



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

**July 8th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** *Ready, Oldenburg, Sroufe, Ryder and Wright*

**Resident Members Present:** *Katherine Szafran, Chander Jayaraman, Ellen Opper-Weiner, Ryan Fochler, Janice Kruger, and Clare Palace*

1. **ABRA-118360:** La Casina 1978, LLC. t/n La Casina DC, 327 7th Street, S.E.: Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant, **Applicant:** Sean Morris: (301) 654- 6570; **Petition Deadline:** Sept 7th, 2021. [6B02]
  - i) **Background:** La Casina 1978, LLC is a new Italian Pizza Restaurant moving into the space formally occupied by 7<sup>th</sup> Hill Pizza. The owners are currently in Rome Italy moving to the Washington, DC area this August. The applicant plans to try to open their restaurant this September. The ABC Board posted this application on Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, which did not give the community much time to ask questions and get to know more about what the applicant plans to do in this space. The applicant has agreed to extend the petition deadline until Sept 17<sup>th</sup> to allow time for the community to received additional information on the applicant.
  - ii) **Motion:** The committee recommends that the Commission send a letter to the Applicant for signature and then to the ABC Board requesting an extension of the petition deadline to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **Commissioner Sroufe / (Not sure who second this motion) 11-0-0 Passed.**
2. **ABRA-118250:** Sip Wine & Spirits, LLC. t/n Sip Wine & Spirits, 1100 K Street, S.E.: Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store, **Applicant:** Chrissie Chang: (703) 992-3994; **Petition Deadline:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 [6B04]

**HOURS OF OPERATION AND HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES:**  
Sunday through Saturday 10am – 9:30pm

- i) **Background:** Sip, Wine & Spirits, LLC is a higher-end liquor store concept. They are looking to move into the space at 1100 K Street, SE. At this meeting community members spoke passionately about how this location is inappropriate for a liquor store due to the crime, traffic, parking issues and its proximity to schools nearby. The neighbors were organized in their opposition to a liquor store moving into this location. Several petitions and letters have been circulating around citing the community's opposition to the application. The DC metropolitan Police also has concerns with a liquor store moving into this location. Neighbors did note that they have no problems with Sip, Wine & Spirits liquor store concept or liquor stores in general. The location that they have chosen to move into has a host of challenges that a liquor store would exacerbate. There were no representatives from the establishment at this meeting to address the issues and concerns of the community. To allow the establishment an opportunity to address these major issues, Commissioner Oldenburg suggested that the committee acknowledge the overwhelming opposition from the community for Sip Wine & Spirits, LLC's Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store application and that the committee also heavily leans towards not supporting this application but defers to the full ANC 6B Commission for a final decision. With the applicant not present at the committee meeting to discuss their plans to address the issues posed by the community, the commission should allow the applicant time at the July 13<sup>th</sup> full ANC 6B meeting to speak.
  - ii) **Applicant was not present:** Establishment was not present at the committee meeting.
  - iii) **Motion:** The committee acknowledges the overwhelming opposition from the community for Sip Wine & Spirits, LLC's Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store application and that the committee also heavily leans towards not supporting this application but defers to the full ANC 6B Commission for a final decision. With the applicant not present at the committee meeting to discuss their plans to address the issues posed by the community, the committee recommends that the commission allows the applicant time at the July 13<sup>th</sup> full ANC 6B meeting. **Commissioner Oldenburg / Ellen Opper-Weiner: 10-1-0 Passed**
3. **ABRA-071793:** Partners at 723 8th St SE, LLC, t/a The Ugly Mug Dining Saloon, 723 8th St SE: Retailer's Class CR License, Applicant:
- a) **Background:** The Ugly Mug Dining Saloon requested an update to their existing settlement agreement. Currently there are a few different versions of The Ugly Mug's settlement that have been consolidated into one document. The biggest question which was answered at this meeting was the current times for operation, service and sales of alcoholic beverage sales. I have received the most current settlement agreement from Chander Jayarman which Commissioner Ready will merge into one document to send to the committee for review on Saturday.
  - b) **Motion:** No motion was put forward, due to the incomplete settlement agreement to review.

4. **ABRA-118566:** DC Ramen, LLC. t/n Kaiju Ramen Bar, 525 8th Street, S.E.: Retailer's Class "C" Tavern, **Applicant:** Risa Hirao: (202) 921-7900; **Petition Deadline:** Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. [6B03]

i) **Background:** DC Ramen, LLC is a new ramen restaurant moving into the space at 525 8<sup>TH</sup> Street SE. They plan to showcase new and unique ramen dishes.

ii) **Motion:** The committee recommends that the Commission supports the New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License application for DC Ramen, LLC pending a signed settlement agreement with the following changes:

- (1) Summer Garden Hours: Sunday to Thursday 10:00am to 11:00pm
- (2) Sidewalk Café Hours: Monday through Sunday – 10am to 12:00 am (Midnight)

**Commissioner Ready / Commissioner Wright: 9-0-0 Passed**

iii) **Second Motion:** The committee recommends that the Commission supports DC Raman LLC's request for a Stipulated License. **Commissioner Ready / Commissioner Wright: 9-0-0 Passed**

5. Letter to ABRA Board regarding the proper procedure to request a deferral of an applicant's protest petition deadline and maintain the right to protest the establishment if the applicant does not agree to the deferral.

a) **Background:** On May 20, 2021, ANC 6B sent a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABRA) concerning ABRA License-11782 The Mendelsohn 301 LLC's substantial change application. ANC 6B requested that the Board defer the applicant's Protest Petition Deadline for at least 30 days until June 14, 2021. Further, the Commission voted to stipulate that ANC 6B would protest the substantial change application based on an adverse impact of the Establishment on the peace, order and quiet of the surrounding residential neighborhood if the Applicant does not confirm agreement or the Board does not grant the Commission's request. The ABRA Board on May 26, 2021, issued Board Order Number 2021-309 denying ANC 6B's request due to the applicant not agreeing to the request. In that board order, ABRA did not acknowledge the second part of ANC 6B's letter which stated that we would protest the Mendelsohn's license if we did not get agreement.

b) **Motion:** No motion was put forward. This was an opportunity for the ABC Committee to review the letter and add input before the full ANC votes on this letter. Resident members Chander Jayaraman and Ellen Opper-Weiner have offered a few edits which Commissioner Ready will incorporate into a revised letter to the full ANC Commission.

