

## ✨ Summary

The meeting focused on electing a chairperson, discussing upcoming events, and addressing operational issues, including a violation of house rules by a member. Key decisions included approving events and providing a discount for a DJ, while action items involved further investigation into a member's violation and planning for future improvements. Additionally, the meeting covered renovation plans for the facility, financial management, and community engagement. Discussions also included food sales at the bar, food handler certifications, and potential donations and events.

## 📋 Outline 7-1-25 House Committee Meeting Convened 10:04 am

### 1. Election of Chairperson •

Ernie was nominated and approved as the chair of the committee with unanimous support.

Garth will run the meeting until Ernie officially takes over.

### 2. Upcoming Events •

John - Karaoke event is scheduled for August 9, which has been approved.

A Sweet 16 birthday party is planned for September 20, 2025, with an ABC license required for alcohol.

Edward Noriega wants to host a baby shower on October 18, with a proposal to offer him a military rate discount due to his past support as a DJ.

### 3. July 4th Celebration Planning •

The menu for the July 4th party will include hamburgers and hot dogs, along with regular menu items.

There are concerns about staffing and food supply due to recent issues with local vendors.

### 4. Outdoor Party Proposal •

A proposal for an outdoor party with a band on September 27 was discussed, but more details are needed before approval.

Concerns were raised about the logistics and costs associated with hosting an outdoor event.

#### 5. Better Breathing Club Update

The Better Breathing Club has been using the back bar for meetings, paying \$50 for the space.

There were issues with cleanliness after their last meeting, which will be addressed moving forward.

#### 6. Portable Swamp Coolers •

Two swamp coolers were purchased to maintain comfortable temperatures during events.

They require regular maintenance, including filling water every 3 hours.

#### 7. Incident Report on Member Violation •

An incident involving Tony Aguilar was reported, where he left a guest unattended, violating house rules.

The committee discussed the need for a verbal warning followed by a written warning if the behavior continues.

#### 8. Major J Budget Approval

Garth - The budget was approved with a 3 to 2 vote, and the next steps involve determining how funds will be allocated.

A request for a \$10,000 advance for miscellaneous expenses was proposed to facilitate upcoming projects.

#### 9. Facility Renovation Plans •

The refrigerator needs to be replaced to store cold beers, and the office will be redone as part of the renovation.

A company from San Diego will be engaged to help rehab veteran facilities, and bids will be obtained for the back half of the facility.

#### 10. Bids and Contractor Management •

Bids for plumbing and air conditioning will be gathered with the help of Ed and a contractor.

Only three bids were received for electrical work, bar, and kitchen, and the contractor will oversee the electrical work.

#### 11. Financial Management •

Garth - A separate bank account will be opened for managing renovation funds, with Ed, Rusanne, and the speaker as signatories.

An escrow account was suggested for better fund management, pending confirmation from the bank.

#### 12. Community Engagement and Support •

John - The presentation to the city highlighted over 30 community support activities, which positively influenced funding discussions.

Garth - Acknowledgment was given to Lee Wilson for his historical contributions and efforts in promoting the post.

#### 13. Electrical Work and Contractor Issues •

Ed - The health department's approval is necessary for ongoing renovations to avoid project delays.

Concerns were raised about the responsiveness of the current electrical contractor, with a suggestion to consider alternative contractors if no progress is made.

#### 14. Drink Chips Implementation •

John - Drink chips have been ordered to facilitate drink purchases, costing \$5 each, with a plan for their distribution and usage.

Ernie - The chips will allow patrons to buy drinks for others, with a system in place for handling any price differences.

#### 15. Happy Hour and Bar Operations •

John - A happy hour was discussed to attract more patrons, but concerns were raised about the practicality of serving in the back bar due to heat and space limitations.

The need for a new reach-in cooler and bar cater was identified as part of the renovation plans.

#### 16. Air Conditioning and Ventilation Solutions •

John - The renovation will include considerations for improving air conditioning and ventilation, particularly in the kitchen and bar areas.

Ed - Options for replacing swamp coolers with air conditioning units were discussed to enhance cooling efficiency without extensive ductwork modifications.

#### 17. Food Sales at the Bar •

The House committee needs to decide whether to continue Taco Tuesdays, which have generated income for the bar.

Concerns were raised about food safety and the need for food handler certifications for volunteers involved in food preparation.

Katherine's taco sales brought in \$33 last week, and she charges \$5 per taco, with \$3 going to the organization. McArvie Discussion About Free Meals For Piano Player ?

#### 18. Food Handler Certifications •

It was suggested that the organization should reimburse volunteers for their food handler certification costs, which are approximately \$50.

The need for all bartenders to have valid food handler cards was emphasized to ensure compliance with health regulations.

#### 19. Donations and Events •

Garth - A potential donation of a large eagle statue was discussed, but the committee decided against accepting it due to space constraints.

John - The idea of reinstating an early bird dinner with a raffle for a valuable bottle of wine was proposed, aiming to generate funds and engage members.

The committee agreed to send a letter to the eagle donor expressing gratitude but declining the offer due to ongoing reconstruction. See Renie About Name Plates & Business Cards.

Meeting Adjourned 11:19 am .