

**Board of Health
Wednesday, July 7th, 2010
Penn Room**

Members Attending: E. Kimball, J. Wong

Others Attending: T. Butler, M. Loaiza, R. Natale

Call to Order

Dr. Kimball called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Agenda and Minutes

The Board was not able to approve the minutes or agenda due to lack of quorum.

Health Officer's Report

Due to Dr. Hassel's departure a Health Officer's report was not given.

Dr. Kimball inquired if the position will be filled soon. Ms. Butler replied that interviews have taken place. They currently have stopped taking applications. Ms. Sandy Hummel, Mr. Ron Natale, and Ms. Tonya Butler have narrowed it down to three (3) candidates; Dr. Louis Manicotti, Dr. Patrick Heart, and Dr. David Patrick Newbert.

Dr. Louis Mancano contacted Mr. Ron Natale on July 7th, 2010 to state that he will be unable to pursue the Health Officer position and has made a referral for recommendations, if needed.

Ms. Butler stated that Dr. David Patrick Neubert is the front-runner for the position. She shared some of Dr. Newbert's qualities that the interviewers appreciated.

Ms. Butler allowed Dr. Kimball and Dr. Wong to review Dr. Newbert's resume.

Dr. Kimball inquired about Dr. Neubert's schedule. Ms. Butler replied that due to Dr. Neubert's various activities, Ms. Hummel requested that he submit a provisional schedule by Friday, July 9th.

Dr. Kimball and Dr. Wong inquired about Dr. Neubert's graduate education, as they could not locate it on his resume. Ms. Butler pointed out the Albany residency information and inquired if she should inquire further about the information listed. Dr. Kimball and Dr. Wong agreed that this information is important and should be verified.

Dr. Kimball inquired what the pay rate is for this position. Ms. Butler stated that they will offer an annual salary of \$22K and possibly a pension and benefits.

Bernhart's Park

There is no update at this time.

Old Business

Tattoo Regulations

Mr. Ron Natale introduced himself to the Board. He stated that he currently is the Supervisor in the Property Maintenance Division.

Mr. Natale explained his experience visiting Lancaster, PA in an effort to better understand how they regulate tattoo establishments. He stated that Lancaster inspects these establishments two (2) times a year. The City of Lancaster also checks that hazardous material containers are handled properly, sterilization/oven is operating correctly, flooring is not porous, and proper record keeping of ink, needles, and other supplies is occurring. He added that he was able to visit a tattoo establishment with one of the inspectors in Lancaster.

Mr. Natale went on to explain how regulating these types of establishment will assist in controlling the "out of home" tattoo shops.

Dr. Wong expressed his interest in requiring the customer to be sober from any drug or alcohol. Mr. Natale stated that he was not sure if there was a regulation already in place but expressed his belief that intoxication would make tattooing more difficult because of thinning of the blood when alcohol is consumed.

Dr. Kimball inquired if local tattoo establishments were contacted and what their reactions to the proposed regulations were. Mr. Natale responded that a few were informed of the proposed change and they were receptive to the idea of regulation.

Dr. Kimball questioned how many tattoo establishments were located in the City. Mr. Natale replied that approximately six (6).

Dr. Kimball asked if Mr. Natale obtained a copy of the City of Lancaster's tattoo ordinance. Mr. Natale stated that he did not, but is aware that it is available online.

Dr. Wong inquired how this effort to regulate tattoo establishment compares to the State efforts with House Bill No. 645. Mr. Natale stated that he has not had a chance to thoroughly look through the House Bill.

Dr. Kimball asked Mr. Natale what would he like to see occur. Mr. Natale stated that he would like to see an ordinance on tattoo regulation to pass but stated that if the Board is looking to expand the type of establishments being regulated to include nail salons, it would then become difficult. Dr. Wong expressed his concerns with nail salons including the odors of the chemicals used and the act of filing and possibly risking the exposure of bodily fluids. Mr. Natale stated that due to the various factors such as manpower and number of establishments if that the Board decides to move beyond tattoos a study will need to be performed.

Ms. Butler reiterated Mr. Natale's concern regarding the possibility of regulations for the amount of establishments such as nail salons versus the Property Maintenance Division's current manpower and tasks.

Mr. Natale suggested that if the Board decides to pursue nail salons, they could request assistance from the many interns the City has during the summer. He added that after the research was collected manpower and hours it would take to conduct the inspection and keep up with the establishments would need to be considered.

Dr. Kimball asked for Mr. Natale's opinion on whether to go forward with expanding the establishments being regulated to include nail salons. Mr. Natale stated that he believes that for the time being the Board should move forward with the tattoo establishments. If the Board were to include nail salons then hospitals would need to be contacted and research would need to be conducted. Dr. Kimball added that in doing research, the information needed would be difficult to obtain due to lack of records on what is needed.

Dr. Wong added that many of the patients he has seen do not even recall where or who tattooed them.

Dr. Wong asked Ms. Butler if the language in the ordinance has been reviewed and approved from a legal aspect. Ms. Butler responded that the current language needs to be reviewed for medical input to move forward. Mr. Natale added that once Dr. Wong and Dr. Kimball's medical input is received, it can move forward. He also requested that the medical language be worded in laymen's terms to ease explanations and enforcement.

Mr. Natale stated that once the ordinance is ready he will visit all tattoo establishments in the City. He will give a copy of the draft ordinance and invite them to meet and give input on the draft. He extended an invitation to this meeting, when scheduled, to Dr. Kimball and Dr. Wong.

Dr. Kimball asked Mr. Natale why the State Department of Agriculture conducts the restaurant inspections. Mr. Natale stated that the State conducts the production plant type of establishments while the City conducts the retail establishments.

Dr. Kimball requested another copy of the ordinance from Ms. Butler. Ms. Butler stated that she will email it to her by the end of the week. She also suggested communicating electronically to make suggestions and corrections. Dr. Kimball and Dr. Wong agreed.

Dr. Kimball extended an invitation to Mr. Natale to our next meeting.

Dr. Kimball announced the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Maritza Loaiza, Admin Assist to City Clerk