



# Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

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## MEETING MINUTES

September 24th, 2014 @ 4:00pm

Health Department Board Room, 2nd Floor  
2030 Tecumseh Road  
Manhattan, KS 66502

In Attendance:

- *Please see attached sign in sheet*

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Introducing everyone
- Ginny called the meeting to order
- Nothing to add to agenda
- No public comment

### 2. Director's Report- See Attached Agenda

### 3. Guest Speakers:

- Randy Martin-Aggieville Business Owner. He is the owner of the Pita Pit in Aggieville and part of the Aggieville Business Association. These are his opinions and not that of any other Association or organization.
- He feels that things are not as bad as it has been in years past, particularly three years ago.
- Beer distributors are starting to become part the sign business.
- Facebook has contributed to the size of this event: informal, not planned, not directed, nice weather
- Was wide eyed to see how many people were there and their behavior (three years ago); however, every Friday and Saturday night we have too many people over consuming alcohol.
- It does seem to start earlier on Fake Patty's Day.
- Revenue two years ago, estimate was down about 10% and down about 25% from three years ago.
- As a business owner he tries to work with the city to get streets closed and provide bathroom availability; some discussion has gone on about fencing Aggieville to control access to there is just too many ways to get in.
- Promotions drink specials no longer offered on this day. Some bars have wrist bands and try to control the amount of bands that are sold, then just cut it off and new guests can no longer get in.
- Some bars have been closed due to some issues at Ft. Riley.
- Fake Patty's Day is like a game day to business: yes, there is profit to be made but that is not a driving force, put safety first.
- Spend more time and money on education instead of figuring out how to not have the event.

- Part of the issue is Aggieville in general, not just this particular day.
- Because of what happened three years ago, a lot of political stuff has been going on. If Aggieville breaks apart, then there are more areas of drinking to control instead of the bulk of it being confined to one area.
- A lot of the arrests and EMS calls are being pushed out to the neighborhoods.
- The Aggieville Business Association has all new members, only one person is left from three years ago and they have new processes in place to become part of the district while not just paying the dues.
- Striving to be more than a drinking area.
- Relationship between bar owners and non-bar owners: some are responsive and some are working to make things better. There are still a few bar owners who are not willing to speak on this type of issue.
- Q: Who pays for extra enforcement?  
A: Not sure, thinking we are. Who is to say what events we have them or not?
- Q: Business volume? A: Not quite double on what we will do on a game day, about 1/5 times a major football game.
- Some businesses will close anytime the streets are closed, not just on Fake Patty's Day.
- Some of the number and statistics are hard to understand. The more enforcement the more the citations.
- Q: How many people are having alcohol poisoning at these events? A: I am not sure that the bar owners are to blame since drinking happens outside of the district. Agreed that bars should not be serving someone if that person is already intoxicated.
- Q: Can we get the numbers from police on where the occurrence is accruing?  
A: I believe we have been provided this from a prior meeting.
- Officers are very quick to arrest on Fake Patty's Day. What is the protocol from police? (For the record, these are just opinions.)  
Q: How do your employees feel about this event?  
A: My employees will work; they have learned that people tip more when drinking.
- This is not all negative. Yes, a lot of people are drunk, but there a lot of people who are not. At 2:00 in the afternoon it is a very festive event.

Thank you to our guest

- Guest Speaker, Diane Meredith, Aggieville Business Owner-Absent
- Guest Speaker, Dennis Cook, Budweiser Distributor- Absent

#### **4. Closing Thoughts: Ginny Barnard**

- We will do a joint meeting for Nov and Dec doodle poll for this date
  - Dr. Benne, Karen and Mary Beth will be done with their term at the end of December; anyone that may know someone who would like to apply?
  - Ginny will have to check the bylaws regarding re-applying
- Some Things to visit about:**
- How is K-State trying to help control this day?
  - Would like to hear from the student population.

- Would also like to hear about the revenue.

**Sarah Hartsigs, MS from KHI**

Her perspective: KHI had conducted an assessment on a statewide legislation that would allow grocery and convenience stores to sell full scale alcohol and what that would look like. We then wrote recommendations, maybe a good place to start and bring these recommendation to the business owners and collaborate. What is the next step? Will the information help the council?

Mr. Cates would like Sarah to e-mail data report from this survey looking at underage drinking-on-premises.

Sellers were much stronger then liquor stores.

Deb Nuss to follow up with Randy to get Dennis Cook to attend a council meeting Time is up.

Meeting adjourned

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday October 22nd, 2014 @ 4pm