



**CITY OF CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS
LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 1, 2019**

The City of Carbondale’s Liquor Advisory Board held a meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2019, in Room 103 of Carbondale City Hall, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Chair Donald Monty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following-named members of the Board present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: John Mills (exited at 6:20 p.m.), David Cisco, Colton Newlin, and Don Monty

Absent: Mark Robinson, Steve Payne, Tasis Karayiannis (excused)

A quorum was available to take action on the agenda items. City Staff present for the meeting included City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, City Attorney Jamie Snyder, and Building & Neighborhood Services Supervisor John Lenzini.

2. Approval of Minutes from the L.A.B. Meeting of July 11, 2019

C. Newlin moved, J. Mills seconded, to approve the minutes of the L.A.B. meeting of July 11, 2019. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

3. Continued Discussion for the Proposed Liquor Code Rewrite, Specifically Sections 2-4-10 through 2-4-14, which Includes Beer Gardens, Catering, Special Use Licenses, Duration, and Transfers

Beer Gardens/ Outdoor Café

Concerns regarding beer garden/outdoor cafés and their boundaries includes:

- Identify outdoor areas for establishments whose primary purpose is liquor (i.e. bars) as “beer gardens”
- Identify outdoor areas for establishments whose secondary purpose is liquor (i.e. restaurants) as “outdoor cafés
- Beer gardens should have a tangible physical area or barrier to denote the boundary of the outside area
- Outdoor café doesn’t necessarily have to have a barrier, but should have something to outline the designated area
- Question regarding visibility of the boundaries
- Materials for “clear delineation”
- Do regulations need to all be the same or split between primary and secondary liquor establishments
Should beer gardens/outdoor cafés be categorized as a special condition of a liquor license
- Set parameters, but allow Commission to determine the specific materials
- Specifics should be clearly outlined as far as requirements and permissible materials (fencing, walls, height requirements, etc.)
- Who determines the types of materials permissible for these boundaries (liquor commission or zoning board/code) and who should regulate
- Should we stick to what is already established in the zoning code or create new regulations specifically for liquor establishments with beer gardens/outdoor cafés
- Should the zoning code be referenced in the liquor code for regulations (“as approved by the zoning code”)
- Why we would do this when the Commission can modify each application

Concerns regarding entertainment/noise in beer gardens and/or outdoor cafés:

- Should it be stated that beer gardens and outdoor cafés shall comply with the current noise ordinance
- Does the noise ordinance need to be modified to include distances and decibels
- Exempt unless noise is beyond a certain distance
- Should not be heard from “x” distance
- If specifics are to be included they should be practical, not technical
- Decibels, distance modification during those specified hours,
- Take into consideration the various factors which influence the distance sound travels.

Due to the lengthy agenda and the fact that only 3 Board members remained, it was suggested that the rest of the discussion topics for this agenda item (catering, special use licenses, duration, and transfer) be continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 5, 2019 when more Board input is available.

4. Discussion About Proposed Bylaws Amendment

It was suggested that this agenda item be moved to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 5, 2019 when more Board input is available.

5. Citizens’ Comments

None

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date Approved