

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 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 EST on November 23, 2021, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Mona Hatoum, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, Ian Stanford, Erin Sullivan, Mike Velasquez

Commissioners Present: Mike Soderman (6A03)

Establishment Representatives Present: Ali Azima, Zandrique Harrold, Aggee Makong (Milk & Honey)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Ms. Hatoum called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The minutes from the September 28, 2021 meeting of the Committee were approved via unanimous consent.

- II. New Business
 - Discussion of application by Thompson Retail Group, LLC, t/a Milk & Honey, at 1116 H St. NE (ABRA #119672) for a Class C Restaurant License.
 - In addition to the Class C Restaurant License for which it has applied, Milk & Honey is seeking a stipulated license.
 - Mr. Azima provided some background on Milk & Honey, noting that it is a Southern food establishment with several locations. They hope to open the H Street location by mid-December 2021.
 - Mr. Azima noted that alcohol sales will be approximately 5-7% of sales. Milk & Honey plans to serve mimosas with brunch and to offer customers canned beer and bottled wine.
 - The Milk & Honey in the old Smith Commons space was run by a previous owner, who sold some of his establishments to the license applicant.
 - Ms. Harrold and Mr. Azima noted that they plan to have a roll-up door but no outdoor space or roof deck.
 - Commissioner Soderman asked whether there is an intent for amplified music. Mr. Azima responded that there will be no amplified or outdoor music, just ambient indoor music.
 - Sales will be made from behind a counter. There will only be one level and no bar.
 - Mr. Stanford moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the license applicant and ANC 6A prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair and Co-Chair of the ANC and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ABL Committee represent the ANC in this matter.
 - Ms. Hughley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.
 - Mr. Stanford moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC write a letter of support for a stipulated license if a Settlement Agreement is reached.

- Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.
- Discussion of nomination of ABL member to serve as Co-Chair
 - Mr. Krisch moved to nominate Mr. Ian Stanford as Co-Chair of the ABL Committee.
 - Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.