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Mr. Burger:

On September 8, 2005, at our regularly scheduled and properly noticed Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (ANC 6A) public meeting, and with all eight commissioners present, the commission voted unanimously to approve the following voluntary agreements:

- (1) The Pug, 1234 H Street, NE
- (2) The Beehive, 1224 H Street, NE
- (3) Granville Moore's Brickyard, 1238 H Street, NE
- (4) The Red and Black, 1212 H Street, NE
- (5) The Argonaut, 1433 H Street, NE
- (6) The Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H Street, NE

These agreements were negotiated at the following seven public meetings over the last six months:

- (1) April 19, 2005. Mr. Englert's initial presentation to ANC 6A Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL) outlining proposed establishments and operations.
- (2) May 17, 2005. ANC 6A ABL committee discusses agreements with community.
- (3) June 21, 2005. ANC 6A ABL committee holds a public forum in which over 75 members of the community attended to discuss these voluntary agreements. Mr. Englert answered questions for more than an hour about the proposed business operations. The ABL committee voted unanimously to recommend the Commission accepts the voluntary agreements.
- (4) July 14, 2005. ANC 6A adopts voluntary agreements. There were concerns expressed that some elements of the agreement do not reflect the recently adopted liquor laws. The Commission asked the ABL committee to review agreements with staff at Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) to determine and identify the specific elements that do not comport with the new regulations.
- (5) July 19, 2005. ANC 6A ABL committee discusses potential changes to the ANC 6A Standard Voluntary agreement in order to reflect Entertainment Endorsement application regarding live music.



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- (6) August 16, 2005. ANC 6A ABL c committee voted unanimously to recommend that ANC 6A adopt eight changes to the standard restaurant/tavern voluntary agreement that reflect the input and comments from ABRA in order to comport the ANC 6A voluntary agreement with the current regulations. Furthermore, the committee recommended that ANC 6A accept and update the recently signed six voluntary agreements with Mr. Englert with the new voluntary agreements.
- (7) September 8, 2005. ANC 6A unanimously adopts the committee's recommendations to accept and update the standard voluntary agreements for restaurants and taverns as well as to re-sign six new voluntary agreements with Mr. Englert (The Beehive, Granville Moore's Brickyard, The Red and Black, the Argonaut, and the Rock and Roll Hotel) and Mr. Tomelden (The Pug).

All of these meetings were advertised in both local Capitol Hill newspapers – The Hill Rag and the Voice of the Hill. The meeting notices were also posted on our website – www.anc6a.org. The minutes and public record for both the ANC 6A ABL meetings as well as the monthly commission meetings were posted on the website after each meeting. Hard copies of these minutes were included in our ANC 8A meeting agenda packages and made available at monthly commission meetings for the community to review. The July 14, 2005, ANC 6A Commission's minutes included the complete text of the proposed voluntary agreements for each establishment.

In close, these six voluntary agreements have undergone a through public and deliberate examination as well as extensive review by the ABRA staff. Our Commission continues to strive to implement the best voluntary agreements in the city. The unanimous vote by our Commission indicates that Mr. Englert and Mr. Tomelden have addressed the community's concerns regarding these establishments.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mr. Joseph Englert
Mr. Arthur Tomelden