

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMTROL COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Report

September 9th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ready, Oldenburg, Sroufe, Horn & Wright

Resident Members Present: Katherine Szafran, Chander Jayaraman, 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 17th, 2021. [6B02]
 - **1.1. Background:** La Casina 1978, LLC is a new Italian Pizza Restaurant moving into the space formerly occupied by 7th Hill Pizza. At the July ABC Committee Meeting, the committee recommended that the Commission extend the petition deadline until Sept 17th to allow time for the community to received additional information on the applicant. The applicant will be working with Commissioner Sroufe to hash out a settlement agreement.
 - 1.2. Applicant was present.
 - 1.3. **Motion**: The committee recommends that the Commission support the New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License application for La Casina 1978, LLC pending a signed settlement agreement.

Commissioner Sroufe / 8-0-0 Passed

- 2. **ABRA-118297:** Crazy Aunt Helen, LLC, t/a Crazy Aunt Helen's, 718 8th St SE: Retailer's Class CR License, Applicant: Mary Quillian Helms: 202-258-6343: mquillian@gmail.com; Petition Deadline: N/A. [6B03]
 - **2.1. Background:** Crazy Aunt Helen's LLC is a new American restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in the space formally occupied by Finn McCool's. The owner Mary Quillian Helms also owns Mr. Henry's on Pennsylvania Ave. With Crazy Aunt Helen's taking over the liquor license for Finn McCool's, they will also be subject

to the settlement agreement attached to this license. My Crazy Aunt Helen's has requested an update to their existing settlement agreement. With the restaurant serving breakfast every day, they would like to be able to operate and serve at 7:00 am. Currently, their settlement agreement allows them to open at 8:00 am. The committee did not have any problems with allowing the applicant to open earlier at 7:00 am but noticed the late hours for sales and service on the current settlement agreement. One committee member suggested that the late hours on their settlement agreement be cut back to reflect the current hours for other establishments on this block. The applicant disagreed. They came in front of the committee to update their morning hours. They had no indication that other parts of their settlement agreement would be subject to change at this committee meeting. Also, the late-night hours on their current settlement agreement were approved by the ANC for the previous license holder. The applicant added that they needed the extra time to make up for lost sales due to COVID-19. Some committee members did believe that it would be unfair to discuss changing the later hours on the applicant's settlement agreement without appropriate notice. At the end of the discussion the committee did decide to push this issue to be decided at the full ANC meeting.

2.2. Applicant was present.

- **2.3. Motion:** No motion was put forward, due to the incomplete information to finalize the settlement agreement.
- 3. ABRA-116730: Dwarkadhish, LLC, t/a BR Fine Wine & Spirits, 801 Virginia Avenue, S.E.; Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store; Applicant: Ankur "Andy" Desai: andy.h.desai@gmail.com (301) 237-7850; Petition Deadline: N/A[6B04]
 - **3.1. Background:** At the January ABC Committee Meeting, the committee recommended that the Commission support the applicant. The applicant has returned to the committee requesting a change to their trade name from BR Fine Wine & Spirit to Classy Corks Wine & Spirits.

3.2. Applicant was present

- **3.3. Motion:** The committee recommends that the Commission support amending of Dwarkadhish LLC settlement agreement with the following change and place on the consent agenda:
 - **3.3.1.** To change the trade name from BR Fine Wine & Spirits to Classy Corks Wine and Spirits.

Commissioner Oldenburg / Chander Jayaraman 8-0-0 Passed