

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via 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 EDT on August 22, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Sullivan, Kara Hughley, Erin Blumenthal, Joe Krisch
Commissioners Present: Mike Velasquez
Establishment Representatives Present: Jay Fowler (The People’s Kitchen), Jasmine Thompson (The People’s Kitchen), Dr. Warees Majeed (The People’s Kitchen)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Erin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
 - The minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection. The ABL Committee did not meet in July 2023.
 - Chair Sullivan moved to amend the agenda by removing the new business items Bloom and Dirty Water, as Bloom’s placard had not yet been issued and Dirty Water was granted temporary authority to operate until placarded by ABCA. The agenda, as amended, was approved without objection.

- II. Community Comment
 - Chair Sullivan asked if any members of the community in attendance wanted to make any comments not related to the establishment on the agenda. There were no community members in attendance at that time.

- III. New Business
 - Discussion of application by TPK, LLC t/a The People’s Kitchen at 816 H St. NE, First Floor (ABRA-124821) for a Class C Restaurant License.
 - The People’s Kitchen has been operating for some time, and they are now looking to apply for an ABCA license. The application protest deadline is August 28, and there will not be another ANC meeting before then. (The ANC did not meet in August.) Chair Sullivan thanked the establishment’s representatives for proactively reaching out to Commissioner Velasquez and the ABL Committee ahead of time given the summer meeting schedules.
 - Dr. Majeed appeared on behalf of the applicant and provided an overview of The People’s Kitchen’s operations. He indicated that TPK, while not a non-profit itself, is associated with a non-profit that has been in operation since 2009. The mission is to serve the community, including working with community members of all ages to help people become the best versions of themselves. He indicated that they use the TPK space as a training ground, to help participants get into the hospitality, culinary, restaurant management and bartending fields. He indicated that The People’s Kitchen is also a lounge, and they host events and parties that are staffed by the people in their program.
 - In response to questions from the Committee, he indicated that they will have music, including a deejay, and they have done soundproofing. He also reported that they have had no issues from neighbors since they have been open.

- It was noted that anything they can do to mitigate noise and be responsive to neighbors who have concerns about noise would be appreciated, and that it would also be helpful to share contact information with nearby neighbors. A community member, who is a member of the community outreach committee for ANC 6A, also invited the establishment representatives to come to a Community Outreach Committee meeting.
- Committee member Joe Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with respect to the license application of TPK, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in the matter of negotiating a settlement agreement with The People's Kitchen.
 - Committee member Erin Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.