

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
September 18, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee ("Committee") of ANC6A was held commencing at 7pm EST on September 18, 2012 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Adam Healy, Katy Thomas, and Anne Marie Koshuta

Committee Members Absent: Michael Herman

Commissioners Present: None

Community Members Present: Thomas Meagher, Carolyn Davies, Erik Yang, Margaret Holwill, Anwar Saleem, Avery Leake, and Jessica Murphy.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

II. Community Comment: None.

III. New Business

Avery's Bar and Lounge

The owner Avery's Bar and Lounge to be located at 1370 H St NE appeared before the Committee regarding his application for an alcohol license. He's planning to open his establishment in the former site of Rose's Dream. He's planning to apply for a CT license because the location doesn't have a kitchen and the owner of the building won't install one. Discussion was held and the owner was reminded that the ANC's policy is to strongly encourage restaurant licenses instead of tavern licenses. The owner was open to seeking support from neighbors that live near the establishment for a CT license. Mr. Healy noted that a CT has operated at this location for several years without any complaints from the neighborhood. Since the placard has not yet been issued for this license, the Committee took no action and will take formal action once the placard comes out.

Maketto

The owner Maketto to be located at 1351 H St NE appeared before the Committee regarding his application for an alcohol license. He has applied for a CR license and gave the Committee a very detailed overview of the business plan with several drawings of the layout. Mr. Healy moved/Ms. Thomas moved that the ANC protest the license unless there is a signed, approved voluntary agreement prior to the petition date. Motion carried 3-0.

Consider one-day exceptions from voluntary agreements for a bar crawl

A representative of the Atlas Flats apartments on Bladensburg Road appeared before the committee seeking support for ABRA to grant a one-day exception for several H Street establishments to participate in an Atlas Flats promotional bar crawl on October 20, 2012. The ANC's standard voluntary agreement prohibits establishments from participating in such events. Discussion was held about why the ANC doesn't want bar crawls on H Street and how granting an exception for this event would probably lead to many organizations requesting similar exceptions. The Committee encouraged Atlas Flats to work with ABRA's legal department to rework their event plans in a way that wouldn't violate the voluntary agreements.

IV. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.