

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on June 22, 2021, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Mark Samburg (Co-Chair), Mona Hatoum
Committee Members Absent: Kate Robinson
Commissioners Present: Robb Dooling
Establishment Representatives Present: Sandra Bassanti, Renee Goins, Kadie Bangura

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Mr. Alberti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded. Mr. Alberti noted that three committee members and one Commissioner were present and that constituted a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection.

II. New Business

Ms. Hatoum introduced Mr. Virgil (Ian) Stanford to the Committee. Mr. Stanford expressed interest in joining the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. Committee members welcomed Mr. Stanford and agreed that he would be a welcome addition to the Committee. Mr. Stanford resides in SMD 6A01 and will be nominated to join the Committee by Commissioner Keya Chatterjee.

- Discussion of an amendment to the Pie Shop Settlement Agreement (SA) - ABRA-087422, 1339 H Street NE. The licensee, Sandra Bassanti requested that ANC 6A modify the SA for the Pie Shop to allow entertainment on the summer garden. Ms. Mona Hatoum noted that the summer garden (a second story deck) is far enough from neighboring residents that sound from entertainment would not be a detriment to the community. Commissioner Robb Dooling commented that he has spoken to many constituents in favor of allowing outdoor entertainment in the neighborhood.

Ms. Hatoum made a motion to recommend that the ANC 6A amend the Pie Shop SA as follows:

1. Strike the prohibition in in the current SA against allowing live and prerecorded music on the summer garden;
2. Strike the current restrictions on hours of operation for the summer garden; and
3. Add the following requirements:
 - a. Any speakers installed on rear exterior shall not be directed toward the rear alley.
 - b. The operation for the summer garden shall end by 12:00 am. Sunday through Thursday, excluding the eve of Federal holiday and shall end by 2:00 am. on Friday and Saturday nights and on the eve of Federal holidays.
 - c. There shall be no entertainment in the form of live bands and/or DJs in the summer garden after 8:00 pm.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Samburg. The motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Alberti in opposition.

- A second related motion was made by Mr. Alberti to recommend that ANC 6A designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, Commissioner Dooling, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in the matter of the Pie Shop SA amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatoum and passed 4-0.
- Discussion of an amendment to the Gold Room Bar and Lounge Settlement Agreement (SA) - ABRA-114757, 1370 H St NE. The licensee, Mrs. Renee Goins requested that the ANC 6A amend the establishment's SA to allow pre-recorded music to be played on the summer garden. Ms. Hatoum mentioned that residences across a rear alley are close to the establishment's summer garden. It was noted that the current SA includes the following provision: 'No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment.

Mr. Samburg made the motion to recommend that the ANC 6A amend the SA for the Gold Room Bar and Lounge as follows: 1) strike the prohibition in the current SA against prerecorded on summer garden 2) require that any speakers installed on the summer garden shall not be directed toward the rear alley; and 3) Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A be designated to represent the ANC 6A in this matter.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Hatoum. It passed 3-1 with Mr. Alberti in opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.