

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee Report

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Committee Chair: Ellen Oppenheimer

Committee Vice Chair: Samuel Pastore

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 2, 2025

1. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

- Ellen Oppenheimer (Chair)
- Samuel Pastore (Vice Chair)
- Jerry Sroufe
- Charles Burger
- Michael McMullen
- Russell Mawn
- David Sobelson
- Maggie Strouse

Other Attendees:

- Rene Jean (representing Lola's and Hawk & Dove)
 - Representatives from Dos Toros and Hilleast Burger / Burger Train
 - Johannes Cassidy Seyoum (High Demand Cannabis)
 - Brian Ready
 - Members of the public
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2. Summary of Actions

A. License Renewal Applications

The Committee reviewed multiple renewal and new license applications in accordance with the posted agenda.

- **Lola's & Hawk and Dove** – Considered together and **supported unanimously, contingent upon Chair Jerry meeting with management** regarding the Street Café component. **(8-0-0)**
These unanimous votes will be placed on the ANC Consent Agenda.

- **Dos Toros** – Management was present. The Committee **voted unanimously in support. 6-0-0**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
 - **Kaiju Ramen** – **No representative was present.** Accordingly, the Committee **took no position** and deferred action to the full ANC meeting. **(5-0-0)**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
 - **Hilleast Burger / Burger Train** – **Unanimously supported (8-0-0).**
Placed on Consent Agenda.
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3. Presentation: High Demand Cannabis

The Committee met **Johannes Cassidy Seyoum**, owner of **High Demand Cannabis**, who shared information about his business operations and community engagement.

Mr. Seyoum subsequently emailed the Committee requesting support for an **extension of operating hours until 11:00 p.m.**

The Committee took note of his request for future consideration and discussion with the full ANC.

4. Policy Discussion: Daycare and School Rule Changes

The Committee discussed the proposed rule changes affecting daycare centers and schools suggested by ANC6A in a letter received by the ANC.

Members agreed that the Committee was **not yet ready to support** the proposal and emphasized the need for further discussion to refine the language and structure.

The Committee will seek to develop a **focused letter** identifying **short-term and long-term deliverables**, grounded in a **realistic implementation plan** and **parity with alcohol licensees**.

5. Commercial Diversity & Subcommittee Formation

The Committee continued its discussion of strategies to preserve and develop **commercial diversity on Barracks Row**, including a potential **roundtable or retreat** involving local business owners, stakeholders, neighborhood residents and ANC members.

A **unanimous vote** was taken to **recommend that the ANC and ABC Committee form a subcommittee to lead and organize the Barracks Row Roundtable / Retreat.**

A **roster will be created** and submitted for ANC approval.

6. Additional Notes

- Committee discussions included updates on ongoing settlement negotiations (e.g., Ambar) and other ABRA items listed in the agenda.
- No additional motions were introduced beyond those noted above.