

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
February 18, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on February 18, 2020 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Alberti (Co-Chair) and Mark Samburg (Co-Chair)
Committee Members Absent: Roger Caruth, Laura Gentile, Justin Rzepka, Ramin Taheri
Commissioners Present: None
Community Members Present: Erin Blumenthal, Jesse Blumenthal, Claude Labbe Jeffrey Zubricki

I. Call to Order

Mr. Alberti called the meeting to order at 7:10, and noted that a quorum was not present, so any recommendations to the ANC would be non-binding. Without objection, the agenda was re-ordered.

II. Community Comment

None

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

Noise on the 1200 Block of H Street

Residents from Linden Place NE expressed various concerns about late night noise from the north side of the 1200 block of H Street. Specifically, residents noted: noise from 1:30 to 2:30 am on weekends (as people are leaving bars), live drumming coming from an establishment with open windows, sometimes until 3:00 am, and noisy crowds gathering outside establishments.

Mr. Alberti and Mr. Samburg advised the residents to contact the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) hotline at 202-329-6347 whenever violations occur. Mr. Alberti and Mr. Samburg also advised that they would attempt to determine which establishment had live drumming with open windows, and would contact that establishment to discuss reducing that noise.

Residents from Linden Place noted that the noise is often less when a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) cruiser is parked on the north side of the 1200 block of H Street. Mr. Alberti noted that the ABL cannot affect MPD operations, but indicated that the ABL would let the ANC know that this helps reduce noise.

Mr. Alberti noted that settlement agreements within ANC 6A require establishments to post signs requesting that patrons not make excessive noise. Mr. Samburg noted that settlement agreements require establishments to take steps to clear loiterers in front of establishments. Mr. Samburg noted that a later agenda item was a request that the ANC

send a letter reminding establishments of these obligations, and noted that this might also help address some of the concerns raised by the residents.

Discussion of a potential letter to establishments

Mr. Samburg noted that a resident of ANC 6A had contacted the ANC to request that the ANC send a letter to establishments requesting that they post signs asking patrons to avoid making excessive noise when leaving. Mr. Alberti noted that this is a requirement of ANC 6A settlement agreements. Mr. Samburg noted that such a letter might help with some of the concerns raised about the 1200 block of H Street, and committed to draft a letter for the ANC's consideration.

Discussion of RedRocks event

Mr. Samburg noted that the ANC had received a complaint about inappropriate conduct at an event at RedRocks. Mr. Alberti stated that he had learned from ABRA that ABRA will monitor the next event of this type, but that ABRA would not be taking any action regarding the prior event.

Coralie Farlee

Mr. Alberti noted the passing of Dr. Coralie Farlee, who chaired the ABL of ANC 6D for many years. Mr. Alberti noted her excellent service, her contributions to the development of the Wharf, and her commitment to both her ABL and her community.

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.