

**ANC 6A ABL Committee  
February 16, 2010  
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Committee members present: Michael Herman (Chaired the meeting); Jaki Downs; Tish Olshefski

Committee members absent: Commissioner Mary Beatty (6A05); Anne Marie Koshuta

Commissioners: Kelvin Robinson (6A08); Raphael Marshall (6A01)

Community: Woo Young (Capitol Liquors); Ryan W. Grozdon; Coralie Farlee (ANC6D)

**I. HOUSEKEEPING**

- a. **Agenda** - Motion to accept agenda. No objections.
- b. **Minutes** - Motion to accept minutes presented at last ANC meeting. No objections.

**Committee members introduced themselves:**

**II. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

- a. None

**III. DISCUSSION/UPDATES**

**1. ABL Recommendations/ANC Update**

- a. Biergarten - VA Accepted by the ANC including provision for a single non-amplified accordion
- b. Souk - VA accepted.
- c. Rock & Roll - Substantial Change - VA Accepted. Their petition date was before the ANC meeting so this was a ratification of what had already been accepted.

**2. Discussion of VA process** - ANC held a long discussion of the protest process when applicant has not signed a VA prior to petition date. This happens sometimes because of timing, renewal schedules, etc. Action gives the ANC Chair authority to act in a timely manner if a protest needs to be filed.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Capitol Liquors - Exception to Singles Ban - Young Woo**

- a. Mr. Woo is requesting exception to singles ban, only with reference to half-pints, not beer or malt liquor. The Committee discussed and agreed to language that would be used in a VA if the Committee recommended this exception.
- b. We've discussed the exception in the past. Mr. Woo only wants to change one item in the prior recommended VA. (The prior VA was approved by the Committee, but not approved by the Commission.) The one major change that came to discussion--the price point in the prior agreement was 5.99. The current proposed version now states that "The licensee will not sell spirits in containers of half pints or less for a retail price less than \$3.99." The Committee felt that this price would help discourage street drinking at Capitol Liquors.

**MOTION:** Tish moves that: “The Committee recommends that ANC 6A allow a limited exception to the Ward 6 Single Sales Ban, on half-pints of spirits only, subject to the stipulations in the ANC approved Voluntary Agreement for Capitol Liquors, (1835 Benning Road NE). Seconded by Jaki. Unanimous.

Discussion: This recommendation moves things along. Commissioner Mack is supportive. No community members have come to complain about the business.

## **2. Little Miss Whiskey—1102 H Street, NE**

- a. Commissioner Marshall is bringing a complaint from neighbors about the noise. There is a street that separates them from the property. Also neighbors on the other side of the street who said that they have heard it as well. It is in their VA that this would not happen. They were supposed to create noise mitigation - either it is not working or they didn't do it. Nature of the noise is music and general noise.
- b. Committee recommends (no motion necessary) that we invite the owners of Little Miss Whiskey to the next ANC meeting to hear about the complaints of the neighbors regarding the noise.

Adjourn 8:10 pm. Next meeting is March 16, 2010.