



Alcohol Beverage Control Committee Meeting
December 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

REPORT

Attendance: Commissioner Jayaraman; Oldenburg; Waud; Sroufe
Resident Members: Santra; Szafran;

1. Adoption of the Agenda Motion (Oldenburg; Sroufe) Pass 6-0

2. New Applications:

- ABRA-112072: District Soul Food Restaurant & Lounge, LLC. t/a District Soul Food Restaurant & Lounge; 500 8th Street SE; New Class "C" Restaurant license serving soul food. Requesting an Entertainment Endorsement to provide live entertainment inside the premises only. Sidewalk Café with 40 seats. Total Occupancy Load is 199 with seating for 180; Protest Petition Deadline: 12/24/2018 [6B04]

KO—Held neighborhood meeting about a week ago with about 10 people. Good meeting and SA has been shared with neighbors.

Stipulations placed under Section 2. Nature of business, bullets a-c. KO reads language to attendees. Neighbor: 2b language appears to conflict with Section 6. Will move language about keeping doors and windows closed when entertainment area is in use to Section 6.

Szafran—Have they considered interior windows. Applicant—Windows cannot be changed due to historic preservation restrictions. Szafran—What about installing storm windows on the interior. Applicant—Not enough space to install a full window but could install plexiglass on the inside. Will be installing sound absorbent drapes over windows along E Street side to minimize noise when jazz music is being played on the 2nd floor.

Applicant—In addition to the drapes, will install fixed booths with high backs on E Street side which they believe will deflect sound away from the E Street side of premises. They are also planning to add panel across 8th Street side. Had not planned to install curtains on 8th Street side. Panel should suffice.

Sroufe commented that issues could be revisited if the renewals are in March

Motion: Recommend that the ANC support the application pending receipt of a signed SA and place it on the consent agenda (KO; Waud) Pass 6-0-0

Motion: Recommend to the ANC to support sending a letter to ABRA to support a stipulated license (Chander; KO) Pass 6-0-0

- ABRA-111597: Emilie's, LLC. t/a Emilie's; 1101 Pennsylvania Ave SE; New Class "C" Restaurant License serving farm-to-table American dim sum and other Asian-inspired food. Total Occupancy Load of 115 patrons inside. Protest Petition Deadline: 12/24/2018 [6B04]

Emilie plans to open in Fall 2019. The Chair asked why they were applying for an alcohol license at the present time and pay again in March when all licensees must renew.

Applicant stated they needed to secure an alcohol license to meet specific benchmarks within the lease agreement with the building owner.

Neighbor concerns related to parking for customers. The building has parking for residents but not a large restaurant.

Applicant offered to post on website recommendation for places, such as along Pennsylvania Avenue and not in residential areas.

Resident raised concerns about a sidewalk café outside of the Establishment. He had measured other establishments with sidewalk cafés on Barracks Row and noted that all of those establishment had much wider sidewalks unlike that segment of Pennsylvania Ave SE.

Before the meeting, Applicant had decided to drop the sidewalk café endorsement for the time being and wait to apply for that endorsement once they have had discussions with DDOT's public space staff. A neighbor also raised concern for the hours of sales, consumption of alcohol. Applicant agreed to reduce hours of sale and consumption.

Motion: Recommend that the ANC support the application pending receipt of a signed SA and place it on the consent agenda (KO; Szafran) Pass 6-0-0

- ABRA-111960: Cocineros, LLC. t/a Taco City DC; 1102 8th Street SE; Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license; New restaurant with seating capacity of 45, Total Occupancy Load of 45. The license will include an Entertainment Endorsement. Protest Petition Deadline: 12/17/2018 [6B04]

KO—Authentic Mexican food. Applicant followed through on last month's agreement to reapply for a restaurant license. While they did apply for an entertainment endorsement, the space itself is extremely limiting in terms of available floor space for entertainment. They expected that the entertainment would primarily be used for private events.

Motion: Recommend to the ANC supporting the application pending receipt of a signed settlement Agreement and place it on the consent agenda (KO; Santra) Pass 6-0-0