

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, February 22, 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 February 22, 2022, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

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

Commissioners Present: None

Establishment Representatives Present: None

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Ms. Hatoum called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. The minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.

- II. New Business
 - Discussion of application by Taqueria Al Lado II, LLC t/a Taqueria Al Lado II at 809 12th Street NE (ABRA #119979) for a Class C Restaurant License.
 - No representatives of Taqueria Al Lado appeared at the meeting.
 - Taqueria Al Lado is seeking a letter of support from the ANC for a stipulated license.
 - The Committee members discussed potential noise, parking, and trash concerns given the location and small space. Potential issues with customers congregating outside the restaurant even when the summer garden is closed were also raised. These issues could be addressed in a Settlement Agreement.
 - In addition, it was suggested that, similar to the Settlement Agreement for a neighboring establishment, the Settlement Agreement in this case authorize the ANC to restrict the summer garden hours if a certain number of noise complaints are received within a given time period, and that the evening hours be restricted until some type of enclosure is erected around the outdoor summer garden space.
 - Mr. Stanford moved that the ABL Committee recommend that the Commissioners of the ANC write a letter of support for a stipulated license for Taqueria Al Lado, contingent on a Settlement Agreement being reached prior to the ANC’s consideration of the matter, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Co-Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement. Ms. Hughley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

 - Discussion regarding upcoming Restaurant and Tavern license renewals.
 - Ms. Hatoum and Mr. Stanford notified the Committee that all Restaurant and Tavern licenses in ANC 6A will be up for renewal in 2022.
 - The Committee held an initial discussion regarding a process for addressing the renewal applications and conducting due diligence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.