

## Advisory Rules Committee Meeting Notes

**Meeting Date and Time:** August 4, 2015 – 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

**Meeting Location:** BLLC Offices – 231 E. Baltimore Street, Suite 600

### Meeting Attendance Record:

#### Advisory committee members and staff present:

- *Stanley Fine, Chairman, Rosenberg, Martin, and Greenburg LLP*
- *Theo Harris, Greek Town CDC*
- *Melvin Kodenski, Attorney*
- *Steven Johnson, Mount Vernon Belvedere Association*
- *Minda Goldberg, Baltimore City Solicitor's Office*
- *Tom Yeager, Downtown Partnership*
- *Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Executive Secretary*
- *Thomas R. Akras, Deputy Executive Secretary*

#### Members of the public present:

- *Will Bauer, Geneco Pura*
- *Victor Corbin, Fells Point West Northern Alliance*
- *Becky Witt, Community Law Center*
- *Fern Shen, Baltimore Brew*
- *Chris Redwood, Hollins Park Community Association*

#### Late arrivals committee:

- *Abraham Hurdle, Attorney*

#### Excused committee members (not present):

- *Michelle Wirzberger, Midtown Benefits*
- *Victoria Schassler, licensee*
- *Peter Kimos, licensee*

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Presentation by Staff**

#### **a. Overall Review of Process**

- i. The committee was presented with an overall review of some of the issues identified by Board Staff within the Alcoholic Beverages and Adult Entertainment rules and regulations
- ii. Committee was also presented with a time frame for completion (10/31/2015) and contact information.

### **3. Committee logistics and other matters**

#### **a. Public Notice**

- i. As per the direction of the Chair, notice will be sent out to the public – possibly posted online or via email communications – prior to the next scheduled meeting (August 19, 2015)
- ii. The notice will include what specific chapter and set of rules the committee will be considering on the date of the announced hearing.
- iii. Possible Extension of Meeting Dates beyond 9/29/2015 – will consider if needed to finalize a draft for submittal to the Board

#### **b. Consideration of rules**

- i. The committee will consider the draft rules chapter by chapter. All of the proposed rules shall be reviewed and the committee will vote to recommend each rule, rule by rule.
  1. The public will have an opportunity to make comments on the draft rules.
    - a. After committee meetings BLLC staff will publish action notes to the general public and take comments that were filed in a timely manner for the committee to consider

- ii. Decisions on Rules – The following procedural order shall be followed by the committee in order to consider and vote on the proposed draft rules for submittal:-
    - 1. Committee considers the draft rule
    - 2. Committee comments on the draft rule
    - 3. Public comments on the draft rule
    - 4. Committee discusses and considers public’s comments on the draft rule
    - 5. Committee votes to approve or disapprove rule with or without amendments
  - c. Committee Consensus
    - i. There shall be a quorum of the committee present before the committee can proceed with a vote on approving any rule
      - 1. As there are 14 members on the committee, there must be at least eight (8) members, or their designated representatives, present to vote on approval of any rule
  - d. Renaming of the committee
    - i. Rename the “Steering Committee” to the “Advisory Rules Committee”
  - e. Public Docket/Hearing – October 2015
    - i. Upon approval of the final version of the draft rules, the committee shall submit them to the Board.
    - ii. There will be presentation by the Advisory Committee and staff on the proposed draft along with information on public comments and the overall process.
    - iii. The BLLC Board shall then hold 1-2 public hearings for further comment before voting to adopt the final version of the Alcoholic Beverages and Adult Entertainment rules and regulations on or before October 31, 2015.
  - f. Miscellaneous Notes
    - i. Where applicable the committee will comport with State Open Meetings Law.
- 4. Action Plan for Meeting on August 19, 2015**
- a. Chapter 1 Review of the Alcoholic Beverages Rules and Regulations
    - i. Chapter Summary Sheet detailing genesis of draft rule chapter by chapter
    - ii. Send out a copy of redline version of the rules and regulations out to committee members
- 5. Public Comment**
- a. Victor Corbin – Have the meetings at night to allow for additional public comment. Requested the involvement of CLC Director and wanted them submit comments on the rules
    - i. On 8/5/2015 Victor Corbin emailed the BLLC and requested that the BLLC adopt a “reconsideration” policy similar to the reconsideration policy of the Baltimore County Zoning Board.
  - b. Chris Redwood – Consider a larger venue for which to hold the committee meetings; possibly consider the meetings broadcasting meeting and/or the use of web streaming.
  - c. Fern Shen – Requests a copy of the finalized list of the members named to the committee.
  - d. Becky Witt – She will be submitting comments on the rules by section.