

**Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
March 21, 2017**

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm on March 21, 2017 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, Mark Samburg, Michael Herman, and Justin Rzepka.

Committee Members Absent: Jay Williams (Co-Chair)

Commissioners Present: None

Community Members Present: Mike W. from District Cuisine, Stacey Khoury-Diaz representing Dio and Merchaw Senshaw representing Quara

I. Call to Order

Mr. Seagle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting proceeded with a quorum present.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of request for new CT license filed by Dio, LLC T/a Dio Wine Bar (904 H Street NE).

- Ms. Khoury-Diaz stated that she plans to open a wine bar featuring organic natural wines.
- Mr. Seagle asked if there would be any outdoor areas and whether they would be requesting an entertainment endorsement. The owner responded that it was a small space and that there was no outdoor area either as a rooftop or a back area. She also responded that they are not planning on seeking an entertainment license.
- Mr. Seagle explained the settlement agreement process and what is included in the standard agreement. Ms. Khoury-Diaz had already reviewed the agreement and stated that she was ok with it.
- Mr. Seagle moved, to recommend that the ANC protest the license for Dio unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted to the ANC prior to the protest date. The motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Rzepka was not present for this vote)

B. Discussion of request for new CT license filed by Quara Ethiopian Fusion Restaurant (818 H St. NE).

- Ms. Senshaw stated that he plans to open a restaurant featuring Ethiopian food. He also stated that he hoped to be open in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Seagle asked if there would be any outdoor areas and whether they would be requesting an entertainment endorsement. The owner responded was no outdoor area either as a rooftop or a back area. He did respond that they are planning on

- seeking an entertainment license. He stated that they would offer only inside entertainment such as streamed music or ethnic drums.
- Mr. Seagle explained the settlement agreement process and what is included in the standard agreement. Mr. Seagle also explained the provisions in the settlement agreement as it relates to noise mitigation since they will be seeking an entertainment license. Mr. Senshaw had already reviewed the agreement and stated that he was okay with it.
 - Mr. Seagle moved, to recommend that the ANC protest the license for Quara unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted to the ANC prior to the protest date. The motion passed 5-0

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.