Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, October 24, 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 October 24, 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: None

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
 - The minutes from the September 26, 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 one of the establishments on the agenda. There were no comments.

III. New Business

- Discussion of application of DSAY Corporation t/a Adams Market at 700 F St. NE (ABRA-077168) for renewal of its Class B Retail-Grocery License.
 - Chair Sullivan stated that Adams Market is seeking a renewal of its grocery license. She noted that there is no settlement agreement process with grocery stores.
 - Committee member Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with respect to the license renewal of Adams Market.
 - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of application of Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket at 539 8th St. NE (ABRA-074927) for renewal of its Class B Retail-Grocery License.
 - Chair Sullivan stated that DC Supermarket is also seeking a renewal of its grocery license.
 - Committee member Hughley moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with respect to the license renewal of Adams Market.
 - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of application of Jerk at Nite, Inc. t/a Jerk at Night at 1100 H St. NE (ABRA-126009) for a Class C Restaurant License.
 - Chair Sullivan stated that Jerk at Night has been operating, first as a food truck and now as a brick and mortar, and that they are now seeking to serve alcoholic beverages.

- The Committee discussed seeking a standard settlement agreement with Jerk at Night, to be consistent with the other bars and restaurants on H Street.
- Committee member Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Jerk at Night, unless a settlement agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.
 - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business

- Discussion of settlement agreement template review
 - Chair Sullivan shared that Commissioner Chatterjee suggested that the Committee consider taking advantage of the resources the city provides to have the standard settlement agreement reviewed to make recommendations on what provisions are duplicative of DC law versus in addition to DC law in order to simply and clarify the agreement to make it easier for small businesses to review and understand.
 - The Committee also discussed potentially preparing a plain English letter to business owners to accompany the settlement agreement.
 - Commissioner Velasquez indicated that the Office of the General Counsel of the ANC could be a resource, and perhaps the ANC can write a letter to ABCA.
- Discussion of cannabis establishments
 - Commissioner Velasquez raised whether cannabis establishments were within the scope of this Committee's authority, and indicated that he would discuss with the ANC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.