

MINUTES
ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Mike Cushman (Acting Chair), Joal Mendonsa, Ayisha Lockett
Commissioners: Robb Dooling (6A06)

Introductions of Committee Members and Commissioners

Previously Heard Cases

There was no discussion of previously heard cases.

Old Business

1. 1244/1246 H Street NE (BZA #20960): Request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle H § 1107.1(e)(2) and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to construct a side and rear addition, and permit a fast food establishment use, to an existing, attached, two-story commercial building in the NC-14 zone. BZA Case scheduled for 10/18/2023.

Mr. Marty Sullivan represented the project; also present were the Project Manager Mr. Daniel Ward, President Jason Crane and Founder Pinky Cole. Mr. Sullivan discussed outreach efforts which were coordinated by the ANC. Ms. Cole provided background on Slutty Vegan, and its history of community involvement. Mr. Sullivan noted that he believed the project would activate the property which is currently not being used. Mr. Cole discussed how rodents would be controlled. Mr. Cole discussed his neighborhood outreach, which included handing out fliers door-to-door. Mr. Cole asked if the community would support working with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to make the area in front of Slutty Vegan a fifteen-minute parking zone.

Questions from the Committee included the requirements for the special exception, how venting will be managed, where the entrance and exit will be for the outdoor space, the trash management plan, if there was room to expand the outdoor space, how many customers per hour are expected, how take out services such as Uber Eats and GrubHub would work, the impact on streetcar operation, whether Slutty Vegan would consider coming back with a renewal request or some kind of term limitation, and what the level of the required neighbor outreach had been

Commissioner Robb Dooling noted his view that the neighborhood needed more vegan food options. Commissioner Dooling also noted that he and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee would support more 15-minute parking usage. Mr. Mendosa voiced his support for the project, as did Ms. Lockett.

Committee Member Joal Mendosa made a motion that ANC 6A support the requested relief. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Ayesha Lockett. The motion passed three votes for and one opposed.

New Business

2. 1371/1375 H Street NE (BZA #20967): Request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701 to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NC-15 zone. BZA case scheduled for 11/1/2023.

Mr. Chris Martin and John Linam, the architect, presented the project. Mr. Martin noted that when the project was discussed at a previous EDZ meeting, there were concerns about light and air for the neighbors. They conducted a shadow study and found no adverse impact. Mr. Martin noted that Atlas Doghouse will be expanded from the project. Mr. Martin noted that while the space in front of the building is a bus stop, DDOT has agreed to look at making them short-term spots. Mr. Linam reviewed the project.

Questions from the Committee included what the rationale was for shrinking the size of the units, how far the project is from The Maryland building, the makeup of the units in the building (studios and one bedroom units), how many of the units will be affordable, and the storage/bike area, and whether the building would be electric or have gas.

Ms. Lockett made a motion that the ANC support the project. Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion. The motion passed three votes in favor and one opposed.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
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7:00-9:00 pm
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