

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
March 15, 2016

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm on March 15, 2016 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair), Michael Herman, Roger Caruth, and Mark Samburg.

Committee Members Absent: Jay Williams (Co-Chair), Justin Rzepka, and David Oberting.

Commissioners Present: Omar Mahmud

Community Members Present: Anise Amri (Nomad), Jermaine Witthen (Nomad), Cynthia Simms (Nomad), Claude Labbe (Community), Neighbor of Nomad (Community)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Seagle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business with a quorum. There were no additions or edits to the agenda as published.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. Old Business

A. The protest hearing for Touché will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

IV. New Business

A. **Discussion of request by Nomad Hookah Bar at 1200 H Street NE for extension of closing time of public space patio from 11:00 pm weeknights and 12:00 midnight on weekends, to 12:00 midnight on weeknights and 1:00 am on weekends.**

- Mr. Amri provided the Committee with a letter requesting the above modification to his settlement agreement with the ANC.
- He indicated that he is seeking to extend the time to provide the additional revenue that additional seating would provide.
- Mr. Seagle indicated that a neighbor had sent the committee pictures showing patrons using the patio beyond permitted hours. Mr. Amri admitted that patrons stayed out on the patio beyond the permitted time. He also stated that it is nearly impossible to get the patrons inside after they had been out on the patio.
- A community members stated that she has witnessed the patio being used beyond normal hours.
- Commissioner Omar Mahmud stated that even if the Committee/ANC agreed to a later opening, they would have the same issues of having to require patrons to come inside at the required time.
- Mr. Seagle noted that it was the policy of the ANC to request that public space patios close by 11:00 pm on weeknights and 12:00 midnight on weekends, especially for those businesses who abut the residential neighborhood.

Mr. Seagle made a motion to approve the request by Nomad to increase Nomad's hours of operation for the public space patio. The motion failed 0-3-1 (Commissioner Mahmud did not vote).

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.