

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
October 18, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee ("Committee") of ANC6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on October 18, 2011 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Adam Healy, Katy Thomas, Michael Herman and Anne Marie Koshuta

Committee Members Absent: None

Commissioners Present: David Holmes, Drew Ronneberg, and Sharee Lawler

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm EST. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

II. Community Input on Possible Alcohol License Cap

Mr. Healy explained that this meeting was the second in a series of three planned meetings for the ANC to consider a possible cap on the number of alcohol licenses on H St. NE. He then proceeded to give a brief summary of the informational meeting held on September 20 in which the director of the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration and two ANCs from other parts of the District offered their perspectives on how a cap works and the pros and cons of such.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to speak, a two minute time limit was imposed on each speaker until everyone had an opportunity to speak at least once. Several community members attended the meeting and gave their thoughts on a possible cap and how they want H Street to redevelop.

The significant majority of those in attendance were not supportive of a cap on alcohol licenses on H Street because they thought it was premature. There was a lot of talk about the desire for a mix of retail stores in the neighborhood but concern that a cap was not the way to try to achieve that goal at this time. There were concerns raised about parking difficulties, noisy patrons leaving establishments and disturbing residential blocks late at night, and the lack of restaurants where parents could take their children for dinner.

III. Next Steps

Mr. Healy thanked everyone for coming and participating in this and the last cap meeting. He was very pleased with the community involvement and interest in the discussion. He said the meetings gave a lot of information for the committee to consider at the next meeting. He hopes to have a proposal for consideration available to the public a week before the next meeting.

IV. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 at 7 pm at Sherwood Recreation Center.