

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
May 19, 2020

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 May 19, 2020, on a publicly posted WebEx Event.

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Alberti (Co-Chair) and Mark Samburg (Co-Chair)
Committee Members Absent: Roger Caruth, Laura Gentile, Justin Rzepka, Ramin Taheri
Commissioners Present: None
Community Members Present: Casey Callister

I. Call to Order

Mr. Samburg called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and noted that a quorum was not present, so any recommendations to the ANC would be non-binding. Without objection, the agenda was re-ordered.

II. Community Comment

None

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

Discussion of requests by Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy’s Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA# 111076) for:

- A modification to the establishment’s settlement agreement and ABRA license to allow live music in the establishment’s beer garden on Friday and Saturday nights;
 - Mr. Callister indicated an interest in extending the hours of beer garden operations and in permitting amplified sound in the beer garden for longer hours. Mr. Alberti noted that Duffy’s currently cannot have amplified sound in the beer garden for full beer garden operation hours, and indicated that he would support an extension to those hours. Mr. Samburg agreed, noting that Duffy’s has not been the subject of any complaints—noise or otherwise—to the ABL.

Suggested motion: That the ANC amend its settlement agreement with Duffy’s to permit amplified sounds in the summer garden until 11:30 pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and 12:30 am on Friday and Saturday evenings and the evenings before federal and District of Columbia holidays.

- A modification to the establishment’s settlement agreement and ABRA license to allow the establishment to operate 24 hours per day;
 - Mr. Alberti noted his view that a limited number of 24-hour days of operation would be more palatable than blanket 24-hour operations. He also noted that, regardless of the settlement agreement, ABRA approval would be required.

- The designation of two parking spaces on the north side of the 1000 block of H Street NE as No Parking for Pick-Up only; and
- The designation of a parking space on the north side of the 1000 block of H Street NE for use as outdoor seating.
 - Mr. Alberti noted that these issues would need to be considered by the ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee.
- Expansion of the summer garden into additional open space; would require settlement agreement to permit more seating.
 - Duffy's will provide a diagram of the proposed expansion and the number of proposed seats for consideration by the ABL.

V. Adjourn
The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.