjourn @ 8:20 pm, first by Fritz, second by Chavez