



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

**ZOOM Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**REPORT**

**Attendees:** Commissioners Avery; Sroufe; Sobelsohn; D'Andrea; Durkit; Jayaraman; Ryder;

**Resident Members:** George Dee (6B02); Katherine Szafran (6B03); Ellen Opper-Weiner (6B05); Patty Haigwood (6B06);

**Other:** Ghonehon Lee non-voting attendee pending approval by ANC 6B as RM for 6B01

Chair Jayaraman, noting the presence of a quorum, called the meeting to order. Introductions of Commissioners and Resident Members were provided by SMD number.

**I. Old Business**

1. **ABCA-000793**-- National Democratic Club (NDC), request to amend the existing SA to increase the hours of operation and sales, service, and consumption of alcohol. Current: Mon-Fri: 11:30 am – 1:00 am. The requested hours are: Sun-Thur. 7:00 am – 2:00 am; Fri-Sat. 7:00 am – 3:00 am [6B01]

**CHAIR NOTES:** This was tabled by the Commission so that the SMD Commissioner and the Applicant could meet with nearby neighbors to come to a mutually acceptable agreement on the request to modify the SA. A meeting was held but as of this writing, I do not know the outcome of the discussions.

**MEETING NOTES:** Commissioner Avery reviewed the history of the substantial request for increased hours, noting that the ANC has deferred a decision on the request until neighbors could be more fully informed about proposals. A presentation was provided by Club Manager, Zac Hoffman, detailing the understandings reached with the neighbors about new hours and other conditions. The agreed upon changes to the SA are as follows:

1. Change the hours of operation and hours of sales service and consumption of alcohol to Sunday-Saturday: 7AM – 1 AM;
2. Remove the hours of operation and consumption for the sidewalk café because the Applicant is still working on the Public Space application and ANC 6B can consider hours for the sidewalk café when the Commission hears the public space case.
3. Update the language in Section 5. Noise Mitigation to comport with ABCA recommended language; and,
4. Add a mutually agreed upon condition that the Establishment will post signage reminding patron to be mindful of the surrounding residential neighbors when leaving the club.

**MOTION:** Recommend that the ANC approve the changes to the SA pending receipt of a signed SA prior to the June 13 meeting of the ANC and that the item be placed on the consent agenda (Avery; 2nd by Opper-Weiner). Motion Passes unanimously 10-0-0

## II. New Business

1. **ABCA-121794**—EPH 3, LLC, t/a Extreme Pizza; 520 8th Street, SE; Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License, Application for an Entertainment Endorsement; Petition Deadline: June 26, 2023; Contact: Nedal Elhasairi: (202) 798-1222, nelhasairi@eatextreme.com [6B04]

CHAIR NOTES: This is a new application for an Entertainment Endorsement on Barracks Row.

MEETING NOTES: An entertainment endorsement was sought by Extreme Pizza to permit occasional special events such as music programs, comedians, and audience participation games. There was considerable discussion about the nature of events planned, the capacity of the venue, and whether the endorsement was needed to permit the type and number of events planned. While there was general support for the entertainment endorsement, there were some concerns raised by stipulations in the Settlement Agreement carried over from the previous occupant – a tavern -- that appeared not to be applicable to the pizza restaurant. In order to provide time to iron out these issues (e.g., requirement for a security guard) it was determined to seek an extension. The owners were agreeable to requesting an extension and deferring a decision until the July 11 meeting of the Commission.

**MOTION:** Recommend that the ANC and the Applicant send a letter to ABCA to request an extension of the petition deadline from June 26 to July 14 (D’Andrea; 2nd by Sobelsohn). Motion passes unanimously 10-0-0.

2. **Capitol Square Bar and Grill (CSBG):** Noise complaints from residents in 6B06 regarding CSBG in violation of their Settlement Agreement

MEETING NOTES: The establishment had its grand opening in May though it actually opened more than 6 months ago. The establishment is physically located in 7D but borders four different SMDs and three different ANCs. ANC 6B is an affected party in this matter because neighbors in 6B06 have raised concerns about the noise level coming from the restaurant. On inspection, speakers have been installed outside of the establishment and oriented toward the sidewalk café and the street in violation of the Settlement Agreement. Marie Sinclair, a neighbor in 6B06, told the committee of her unsuccessful efforts to communicate directly with the Establishment regarding the the sound modulated by the managers.

Commissioner Brian Alcorn (7D) and Commissioner Jayaraman are collaborating on a letter to be sent to ABCA and CM Charles Allen has also been engaged in conversations with affected neighbors. It is our understanding that CM Allen’s staff has requested that ABCA investigate compliance with the SA. As of this writing, we have no additional information about whether an investigation has been initiated nor if there any findings from the investigation.

## III. Other Items

1. Discussion on new Cannabis regulations and licensing. Update on city-wide ANC Commissioner Caucus discussions. Major points in Chair Jayaraman’s testimony at the June 7 public hearing.

MEETING NOTES: Chair Jayaraman called attention the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board hearing scheduled for 10:30 on June 7. The Committee enjoyed a robust discussion of the draft testimony provided by Jayaraman in which he calls attention to the need for consideration of the dynamics of the proposed regulations and likely unintended and negative consequences. Several Commissioners offered to assist in editing which because of time constraints primarily will be considered for the written version of the testimony to be provided subsequently.