

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, Feb 4, 2025, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via 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 February 4, 2025, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erik Lockett and Erin Blumenthal
Commissioners Present: Roberta Shapiro, Stephen Kolb
Establishment Representatives Present: Ryan Ha (Dreamy DC), Mr. Lee (Dumpling Hot Pot Beyond), and Wilfredo (Tigos).

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Ms. Blumenthal called the meeting to order just after 7pm and indicated Commissioner Velasquez was absent due to a family emergency.
 - Ms. Blumenthal asked and received unanimous consent to proceed with the modified agenda.

- II. Community Comment
 - No community members requested to comment.

- III. New Business
 - Discussion of a medical cannabis license with delivery endorsement at Dreamy DC at 1111 H St NE (ABRA-130754).
 - Ms. Blumenthal recognized Mr. Ha, the owner of Dreamy DC.
 - Mr. Ha discussed his history with marijuana including developing a website to distribute marijuana through gifting.
 - Mr. Ha is working on a build out of a retail space at 1111 H St NE based on data compiled from online sales.
 - Mr. Lockett asked about his branding, vision, and planned appearance for the retail space. Mr. Ha explained the outward appearance would be discrete.
 - Commissioner Shapiro reminded Mr. Ha of the regulatory requirements under a medical cannabis license and he indicated his intent to comply with DC law and regulations.
 - There was discussion regarding the delivery endorsement and concerns about congestion resulting from delivery vehicles.
 - Ms. Blumenthal explained the ABC and ANC process and motions and desire to reach a settlement agreement.
 - Commissioner Shapiro moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a settlement agreement is reached and ABCA verifies that this application is in compliance with DC law regarding distance between establishments.

- Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- Discussion on a draft letter requesting the city council pass legislation creating a provision for a moratorium zone for cannabis licenses equivalent to the provision for a moratorium zone for alcohol licenses.
 - Commissioner Shapiro indicated that four communities had requested and been granted moratoriums pertaining to alcohol based on statute, but no provision exists for a moratorium on cannabis.
 - She discussed concerns about density of cannabis establishments along H Street and that the current proximity limitations are insufficient.
 - Ms. Blumenthal asked how many establishments were I-71 and how many were licensed.
 - Mr. Lockett asked if there was a goal for distance between establishments.
 - Commissioner Shapiro noted that current law really constrains community input.
 - Commissioner Kolb moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC send the letter pending minor edits
 - Ms. Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- Discussion of a new the Class C Restaurant license with carry out and delivery endorsement at Dumpling Hot Pot Beyond, 1216-1218 H St NE (ABRA-126111).
 - Mr. Lee, a resident of Virginia, launched a food business and opened several restaurants in Virginia and a restaurant called Shanghai Lounge in Georgetown and then in 2023 launched this restaurant on H St.
 - Initially, they did not intend to sell alcohol and based on customer input decided to apply for a license.
 - Ms. Blumenthal asked about alcohol licenses and compliance at the other restaurants. He replied no issues and that he intended to offer only Asian beers and sake. They intended to operate from 5-11 on weekdays and 12-11 on weekends.
 - Mr. Lee indicated his intent to sign a settlement agreement.
 - Commissioner Shapiro moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a settlement agreement is reached.
 - Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- Discussion of a new the Class C Restaurant license and request for stipulated license at Tigo's 1322 H St NE (ABRA-130994).
 - Mr. Wilfredo is part of a new ownership team that has operated the restaurant for some seven months and have applied for a license based on customer requests.

- They are not planning to expand operations nor change hours nor do business outside.
- Ms. Blumenthal asked if the owners operated other restaurants in DC and he indicated they did not.
- Commissioner Kolb asked what types of alcohol would be offered for sale. He responded beer and margaritas.
- Commissioner moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a settlement agreement is reached
 - Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 pm.