

OLCC Enforcement and Licensing Workgroup Meeting November 3, 2010

In attendance:

Linda Ignowski, Regulatory Services Director, OLCC

Farshad Allahdadi, Licensing Services Director, OLCC

Kathy Levy, OLCC

Jennifer Huntsman, Rules Coordinator, OLCC

Tom Erwin, Government Affairs & Communications Director, OLCC

Judith Bracanovich, Administrative Policy & Procedures Director, OLCC

Rudy Williams, Deputy Director, OLCC

Jeff Plew, Concept Entertainment

Duke Tufty, DWT

Theresa Marchetti, Office of Neighborhood Involvement

Kara Thallon, ORLA

Via conference phone:

Janice Krem, Involved

Lt. Randy Schoen, Medford Police Chief

The Enforcement & Licensing Workgroup met at 9:00 AM on November 3, 2010.

As mentioned in a prior meeting, Linda handed out copies of Washington State's fact sheet regarding their Nightclub Liquor License. A discussion regarding Washington's nightclub license lead to the conclusion that their license would not fit our state requirements or needs.

Decided to table this item until we look at the larger picture of possibility expanding the list of licenses. (#427).

429 - Judith Bracanovich explained how the immediate suspension process worked. OLCC does not have the authority to suspend a license without due process. Several licensees have opted to voluntarily shut down or stop serving alcohol for several days to a week. She explained how difficult it is to prove the need of an immediate suspension due to a history, serious and persistent problems. We would have to have a basis to cancel or non-renew a license. We would have to prove an immediate and serious danger to public safety. She will send out a list of immediate suspensions issued in the past ten years.

Lt. Randy Schoen, Medford Police Chief stated that it took one year to close a club (Oxygen) in his region. He praised the Medford OLCC for their assistance.

OLCC is currently in rulemaking regarding an Enforceable Compliance Plan and Operating as Proposed; these rules will be useful in regulating problem premises.

Duke Tufty asked how to remove a stipulation of the plan. A licensee would need to request in writing the removal of part of the plan.

Item # 420 - Does a violation of City ordinance allow OLCC to cite unlawful activity? Theresa Marchetti wants OLCC to take zoning or codes into consideration prior to licensing. Our current rules do not allow us to consider zoning or code violations as unlawful activity.

Updates to the action item list are indicated in **bold** lettering.

The workgroup meeting is scheduled to meet again at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Items to discuss are: Items #421, #424 & #427. See Enforcement & Licensing Action Item list.