

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
April 16, 2015

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 April 16, 2015 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair).

Committee Members Absent: Jay Williams (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, David Oberting, and Michael Herman.

Commissioners Present: None.

Community Members Present: Anise Amari from Nomad Hookah Lounge and Neighbors of Masters Liquors (18th and D Streets NE) and Justin Rzepka.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Seagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. However, Mr. Seagle noted that he was the sole representative of the ABL Committee present, therefore there was no quorum. As result, Mr. Seagle told the attendees that this meeting would be a fact finding meeting and the full ANC would vote on the issues before the ABL Committee without any recommendations.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

- A.** Request by Nomad Hookah Lounge at 1200 H Street NE (License Number ABRA-087558) to extend its public space patio hours and/or to remove the provision in its amended settlement agreement setting last call at least a half hour before the closing time of the patio.
- i. Mr. Amari stated that he was requesting two changes to his settlement agreement. One was to eliminate the last call provision and the other to increase its public space patio hours. He said that he has not had any problems with patrons on the patio and that he regularly monitors all patrons sitting outside.
 - ii. He requested that the patio hours be extended because Cusbah has extended patio hours.
 - iii. Mr. Seagle stated that since there is no quorum, the meeting would be simply a fact finding meeting. He also said that if there were a quorum, the ABL Committee probably would have recommended that the last call provision be rescinded.
 - iv. Mr. Seagle also stated that the ABL committee most likely would not have recommended the increase to its patio hours. Most public spaces on H Street have the same closing hours.
 - v. While Cusbah’s is later than most, it was noted that their patio is completely enclosed and that their increase was actually a decrease from what it was in its last agreement with the ANC.

- vi. Mr. Seagle invited Mr. Amari to the next ANC meeting if he wanted to make a presentation before the full ANC.
- B.** License renewal for 18th & D Liquors, Inc. t/a Master Liquors at 1806 D Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-074594).
- i. One of Master Liquors’ neighbors attended the meeting to discuss concerns related to their license renewal. They indicated that the store was known to sell singles, a prohibition in Ward 6.
 - ii. They were also concerned about loitering that management seemed to tolerate.
 - iii. Mr. Seagle indicated that he would follow up with ABRA to report the sale of singles.
- C.** License renewal for 7 River, LLC t/a 7 River Mart at 250 11th Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-089591).
- i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.
- D.** License renewal for Jumbo Liquors at 1122 H Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-000420).
- i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.
- E.** License renewal for Myongwoo Inc. t/a Grand Liquors at 409 15th Street NE (Class “A” Retail) (License Number ABRA-089508).
- i. There were no community members present to discuss this renewal.
- V. Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.