

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
May 15, 2012

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 April 17, 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

Commissioners Present: Drew Ronneberg

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. New Business

Capital Liquors (Class "A" liquor store)

The Committee was prepared to consider a request by Capital Liquors located at 1835 Benning Road NE for an exemption from the Ward 6 singles ban for beer. The establishment has had an exemption for spirits since 2008. The owner indicated that he has decided to close the business at the end of the month so the issue was moot. No action taken.

New Application for 250 11th St. NE (Class "A" liquor store)

The owner or lessee of 250 11th St NE (former Young's Market) asked to be added to the agenda to get a sense of how the community would react to a Class A liquor license at this location. The owner wants to open a grocery store, but cannot obtain a new Class B license due to the District's moratorium on those licenses. The owner does not want to sell spirits and would agree to voluntary agreement terms that would prohibit such sales and would be willing to sign the standard voluntary agreement. Several neighbors attended the meeting and expressed concern about the potential for trash and other issues. The Committee took no action since the application has not been submitted or placarded. In the meantime, the owner was encouraged to reach out to neighbors to learn more about their concerns and to try to address them.

Twelve Restaurant and Lounge (Class "CT")

The owners of Twelve requested that the Committee support efforts to modify the ABC Board-imposed conditions placed on their operations. The owners explained that the costs of the MPD reimbursable details during hours entertainment is offered is hurting them financially. Neighbors expressed concern about any effort to weaken the conditions imposed by the ABC Board Order. Many of them felt the presence of MPD details during entertainment has helped ensure the public safety in and near the establishment. Mr. Healy indicated that there are currently three cases being considered by the ABC Board to adjudicate alleged violations of the Board Order. The Committee took no further action.

Fever Bar and Lounge New Application (Class “CT”)

The owner came before the Committee regarding an upcoming application for a CT license at the current HR-57 location at 816 H St NE (also operating with a CT license). Fever has been having a “first Friday” event at HR-57 for the past few months and will be taking over the lease at 816 once HR-57 moves to its new location. Since the application has not yet been submitted and has not been placarded, the Committee took no action.

IV. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7 pm at Sherwood Recreation Center.