

**Pacific Beach Planning Group  
Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee**

Minutes – January 4, 2010, 6:00 pm, Pacific Beach Library

Commenced: 6:05 pm

**In Attendance:** Scott Chipman PBPG (subcommittee chair), Joe Wilding PBTC, Barbara Williams PBPG (late), Bill Bradshaw PBTC (Alternate), Marcie Beckett PBPG (6:45), Diane Faulds PBPG, James Krokee PBPG, Nici Boyle PBTC. No representatives from Discover Pacific Beach (BID) were in attendance.

**Subcommittee Introductions**

**Guest Introductions:** There were approximately 5 guests participating

**Agenda Approval:** Approved without objection

**Opening comments:** Scott reminded the committee of the need to be considering the mission statement and appropriate criteria for review licenses.

**Non Agenda Public Comment:**

Rick Oldam – DUIs are a problem and even walking toward your car with keys and the intent to drive can generate a DUI.

Al Strohleim – Effects of drunk driving are not being taken seriously by state and city. Elected state officials refer me to local officials, who refer me to back state officials, but no one does anything about PB's alcohol license over-concentration and high crime, including drunk driving. Emily Dowdy was killed in PB by a drunk driver with five previous DUIs. Her family could be suing the ABC, state and city for dereliction of duty in granting so many licenses in PB. This panel is PB's last hope for addressing these problems.

**Handouts:**

- 1) List of DUIs in 92109 for August 9, 2008 to November 16, 2009 816 incidents – September '08 to September '09 655 DUI incidents.
- 2) List of ABC License Types and Descriptions.

**Presentation** – Dana Stevens had to postpone her presentation on “morphing” to the February meeting. Kathy Lippitt presented information and maps showing the correlation between alcohol license concentrations in PB census tracts and the high crime.

**Minutes:**

Draft minutes for December 7, 2009 meeting were partially reviewed. Members are to finish review on their own. Vote will be taken at February meeting.

**Motion** (Beckett/Chipman): Approve November 2, 2009 minutes with one amendment (insert proposed mission statement where indicated.) **Passed 7-0-1** (Boyle abstaining)

**Board Comments:**

Scott Chipman asked board members for their comments regarding what we have learned so far. Bill Bradshaw – I think there are very few conditions on licenses, but it is not easy to find out. I would like to give Jennifer Hill a list of the biggest establishments and ask her for the conditions on their licenses. We need to deal with specific establishments to get ABC to act; they will not act on general overall concerns.

Diane Faulds – Two years ago, PB Town Council met with Lori Saldana and an ABC representative and asked for the conditions on several establishments. We got the conditions for some (but not all) that we asked for: Cabo Cantina, Lahaina, Moondoggies, PB Bar & Grill, Tavern at the Beach, Typhoon Saloon, PB Shore Club, Olde City Grill, Tokyo House, Sinbad, Society Billiards, Plum Crazy, The Tap Room. I can provide the board with copies of these. There were more DUIs in 2009, both at local and state level, so now may be a good time to push for changes in state legislation. I would like to know what other cities have done regarding the “morphing” of restaurants into bars late at night.

Jim Krokee – There is no rule against “morphing.” The police do not know license conditions. There is no history of enforcement actions. It all makes it very difficult to know what is actually going on.

Barbara Williams – Some establishments cannot get a license, but Blazin Grill and Mama Mia’s got theirs right away, why? Quik Corner is applying to move their license (and store) next store.

Nici Boyle – All Jennifer Hill’s responses were “per statute.” We might have to change state statutes.

Scott Chipman – Vice once said that new licenses in PB were granted or not based on location, but has since denied that. What conditions were placed on Blazin Grill? When licenses are requested, it is a perfect time to put conditions on them. Maybe we need to find a way to establish local control and bypass state statutes.

Marcie Beckett – Other cities, like Ventura, have created a conditional use permit (CUP) to get local control. Maybe we could get a CUP for PB. Check out new website, PBSpirits.com, developed by Jerry Hall, it has a wealth of information.

Joe Wilding – ABC seems to be hiding information

Next meeting is on February 1, 2010, 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Submitted by Marcie Beckett