



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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October 20, 2014

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Deputy Director for Public Space Regulation
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Sidewalk café public space application for 1380 H Street NE

Dear Mr. Marcou,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on October 9, 2014, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our conditional support for the above-referenced sidewalk café application.

The motion our ANC passed on October 9 (attached) sets forth conditions the ANC has asked the applicant to fulfill prior to and during the use of public space for a sidewalk café. These conditions have been negotiated with and agreed to by representatives of the ANC and representatives of the applicant.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC's feedback on this public space proposal. We respectfully request that you include the attached conditions with any approved public space application for this applicant. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@dc.gov or the ANC 6A Vice-Chair, J. Omar Mahmud, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the listserves anc6a-announce@yahogroups.com, anc-6a@yahogroups.com and newhilleast@yahogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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Motion to Present to the Department of Transportation, Public Space Committee

Motion adopted:

Commissioner Mahmud offers a motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support for the sidewalk café application submitted by the applicant concerning 1380 H Street NE on the condition that the applicant agree to and adhere to all requirements imposed by the DDOT Public Space Committee and the following requirements:

1. Only operate the sidewalk café space from 9 am to 11 pm Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to midnight Friday, from 10 am to midnight Saturday and from 10 am to 11pm Sunday.
2. Take reasonable efforts to contain noise within the sidewalk café space including, but not limited to, using any sidewalk café removable structures it may now or in the future install (e.g. a sidewalk cafe canopy, roll down plastic windows, etc.) and any other reasonable means to contain noise, but only to the extent allowable by applicable District laws and regulations.
3. Only use the sidewalk café space for food and drink service, and not for any playing of music, amplified or otherwise, or for any other use, including live performances.
4. Install attractive fencing consistent with DDOT specifications and the fencing enclosing other sidewalk cafes on H Street, which shall include fencing or bars designed to keep trash contained within the sidewalk café area (preferably by minimizing any gaps at the bottom of the fencing).
5. Use easily moveable chairs and tables that shall be moved to the side and locked up when not in use.
6. The sidewalk café space shall contain a buffer of at least 8 feet from the nearest property line to the north on 14th Street NE, allow for a sidewalk (pedestrian path) width at least as wide as the rest of the sidewalk running the length of the 800 block of 14th Street NE, and comply with any other requirements imposed by applicable District laws and regulations – as represented in the attached renderings. The buffer space shall not have any tables or chairs or otherwise be used by patrons of the restaurant, but it may be used for quiet sidewalk cafe operations.
7. Present an acceptable trash management plan to ANC 6A which demonstrates an aggressive trash removal schedule. Applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself.



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8. Regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and within the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter.
9. The ANC would prefer that owners cover the expense of moving the bike rack and trashcan in public space to allow for the proposed sidewalk cafe, but will defer to DDOT's decision on this if DDOT decides to cover the cost.
10. Food will be plated, it will not be light-weight paper or plastic that is prone to litter the area.