

**Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
December 20, 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 December 20, 2011 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

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

Committee Members Absent: Katy Thomas

Commissioners Present: Drew Ronneberg and David Holmes

Community Members Present: Yvette Williams, Troy Williams, Jeff Jackson, Danny Roberts, Margaret Holwill, Jason Martin, Joey Belcher, Darryl Cohen, Fernando Postigo, Tony Puesan, Melvin Crenshaw, and Sarosh Hussain

Call to Order

Mr. Healy called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm EST. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

Approval of Agenda

After review and discussion, Mr. Healy asked for acceptance of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

After review and discussion, Mr. Healy asked for acceptance of the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes.

I. Community Comment

None

II. New Business

Mr. Jeff Jackson, Ms. Yvette Williams, and Mr. Troy Williams gave a brief summary of their proposed business at 1255 H St. NE. The name has not yet been determined for the establishment. They want to open a restaurant and have seating on the sidewalk and rooftop. The owners plan to run a restaurant but will apply for a tavern license because they are concerned about not being able to meet the percentage of food sales necessary for a CR license. However, they would be willing to include language in a voluntary agreement requiring the establishment to have a kitchen open until one hour prior to closing and other provisions to ensure the establishment will operate as a restaurant. Mr. Healy indicated that, given the ANC’s adoption of the recent policy that CR licenses will be encouraged, he hoped the owners would reconsider applying for a restaurant license. He will continue working with them. Because they have not yet applied for their ABC license, no action was taken.

Mr. Sarosh Hussain gave a brief presentation about his proposed business at 1128 H St. NE named Casbah. Mr. Hussain has already appeared before the ANC and DDOT and has received his permit for a sidewalk café. Mr. Hussain indicated he will be applying for his CR (restaurant) license soon. Mr. Healy thanked him for being responsive to the community by applying for a CR license. Because they have not yet applied for their ABC license, no action was taken.

Mr. Danny Roberts gave a brief presentation about the substantial change application for Rose’s Dream at 1370 H St. NE. It appears there was a paperwork problem between ABRA and DCRA about

the occupancy for the third floor of the establishment. They had already been operating on the second and third floors of the building and are licensed for the rooftop. Mr. Healy indicated he has never received any complaints about the establishment. Mr. Roberts mentioned the ongoing problem with inadequate lighting in the alley behind 1370 H St. NE and that there was a shooting in the alley recently. Mr. Healy indicated he has reported the broken lights before and would be in contact with Commissioner Hysell and the Mayor's office in hopes of getting some better lighting. The ANC has already submitted a placeholder protest for the substantial change. Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Mr. Herman that the ANC withdraw the protest for the substantial change for Rose's Dream at 1370 H St. NE. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Driss Ouadrhir did not appear at the meeting to discuss his application for a tavern license for Central at 1200 H St. NE. Mr. Ouadrhir had appeared before the Committee this summer to talk about his plans and they seemed to be similar to what was placarded for the ABC license. Mr. Healy indicated the owner didn't have any problems with the standard VA. The ANC has already submitted a placeholder protest for this application. Mr. Healy indicated he will get in touch with Mr. Ouadrhir to finalize a voluntary agreement before the next ANC meeting.

Mr. Melvin Crenshaw appeared before the Committee representing Chicken Tortilla at 1324 H St. NE. Mr. Crenshaw indicated that this will be the second Chicken Tortilla to open in DC. The other one is on 8th St. SE but doesn't have an ABC license. Mr. Healy indicated he will work with the owner to finalize the standard voluntary agreement prior to the next ANC meeting. Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Ms. Koshuta that the ANC protest the license for Chicken Tortilla at 1324 H St. NE unless a signed voluntary agreement is approved prior to the protest date. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Tony Puesan gave a brief presentation about his plans to move HR 57 from its current location in the 800 block of H St NE to 1007 H St NE. The 1007 space is much larger and he will have a coffee shop/bakery in the front of the establishment with the HR 57 jazz performance space in the back. Mr. Puesan indicated that he will be applying for a tavern license soon and wants a stipulated license. Mr. Healy and other committee members indicated that this could be a unique case where a CT license would be acceptable because the owner has a track record in the ANC and is moving an establishment from another location. Mr. Healy indicated he has not heard any complaints from constituents about noise or other issues from the current HR 57 location. Mr. Healy indicated he will continue working with Mr. Puesan on a voluntary agreement prior to the next ANC meeting and encouraged Mr. Puesan to give some more thought about applying for a CR license. Committee members didn't see any problem with a stipulated license. Because the application has not yet been submitted to ABRA, the committee took no action.

Mr. Fernando Postigo gave a brief presentation of their plans to open Sol Mexican Grill at 1251 H St. NE. They have already applied for a tavern license and plan to have a small outdoor patio on the second floor of the establishment. Mr. Healy indicated that the application was submitted to ABRA prior to the ANC voting to establish a preference for restaurant licenses, but asked the applicant to consider switching to a CR license. Mr. Healy will work with the owner to finalize the standard voluntary agreement prior to the next ANC meeting. Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Mr. Herman that the ANC protest the license for Sol Mexican Grill at 1251 H St. NE unless a signed voluntary agreement is approved prior to the protest date. Motion passed 3-0.

III. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm EST. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 (delayed one week from standard meeting date).