

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on January 25, 2022, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Mona Hatoum, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, Ian Stanford, Erin Sullivan, Mike Velasquez

Commissioners Present: Amber Gove (6A04)

Establishment Representatives Present: Pamela McKenzie, Harry Thomas (Ocean Lounge)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Ms. Hatoum called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.

- II. New Business
 - Discussion of Stipulated License request by The McKenzie Group, LLC t/a Ocean Lounge at 1220 H Street NE (ABRA# 114106)
 - Ocean Lounge is seeking a provisional license while their license application is pending.
 - Ms. McKenzie, the owner of Ocean Lounge, addressed the Committee. She indicated that Ocean Lounge has the opportunity and desire to expand beyond the present basement space. Under the proposal, they would expand from 75 seats to slightly over 300 seats, and would occupy the basement, first, and second floors.
 - Ms. McKenzie mentioned Ocean Lounge’s good track record in employing members of the community and in otherwise giving back to the community.
 - Mr. Thomas addressed the Committee to describe his collaboration with the Ocean Lounge owners on a project to combat gun violence locally and to otherwise voice his support for the business and its contributions to the community.
 - Ms. Hatoum noted that no placard has been issued yet for Ocean Lounge. Ms. McKenzie indicated that she will follow up with ABRA on the status of the license application.
 - Mr. Velasquez inquired about Ocean Lounge’s plans for security with the increased space. Ms. McKenzie indicated that Ocean Lounge has several cameras and will expand the number of security guards and will work to increase the skill set of the security guards. The Ocean Lounge owners have a security plan that they are willing to share and are already interviewing potential additional security guards.
 - Mr. Velasquez asked whether Ocean Lounge has any plans for outdoor space. Ms. McKenzie indicated that she would be interested in exploring that idea in the future.
 - Ms. Sullivan asked about Ocean Lounge’s plans for noise mitigation. Ms. McKenzie stated that she is very interested in learning more about noise

mitigation measures and would welcome recommendations. Ms. Hatoum noted that there are standard noise mitigation measures required in settlement agreements with ANC 6A and that sound engineers, specialists, and architects can assist. Commissioner Gove noted that other establishments in the ANC have put in place noise mitigation measures and would be a good resource for Ocean Lounge as they seek to improve their soundproofing. Ms. McKenzie indicated her willingness to enter a settlement agreement with noise mitigation terms.

- Ms. Sullivan moved that the Committee recommend that once a placard is issued the ANC protest the application unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the license applicant and ANC 6A prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair and Co-Chair of the ANC and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ABL Committee represent the ANC in this matter. Mr. Stanford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.
- Ms. Sullivan moved that the Committee recommend that ANC 6A write a letter of support for a stipulated license once a placard is issued, provided that a Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the ANC's consideration of the matter. Ms. Hughley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.