

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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 ET on September 26, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Sullivan, Erin Blumenthal, Joe Krisch
Committee Members Absent: Kara Hughley
Commissioners Present: Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling
Establishment Representatives Present: Cameron Mixon

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Erin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
 - The minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
 - The agenda 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 comments.

- III. New Business
 - Discussion of application by B.A.R LLC t/a Bloom at 1402 H Street NE, Suite C-1 (ABRA-125601) for a Class C Tavern License
 - Cameron Mixon (of Veritas Law Firm) described Bloom as intending to be a moderate size tavern serving comfort food and small plates. They are seeking dancing and sidewalk café with extended hours on holidays. He noted they will have a DJ or band with space for people to dance.
 - Chair Sullivan commented that the prospective business looks like a great addition to the neighborhood from owners’ social media and asked if there has been discussion with the condo residents of the building about music or live entertainment.
 - Mixon came to this client after the application was filed but believes that condo was consulted by owners, but not sure.
 - Chair Sullivan asked about any sound mitigation or security that the ownership has planned. Mixon notes that he has not been in touch with the operator on this but imagines they have been. He notes the establishment intends to have a cover charge with ID and security checks.
 - Commissioner Robb Dooling noted he was in touch with two condominium owners who have indicated they are excited and are eager for LGBTQ establishment on H Street.
 - Chair Sullivan discussed standard settlement agreement and Mixon indicated he would be glad to share that language with owners.
 - Committee Member Erin Blumenthal noted the recent shooting at a nearby nightclub that also came to the committee for a license indicating they would be

- serving small plates and urged Mixon to encourage his clients to produce robust security plan.
- Mixon indicated that his law firm encourages all clients to take security seriously and encourages the use of additional security and encourage applications to participate in MPD reimbursable detail subsidy program.
 - Chair Sullivan noted that the Tavern license necessitates increased security over restaurant license.
 - Commissioner Roberta Shapiro inquired about the music and dancing outside, and indicated she would like the settlement agreement to include an operating plan that acknowledges the DC noise ordinance. Mixon said he would discuss the outdoor plans with the owners.
 - Commissioner Dooling shared his email with Mixon and expressed excitement to help the owners succeed in their business.
 - Dooling noted that the protest deadline is October 10, 2023 ahead of next ANC meeting (on October 12, 2023). A special ANC meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (September 28, 2023) at 7:00 pm and this matter could be added in the next 24 hours, which he would do.
 - Committee member Joe Krisch moved to recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a settlement agreement is signed before the October 10th deadline 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 Bloom.
 - Committee member Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.