

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm ET on January 23, 2024, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Blumenthal, Joe Krisch, Monica
Commissioners Present: Amber Gove, Rob Dooling, and Mike Velasquez
Establishment Representatives Present: Johnny Lu (Tiki Garden)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Interim Chair Velasquez called the meeting to order just after 7pm.
 - Interim Chair Velasquez expressed deep appreciation for the work of the previous volunteer Committee Chair, Erin Sullivan.

- II. Community Comment
 - No community members in attendance to comment.

- III. New Business
 - Discussion of application of Tiki Garden for a Class C Restaurant license with summer garden, and takeout and delivery endorsements at 802 13th Street NE. (ABCA-127138)
 - Tiki Garden has been operating the restaurant for about 5 months and is now seeking a liquor license.
 - The summer garden would be on 13th Street, across from a condominium building and near other residences on 13th Street.
 - Mr. Lu mentioned his intent to close the summer garden around 9:00 pm and to avoid amplified music outside to respect the nearby residences and agreed to having restrictions in the settlement agreement.
 - Erin Blumenthal moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Tiki Garden unless a settlement agreement is reached and that Erin Blumenthal represent the ANC.
 - Commissioner Gove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

 - Discussion of the ANC’s work on a standard settlement agreement
 - Commissioner Dooling is leading the effort to revise ANC 6A’s standard settlement agreement to simplify it based on input from business owners, to seek commonality for both liquor and medical cannabis license holders, and to seek commonality with ANC 6C to ensure equitable treatment with any businesses along H Street, regardless of which ANC represents them.
 - One area of focus is potential direct impact on residences due to outside operations

- In response to a request from a long-time area restaurant owner, the new agreement will be reformatted and simplified to clearly depict which provisions are under DC law and which provisions are unique to the ANC based on community input and lessons learned. Commissioner Velasquez highlighted this effort to be responsive to the requests and needs of business owners.
- One provision is to ask owners to make best efforts to prevent illegal consumption. This language was based on input from ABCA.
- Commissioner Gove discussed the importance of security cameras and noted DC's robust security camera rebate program. She also discussed a concern about the impact on parking and traffic of delivery drivers.
- Commissioner Gove expressed appreciation for Commissioner Dooling's work on a new settlement agreement.
- Commissioner Velasquez also discussed new methods published by ABCA to report complaints. One is a new 24/7 number and the other is an online portal. ABCA prefers the online method.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:40 pm.