

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
June 20, 2017

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 June 20, 2017 at Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

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

Committee Members Absent: Roger Caruth, Justin Rzepka, and David Oberting.

Commissioners Present: None

Community Members Present: Malcolm Biles (Elroy); John Brown (Dynamix Lounge).

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jay Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting proceeded with a quorum present.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of request for change to entertainment endorsement filed by The Elroy Bar, LLC t/a The Elroy (1423 H Street NE) (ABRA License No. 096771).

- Mr. Malcolm Biles presented on behalf of The Elroy.
- Mr. Biles explained that The Elroy already had an entertainment endorsement, but at the time they forgot to add a specific endorsement for a cover charge. The establishment rarely charges a cover, but they wanted to have the option. The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) had previously observed them charging a cover and gave a warning, explaining that they needed to update their endorsement.
- Mr. Biles also explained that they selected “dancing” on their application because ABRA suggested they do so just in case.
- Mr. Christopher Seagle explained that the ANC had already voted to authorize a protest, but that was more of a technicality due to the timing of the protest deadlines and when the ANC and ABL meetings took place. He explained that the Committee could determine that no action was necessary.
- Mr. Williams noted that there had been no complaints about The Elroy, and that typically the ANC has no objections to cover charges and/or dancing.

Mr. Mark Samburg moved/seconded by Mr. Williams, to recommend that the ANC take no action regarding the request by The Elroy to add a cover charge and dancing to its entertainment endorsement. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Discussion of request for new CT license filed by Dynamix Lounge, LLC t/a Dynamix Lounge (1220 H Street NE) (ABRA License No. 106194).

- Mr. John Brown presented on behalf of Dynamix Lounge.
- Mr. Brown explained that he appreciates poetry, and is hoping that the establishment can have poetry and spoken word performers. There is not much room for dancing in the space, but ABRA suggested they select the “dancing” entertainment option just in case.
- Mr. Seagle asked if there was any outdoor space, or if any was planned. Mr. Brown said there is not, and none was planned - the property does not have any outdoor space.
- Mr. Brown explained that he is using one (1) floor of the building, and that the owner is hoping for some sort of restaurant in the upstairs floors.
- Mr. Williams asked if there were plans for a kitchen and dining. Mr. Brown responded that there is not much space for food, but they were looking into a greaseless fryer.
- Mr. Seagle asked what the total space was, and Mr. Brown explained it is 944 square feet.
- Mr. Williams asked if the establishment planned to have a cover charge for performances. Mr. Brown said that that could happen on occasion, depending on the performer’s requirements.
- Mr. Brown described the menu as focusing on cocktails, specialty drinks, wine, and bottled beer.
- Mr. Williams asked when the establishment planned to open. Mr. Brown stated that they are hoping to be open by H Street Festival in the Fall, but the opening may push to November depending on permit issues. Mr. Williams suggested that even if not open by H Street Festival, they plan to have a presence there, and Mr. Brown agreed that was a good idea.
- Mr. Samburg asked for details on the sound system to be used. Mr. Brown said he did not plan for much, mostly along the lines of what a home surround sound system would have.
- Mr. Seagle asked if there were plans for entertainment other than poetry and spoken word. Mr. Brown stated there is not room for much, but he may have smaller, two (2) person musical acts on occasion.
- Mr. Williams asked Mr. Brown if he had reviewed the standard 6A settlement agreement. Mr. Brown said he had, and he had no objections to signing one.

Mr. Williams moved/seconded by Mr. Seagle, that the ANC protest the license application by Dynamix Lounge unless a signed settlement agreement was submitted prior to the protest date. The motion passed 4-0.

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.