

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
ANC 6A
November 20, 2012

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 October 16, 2012 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th Street, NE Washington, DC 20002.

Committee Members Present: Adam Healy and Katy Thomas
Committee Members Absent: Michael Herman and Anne Marie Koshuta
Commissioners Present: None
Community Members Present: Sarosh Hussain and Roger Caruth

I. Call to Order

Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business without a quorum.

II. Community Comment

None.

III. New Business

Request to extend public space patio hours for Cusbah

The owner of Cusbah located at 1128 H St NE requested that the ANC amend their voluntary agreement to allow for their public space patio to remain open during their ABRA licensed hours. He indicated that they are at a competitive disadvantage because Khan's, which is located directly across the street, has no restriction on their public space patio hours.

Mr. Healy explained the rationale for the ANC limiting the hours for public space patios because of the limited ability for an establishment to erect soundproofing material around them. However, he agreed that it is a fairness issue and nearby neighbors have not contacted him about noise concerns from Cusbah's patio. Since Khan's public space patio license was granted before the ANC began restricting hours of operation, the ANC can't retroactively limit Khan's hours. Several months ago Khan's owner declined to voluntarily limit their patio hours to match the standard in the updated voluntary agreements. If problems develop with the public space patio hours in the future, the ANC could work with owners during their license renewal periods to limit patio hours.

Mr. Healy moved/seconded by Ms. Thomas that the ANC write a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requesting that the restriction on the hours of operation for Cusbah's public space patio be eliminated. Motion carried (2-0) without a quorum present.

IV. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 7:18 pm.