

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
September 20, 2011

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 September 20, 2011 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: David Holmes, Drew Ronnenberg, Sharee Lawler, and Andrew Hysell

Special Guests Present: Mr. Fred Moosally, Director - Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration; Mr. Jack Jacobson, ANC2B Commissioner (Dupont Circle); Mr. Norman Metzger, ANC6B Commissioner (Barracks Row)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm EST and Ms. Thomas recorded the minutes as meeting secretary. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

II. Approval of Agenda

After review and discussion, Mr. Healy reminded the committee and present community members the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible need for a cap on alcohol licenses on H Street, NE; provide education to the community on how a cap or moratorium would work; and the pros and cons of such a cap or moratorium.

III. Mechanics of an Alcohol Cap or Moratorium Zone

Director Moosally provided a summary of existing moratoriums and caps across the District, explained the difference between a cap and a moratorium and described the application process and requirements necessary to execute a cap or moratorium. Discussion held.

IV. Pros and Cons of a Cap or Moratorium Zone

Commissioner Jacobson detailed the two different caps currently in existence in Dupont Circle. Further, he described how the ANC2B sought to remedy the underlying problems of parking, noise, etc outside the scope of a cap. ANC2B recently completed the process of a three (3) year renewal of each cap in Dupont Circle. Discussion held.

Commissioner Metzger reported on the process pursued by ANC6B nearly two years ago relative to establishing a cap or moratorium on Barracks Row. He detailed the challenge of educating the public regarding the customization of a moratorium based upon the neighborhood. Discussion held.

V. Community Questions

Many community members asked specific questions to the special guests and committee, such as:

- What is the available commercial real estate for CT or CR applicants on H Street?
- Is there policy language within a cap or moratorium that would address the cause for a neighborhood to request such action?
- How is the economic impact of a cap/moratorium quantified?
- Does the H Street zoning overlay provide protections that warrant a cap/moratorium unnecessary?
- How many CR and CT licenses currently exist within ANC6A? How many of those have entertainment endorsements?

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm EST. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.