MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE August 8, 2007 KCAB $\mathbf{2}^{\text{ND}}$ FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: William Michel II, Joseph Clark, Ruth Booth, Bob Haas

Others Present: Capt. Larry Apker, Gina Sulaj, Jim Meinen, Cathy Meinen, Dan

Patton, Karen Patton

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 p.m. by Chairman William Michel II

Citizen Comments: Jim and Cathy Meinen commented that they were at the meeting to

apply for a Cabaret License.

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Michel reported that Supr. Rose requested that Judiciary & Law meet with the Human Services Committee sometime next week to discuss the City's ordinance relating to sexual predators. He said he would like a representative from the Sheriff's Dept. to attend. He would try to get a copy of the ordinance and contact the Chair of Human Services.

Minutes Read for Approval: May 30, 2007, July 11, 2007, and July 16, 2007

Motion by: Clark Seconded by: Haas Approved: unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Dave's Saloon

Motion by: Clark Seconded by: Booth Approved: unanimously

Capt. Apker reported that there have been no major incidents at the establishment. Jim and Cathy Meinen from Dave's were present at the meeting. Premises were inspected and found to be in conformity with the Cabaret Ordinance. Apker recommended approval. Supr. Clark asked about the report of a live band without a cabaret license. Apker said that the owners were unaware of the need for a license and applied as soon as they were informed. Clark asked if the Special Events Cabaret they used was valid. Apker replied yes.

2) Probationary Cabaret License – The Sly Fox

Motion by: Clark Seconded by: Booth Approved: unanimously

Capt. Apker reported that The Sly Fox was formerly Nytros and Knockers. There was a history with past owners, however, the new managers have done a nice job inside and out. There have been no incidents since the new management took over. There were no incidents with the couple Special Event Licenses they were given. Apker recommended approval. Supr. Haas commented that the new management has done extensive renovations. They are excellent tenants and have done very well with other businesses. Haas did however recommend that the management attend the County Board meeting only because of the past history of the location. Karen Patton commented that it had been a battle to get the "riff raff" out; that is why they stayed closed so long.

3) Probationary Cabaret License – Somers House

Motion by: Haas Seconded by: Booth Approved: 3 ayes/Clark opposed

There were no representatives at the meeting for Somers House. Secretary, Donna DeBree did contact them to attend. Capt. Apker reported that the business was previously called PT's and Peg & Lou's. There have been no major incidents even with previous owners. He recommended approval. Clark asked if the owners already went through the Town of Somers for licenses and if these owners previously held a cabaret license with another business. Apker responded that the Town of Somers granted their license and that he did not know if the owners had previous cabaret licenses. Apker said the application was submitted in February, however, there were delays attributed to permits, repairs and building inspection. They already had to extend the application. Clark asked about a reported loud music complaint. Apker said that he did not believe it was a band because if it was a band they would have needed a cabaret or special event license and there was no citation for such. Michel asked if the entertainment usually consists of karaoke. Apker replied yes and added that if they see an ad in the paper for karaoke, and know someone does not have a license, they contact them. Haas commented that sometimes citizens complain about loud music solely because they to not like the bar. Some tolerance is needed. Clark was disappointed that no one from Somers House attended the meeting.

4) Probationary Cabaret License – El Fracazo

Motion to table this resolution for 3 months

Motion by: Haas Seconded by: Booth Approved: 3 ayes/Clark abstained Gina Sulaj attended the meeting for El Fracazo. Capt. Apker reported that this has been the most difficult tavern in the County with multiple incidents. They had a cabaret license in the past that is up for renewal. First they must apply with the Township to get a Class B liquor license. Apker contacted Somers to give them details of the problems. He recommended Somers give a probationary Class B liquor license, however, they granted the license without conditions. We do have control over the Cabaret License. Ms. Sulaj asked what she could do to make things better. Apker stated that he had suggested cameras and Fracazo's did put seven in place, however, he could not tell if they were recording. He suggested Fracazo's have proof before the County Board meeting. Apker took the first step by not renewing the license and proposing a probationary license for 9 months. They still have the Class B liquor license. Fracazo's usually only has a DJ. He does not think that entertainment is the problem, he believes the problem is the clientele. This is the leverage we have to send a message to clean up their act or no entertainment. Contact could be made with the Town of Salem to pressure them to cancel the liquor license. Apker recommended that Fracazo's be put on probationary status and if problems still occur pull the license all together.

Haas commented about a note in the file that bartenders say they don't have time to or can't call 911. If they can't even control the bartenders, this type of business is not needed. Clark asked if there are bouncers. Sulaj responded yes. She also said that bartenders are asked to call 911 for instances as small as keys locked in cars. Haas said there are monthly calls to the establishment. Sulaj said they are trying to improve. She said many problems are with the neighboring trailer park. Supr. Booth asked when the cameras were installed. Sulaj replied June. Michel asked when and why the position was changed from denying the license all together to recommending a probationary license. Apker explained that the recommendation to deny first came from the investigating Sergeant. Then after speaking with Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Smith said that this type of situation is usually handled by the probationary license.

