

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
October 6, 2020

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 October 6, 2020, on a publicly-posted WebEx Event.

Committee Members Present: Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Laura Gentile

Committee Members Absent: Mark Samburg (Co-Chair)

Commissioners Present: Marie Claire-Brown, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman

I. Call to Order

Mr. Alberti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and noted the presence of a quorum.

II. Community Comment

None

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

a. Discussion of Class B license renewal application for Wen De Zhang & Yang You Feng, t/a China House, 1601 Benning Rd. NE (ABRA- 025169). Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert noted that she had received complaints from neighbors about trash accumulating behind the establishment. She recommended that the committee reach out to the licensee to discuss the presence of trash but did not recommend protesting the renewal application due to the trash complaint. Mr. Alberti offered to reach out to the licensee to discuss the complaint about trash and remind the license that their Settlement Agreement obligates them to pick litter and trash daily. Mr. Alberti moved that the Committee recommended that the ANC take no action the renewal application for Wen De Zhang & Yang You Feng, t/a China House, 1601 Benning Rd. NE (ABRA- 025169). Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Discussion of Class B license renewal application for Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket, 539 8 St. NE (ABRA-074927). Commissioner Marie Claire-Brown complemented the licensee’s operation. The licensee has been very careful during the covid-19 pandemic. The establishment, which is close to two public schools, does not allow children in after school. Mr. Alberti moved that the Committee recommended that the ANC take no action the renewal application for Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket, 539 8 St. NE (ABRA-074927). Ms. Gentile seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

c. The Committee discussed changing the schedule for future meeting. Mr. Alberti pointed out that a there should be sufficient time between the Committee meeting and the ANC monthly meeting to allow for the Committee to submit minutes and recommendations in time for them to be include in the ANC agenda package. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert suggested scheduling the Committee meetings on the

fourth Tues of each month. Mark Samburg (Co-Chair) was not present to confirm that he is available on those days. Everyone agreed to recommend to the ANC that the Committee meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month barring any conflict that Mark Samburg may have with those dates.

V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting date: TBD. Tentative date is November 24, 2020