

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
March 20, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee ("Committee") of ANC6A was held commencing at 7pm EST on March 20, 2012 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Adam Healy, Katy Thomas, Michael Herman, and Anne Marie Koshuta

Committee Members Absent: None

Community Members Present: Margaret Holwill, Ricardo Vergara, and Steve Salis.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm EST. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

II. Community Comment

None

III. New Business

H Street Country Club (substantial change for sidewalk cafe)

Mr. Ricardo Vergara of H Street Country Club (1335 H St. NE) came to discuss a substantial change application they have submitted with ABRA for a 12 seat sidewalk patio to be located on public space in front of their establishment. The application has not yet been placarded by ABRA, but it should soon. The ANC Transportation and Public Space Committee has voted to support the DDOT public space application for the patio. Mr. Vergara indicated they would sign an addendum to their current VA that would limit the hours on the patio to conform with other public space patios in the ANC with an 11pm closing Sundays through Thursdays and 12am on Fridays and Saturday.

Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Ms. Thomas that the ANC protest the H Street Country Club's substantial change application for a sidewalk cafe unless there is an approved addendum to their voluntary agreement by the petition date that limits the hours of the public space patio to 11pm Sundays through Thursdays and 12am Fridays and Saturdays. Motion carried 4-0.

Kith & Kin & Pizza (Retail Class "C" Restaurant)

Mr. Steve Salis appeared before the Committee to discuss a new restaurant application for Kith & Kin & Pizza to be located at 1118 H St. NE. The application has not yet been placarded by ABRA but should be soon.

He plans to have about 30 seats with a total occupancy load of about 49 people and will ask for the standard hours of alcohol beverage service. He did not apply for an entertainment endorsement.

Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Ms. Koshuta that the ANC protest the application for Kith & Kin & Pizza at 1118 H St. NE unless there is an approved voluntary agreement prior to the petition date. Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration of a Standard Questionnaire for Prospective ABC Licensees

The Committee discussed a draft standard questionnaire that could be posted on the ANC's website and given to new ABC applications to help prepare them for ABL Committee meetings when they are seeking the ANC's approval of a new alcohol license.

Ms. Thomas moved/seconded by Mr. Herman that the ANC approve the amended standard questionnaire and post it on the ANC's website. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and Consideration of Possible Changes to the Standard VA for Class A Licenses

In light of the upcoming renewal period for Class A licenses (wine, beer, and spirits), the Committee reviewed the standard Class A/B voluntary agreement to see if any changes or updates needed to be made. Discussion surrounded the need to prohibit the sale of two or three packs of alcohol. The Committee felt that the current VA already prohibits selling anything less than a four pack of alcohol but will double check with ABRA staff. The Committee took no further action on this agenda item.

Consider Language to Tighten the Ward 6 Singles Sales Ban

Mr. Healy indicated that the topic of expanding the current Ward 6 ban on selling singles to include two- and three-packs would be considered by Councilmember Jim Graham's task force that is considering updates to the District's alcohol laws.

Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Ms. Thomas that the ANC support efforts to amend the DC law to expand the current Ward 6 ban on singles sales to include a ban on selling two- or three-packs of alcohol. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:27 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7pm at Sherwood Recreation Center.