

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, March 26, 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 March 26, 2024, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Blumenthal, Joe Krisch
Commissioners Present: Mike Velasquez
Establishment Representatives Present: Manalle Mahmoud (Pascual)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Interim Chair Velasquez called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
 - Interim Chair Velasquez proposed reordering the agenda to prioritize Pascual which had a representative present. The agenda was approved without objection.

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

- III. New Business
 - Discussion regarding settlement agreements at Pascual at 732 Maryland Ave NE
 - Manalle Mahmoud appeared on behalf of Pascual and communicated that Pascual’s license was a transfer from Uncle Kenny’s Smokehouse. Due to no substantial change operationally, Pascual originally adopted Uncle Kenny’s existing settlement agreement. As a result of requests from patrons for later dining, Pascual is requesting an amendment to their settlement agreement to extend their hours (indoor and outdoor) from 10:30 pm to midnight, Thursday through Monday.
 - Pascual is flexible on the hours for outdoor seating but would like to expand hours to allow for an additional seating each night.
 - Manalle mentioned that the outdoor area will be dinner-service only with no amplified music and that Pascual is considering brunch service on Sat/Sun in the future.
 - Pascual would like to update settlement agreement prior to applying for updated license for expanded hours. No action is needed by ABC Committee at this time.
 - No motion was made by the ABC Committee.
 - Committee member Blumenthal will work with Pascual to update settlement agreement to current version.

 - Discussion regarding settlement agreements at Jumbo Liquors at 1122 H Street NE.

- Mr. Kim contacted Commissioner Velasquez and ANC Chair Gove stating that he would like to terminate the settlement agreement for Jumbo Liquors.
 - Commissioner Velasquez in his role as interim chair corresponded with Mr. Kim inquiring about his concerns with the settlement agreement and reiterating ANC6As policy to reach settlement agreements.
 - Commissioner Velasquez will write to ABCA for interpreter services to ensure Mr. Kim fully understands his rights and responsibilities as business owner.
 - No motion was made by the ABC committee.
- Discussion of application of Verg Enterprises LLC for a medical cannabis license at 1230 H Street NE. (ABCA-127258)
 - Verg Enterprises LLC operates a shop called Gasaholics which they portray as I-71 compliant and have applied for a medical cannabis license.
 - No representation present from Verg Enterprises LLC.
 - Commissioner Velasquez noted that several attempts were made to reach the point of contact.
 - There was a discussion about small business grants allocated to that address and whether those grants were used in the operation of this business with uncertain compliance.
 - There were questions about allowable distances between shops and Commissioner Velasquez will verify distance restriction for cannabis shops.
 - Commissioner Velasquez moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Verg Enterprises LLC.
 - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of renewal of a Class A retail liquor store license at 7 River Mart at 250 11th Street NE. (ABRA-126841)
 - The ABC Committee was unable to obtain contact information for 7 River Mart from ABCA.
 - The ABC Committee has not heard any expressed concern from the community about 7 River Mart.
 - Committee member Blumenthal will attempt to contact 7 River Mart with updated settlement agreement. Commissioner Velasquez will remove from ANC Consent Agenda if any points of concern arise.
 - Commissioner Velasquez moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with respect to the application for renewal of a Class A Retail Liquor License at 7 River Mart.
 - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of renewal of a Class A retail liquor store license at Exotic Wine and Spirits at 801 Maryland Avenue NE. (ABRA-118158)
 - No concerns expressed from community or owner with respect to Exotic Wine and Spirits.

- Commissioner Velasquez moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with respect to the application for renewal of a Class A Retail Liquor License at Exotic Wine and Spirits.
 - Committee member Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.