Fracazo's was given three special events licenses the past week and there were no calls for service for those. Haas asked what type of events. Apker said DJ. Haas asked if the clientele is local or out of town. Apker replied local. Fracazo's tries to handle everything they can. Many times when KSD gets there the people are gone. Clark asked what recommendations were given to Fracazo's. Apker replied bouncers and cameras. He said that members from different gangs with

different views frequent the business and problems result. Clark asked if they could improve on the quality of bouncers. Apker said possibly, however, he has not been there to see the bouncers. They do not have problems with underage drinking. He believes the primary problem is the different affiliations of gangs. Extra security would probably help. Haas said that there is not a month without some type of problem. Michel commented that the calls are also serious calls including fighting, drunk driving and damage. This business has the most calls for service that he has seen during his tenure on this Committee. Haas asked that if this resolution was put on hold for two months, could they re-apply if things are better? Michel said the resolution could be tabled. Clark asked if this was approved now and something happened in two months could the license be pulled? Apker replied yes, they can revoke both probationary and regular licenses. Michel asked for confirmation that Fracazo's license has actually expired and that this makes them start over with a probationary license. Apker said yes. Haas asked Sulaj how long she has owned the bar. Sulaj responded 12 years, however, she has been working closely with the business since June. Haas commented that the business has gotten progressively worse the past 2 years. He asked Sulaj what she would do to improve. Sulaj said they installed the cameras and are ejecting people. Haas asked if there is overcrowding of the business and if the place is neat and clean. Apker said he did not have information about overcrowding and that the business is neat and clean. The business is small with 2 pool tables. Apker asked Sulaj if the downstairs is used. Sulaj replied occasionally. Apker said Sulaj is more actively involved now. She was not aware of much of the detailed information that was sent to Somers. Once she found out she took action and recommended cameras and heightened security on her own. Issues arise on weekends. Apker checked the records and found incidents involving people from Racine, Waukegan, and Union Grove with quite a few from Racine. The business does draw people from out of town and with gang affiliations. Haas asked how often they have entertainment. Sulai said every weekend. Haas said he could not approve this now, he would like to wait a couple months to see if there is improvement. Bouncers can sometimes cause more problems than the patrons.

At this point Clark said he confirmed that El Fracazo's is a client of his employment firm so he would make no further comments or vote on this resolution.

Sulaj asked Apker if there have been calls since her intervention in June. Apker responded 6/8, 6/16 and 6/27. Sulaj commented that part of that was eviction related for a tenant.

Haas made a motion to table this resolution for 3 months addressing again at the November meeting.

Apker informed Sulaj that she would only be able to acquire special event licenses and that she would not have to re-apply or pay another \$200.

After Action Report for Country Thunder:

Capt. Apker reported that KSD was pleased with the overall outcome. There were a few complaints after the festival was over about music being too loud too late. Everything ran well. Underage drinking is still a problem. Either people are not learning their lesson or there is a new group each year. Issuance of citations does not decline because law enforcement is very active. Michel asked if the offenders are evicted as well as given citations. Apker explained that this is an option, however, usually is not done if there is no problem with the individual. Haas commented that if the person is evicted we could be responsible if something happens to him or her after leaving. Apker said that if they choose to evict the person someone is called to pick them up. They are given a \$249 fine. There were no traffic issues and there was ample parking. KSD will recommend to Country Thunder that there be a minimum age of 21 to rent a campsite. With the Hedgepeth festival there was a minimum age of 21 to be in the campground. Michel said that KSD does an excellent job and this is a joint venture with other law enforcement agencies. Michel asked

if there were any state charges. Apker replied 7 state charges and no felonies. Only 3 individuals went to jail. Haas commented that there were no extra deputies ordered in and he heard no complaints from deputies. Apker said that there was only one position not filled and that was on the last day for the last event. Clark asked what percent of the assignments are covered by KSD. Apker said 70%. They can now have sergeants and lieutenants work as well as deputies. In the past Apker was the only supervisor. Michel asked if the higher-ranking officers are equal to regular officers in this environment without giving directives. Apker responded yes. Clark asked how many Pleasant Prairie officers take assignments. Apker replied very few, possibly 1 last year and 5 or 6 this year. Michel commented that he saw several different agencies on the grounds when the Supervisors visited. Apker said only Racine did not come back this year. KSD supervisors are now eager to work the assignments. Clark asked if the officers are paid by their own municipalities then reimbursed by Kenosha County. Apker said yes, they are reimbursed from the bond collected before the event. Michel said that if he is Chairman again next year he would recommend attending again and bringing other supervisors. The only complaint he heard was one for noise. As long as this event is kept under control it is good for the community.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m. on motion by Haas, seconded by Booth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree