

MINUTES

**Oak Park Board of Health
Tuesday, May 22, 2018- 7:00 PM
Village Hall – Room 201**

Present: Florence Miller, Susan Buchanan, Noel Chavez, Ryan Patrick, Adrienne Rogers, Natalie Serratos

Excused: Jennifer Fritz

Guests for Public Comment: Kathleen Hoppie, Steve Bankes

- I. Call to Order @ 7:04 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved, first by Patrick, second by Chavez
- III. Approval of the Minutes of April 24, 2018: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Kathleen Hoppie: Hoppie is a frequent customer of the BeerShop, in her professional opinion there is no risk of contamination from dogs. Hoppie related that her professional job is as a food auditor for a confectionary business.
 - B. Steve Bankes: Bankes stated that he is an Oak Park resident with a wife, three children and one very adorable dog. They may have been first customers at BeerShop, there hours after it opened. They have attended the BeerShop with their dog. The BeerShop is a special place, the closest thing to an English pub. It's a community place, a place to meet, children interacting with parents and dogs. Bankes stated that he has never witnessed any incidents with dogs and people. He feels the BeerShop is good for Oak Park. He is in favor of allowing dogs.
- 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.

Tony Compaglia, BeerShop owner: Compaglia was provided an opportunity to speak. Compaglia stated that at the last BOH meeting he provided information as to the operations of the BeerShop. Compaglia communicated that while there may not be laws that currently allow dogs at facilities like the BeerShop in this country, in other countries such as England, it is allowed. There are language and rules that speak to this in England. So, this would not be uncharted territory. Compaglia stated that Mike Charley informed him earlier in a

conversation that Illinois Home Rule language does allow for the Village to amend the local ordinance to allow for dogs to enter the BeerShop. Compaglia communicated that he submitted a petition to the Village today that was signed by over 27,000 people in favor of allowing dogs to enter the BeerShop. This shows there is a lot of public support for amending the ordinance. Charley read the actual petition language that people signed to the BOH members and Compaglia. Charley did note that a significant percentage of the petition signers were not from Oak Park. There were approximately 650 signatures from those self-identifying as Oak Park residents.

Florence Miller: Miller handed out a document titled "Oak Park Board of Health Commission – May 22, 2018". Miller communicated that she and Commissioner Ryan Patrick drafted a spreadsheet prior to the last meeting that summarized rules and regulations from 20 states and 37 cities laws and/or ordinances regarding food and dogs. Miller communicated that a vast majority are based on the FDA guidelines. Miller communicated that Mike Charley had previously sent out a summary document on the local laws also. Miller then restated what the BOH was being asked to do in reference to the referral from the Village Board.

Ryan Patrick next provided some background information on the document handed out earlier by Miller. Patrick communicated that since the last BOH meeting he researched dogs and the zoonotic illnesses they carry and transmit. The document also provided for recommendations on preventing the various diseases in which dogs may carry. Patrick did relate that many of the illnesses that dogs may transmit are not very well tracked. Patrick related that via the CDC website he found only three illnesses related to dogs, however three of them were related to dog food. Miller asked Patrick if he had found any information regarding the three leptospirosis cases identified in Colorado. Patrick stated he did not find these during his research.

Dr. Susan Buchannan stated that as a mother of child on the autism spectrum with sensory issues, her son is afraid of dogs; because of this her family could not go to the BeerShop, although she did state that there are a number of places they cannot go. In general, there are issues with children and dogs and this would exclude those children from going to the business. This is not necessarily a health issue. This list of zoonotic diseases can occur, however basically don't. She does not see from a public health perspective the strong data that supports dogs transmit disease to humans. Patrick responded that the research he conducted shows that the risk of transmission of disease from dogs to humans is low.

Miller provided a summary of current United States legislation that allows for dogs at outdoor cafes or seating areas. Miller noted that out of all US legislation there is an allowance to allow dogs at outdoor spaces, but none that allow for

dogs to enter a food business, even to get to an outdoor space. Some of the rules even require a separate area outside for dogs vs no dogs.

Noel Chavez stated that she made a point of talking to friends in Oak Park since the last BOH meeting. One of her friends raised the question whether business' insurers knew that they had dogs, which could be an issue. Chavez also wanted the BOH to consider the slippery slope of allowing this business to allow dogs, and asked if there is a way to craft a recommendation to limit dogs to a specific type of business. What happens when you allow one business, what will the other businesses then want as well with regards to dogs?

Natalie Serratos communicated that the information provided in the report provided by Ryan doesn't provide sufficient data and/or information to preclude dogs from the BeerShop. She feels like if there are protocols for keeping the facility clean and policies to prevent unhealthy animals from entering the Beershop that they should be allowed to allow dogs in their establishment.

Chavez stated that she feels comfortable with allowing dogs at outdoor patios, however she is less comfortable with allowing them inside food establishments.

Buchanan asked how food is being served inside the BeerShop. Tony Compaglia, owner of the BeerShop communicated that the menu includes ice, beer (draft, cans and bottles), prepackaged potato chips, coffee (from a machine), soft drinks (bottles/cans) and on weekends pastries (mornings). They don't have a kitchen and under the special Village license they have they are not allowed to serve food.

Chavez asked, Do people order food to be delivered there? Miller answered "yes".

Miller asked that someone move that the BOH not support the ordinance amendment. This was moved by Chavez and seconded by Patrick. Discussion: Patrick recommended that the BeerShop be allowed dogs, based on the research they have done and requiring specific requirements to prevent the spread of disease. Rogers is in support of allowing dogs as well, as long as signs are posted that this establishment welcomes dogs. Rogers communicated that it is a great thing for the community and brings people together. Buchanan does not believe the public health data supports the current motion. She is recommending a different motion.

AYES: 1 – Miller

NAYS: 5 - Buchanan, Patrick, Rogers, Serratos

ABSTAIN: 1 - Chavez

Patrick communicated that he supports an ordinance amendment if the ordinance includes specific requirements to prevent the transmission of disease including signage, cleaning and sanitizing, controlling the dog at all times, employees not touching dogs, handwashing if coming in contact with the dog, etc. Miller communicated that the Board of Health decision to support the allowance of dogs inside a food establishment may affect all food establishments and public health must be considered. If supporting this, this will be setting a precedent.

It was moved by Rogers and seconded by Chavez for the BOH to submit a recommendation to the Village Board in support of an ordinance amendment which would allow dogs to enter food establishments that have been issued liquor license classification D16 craft brew lounge for consideration by the Village Board. Discussion: Chavez wanted to ensure that the recommendation included the recommended language for the Village ordinance. Miller suggested that if another Craft Brew Lounge were to open that if they had an outdoor space that that would be their primary space for dogs, not the indoor space; meaning that the dogs would be primarily outside. If there is an ability to have an outdoor space that this is the space to be used. Buchanan responded that outdoor spaces can only be used 3 months out of the year. Miller communicated that the other ordinances around the country only include outdoor spaces, and other locations around the country that currently have these dog friendly ordinances are colder weather locations like Colorado. Patrick communicated that much of the other ordinance language is pretty standard and the requirements are general standards that can be used based on the research done.

AYES: 1 – Buchanan, Chavez, Patrick, Rogers, Serratos

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 - Miller

The Board of Health will submit a written response/recommendation to the Village Board including a list of recommended ordinance language in support.

VI. Old Business

- A. Fitzsimmons Awards Nominee Review: Motion to approve everyone that has been nominated. First Chavez, second Patrick. Approved.

VII. Commissioner Updates

VIII. New Business

- A. Open Meeting Act Training: Florence encouraged all members to take the Open Meetings Act training if they haven't already. Florence reinforced specific provisions including no discussion via email/telephone outside of meetings.
 - B. A Day in Our Village: The BOH has a table for A Day in Our Village.
 - C. E-Cigarette referral from Village Board: This item was introduced to the BOH. Miller communicated her conversation with Trustee Taglia at the Environmental event at Public Works regarding E-Cigarettes. At the May 7 Village Board meeting the Trustees discussed this topic further. Charley will share more information with the BOH prior to June's meeting, where this subject will be discussed. Miller recommended that a parent be invited to participate in the discussion, Miller asked if someone like Mary Chris Jaklevic, an OPRF parent would participate. Charley recommended inviting the OPRF High School to a meeting. Miller asked about inviting Sgt. Dave Jacobson also.
- IX. Adjourn @ 8:45 pm, first by Rogers, second by Chavez