



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

**ZOOM Meeting  
April 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**REPORT**

**I. Attendees**

Commissioners: Jayaraman (Chair & 6B06); Avery (6B01); Sobelsohn (6B03) Durkit (6B05);  
Ryder (6B08);

Resident Members: Katherine Szafran

QUORUM PRESENT.

**II. New Business**

1. **ABRA-086141--Lola's**, LLC t/a Lola's; 711 8th Street, S.E.; Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License, Application for an Entertainment Endorsement; Petition Deadline: May 8, 2023; Contact: Tom Johnson, tom@hillrestaurantgroup.com; William Sport, admin@hillrestaurantgroup.com [6B03]

CHAIR NOTES: Because the Petition deadline falls, one again, one day before the full ANC 6B meeting in May, the Applicant has agreed to extend the Petition deadline from May 8 to May 12 to provide additional time to notify and seek input from residential neighbors.

MEETING NOTES: Tom Johnson spoke for Lola's. Want Entertainment Endorsement (EE) for few reasons: 1) host comedy shows; single jazz acts; special events; DJ; 2) Have had to decline potential rentals who want to have entertainment as part of their event that they cannot do so at this time; 3) has done one-day substantial change application but it is consuming to get one; 4) No residential neighbors and abutting Establishments have EE; Requested Hours: are Sun-Thur. until 2 am and Fri-Sat until 3 am but Actual hours of entertainment would be Sun-Thur 1 am; Fri-Sat 2 am

**Questions & Answers:**

Will there be amplification? Yes but because of space and distance to neighbors, it should not be an issue. DS—Hours for abutting Establishments. Chair will look up.

Where will Entertainment be set up? On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor a the front of the establishment and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, which is very narrow;

Are there abutting residential neighbors: No residential neighbors; There are apartments along 7<sup>th</sup> Street but there is a wide alley behind Establishment;

**Motion:** Request that the ANC approve an extension of the petition deadline and place on consent. (Sobelsohn; Durkit 2<sup>nd</sup>) Pass 6-0-0

- 1a. **ABRA-086141--Lola's**, LLC Request for a **stipulated license** for an Entertainment Endorsement; [6B03]

CHAIR NOTE: The stipulated license would allow the Establishment to begin using their license

right away (so long as no one objects or files a complaint with ABRA during the protest period) while the ANC considers the full application in regular order.

**Motion:** Support Stipulated License and place on Consent; (Sobelsohn; Ryder 2<sup>nd</sup>) Pass 6-0-0

2. **ABRA-123414**--Mason & Greens DC, LLC t/a Mason & Greens, 400 8th Street, S.E.; Application for a Retailer's Class "B" Full-Service Grocery Store license; Petition Deadline: May 8, 2023; Contact: Justin Marino: justin@masonandgreens.com; [6B04]

CHAIR NOTES: Because the Petition deadline falls, one again, one day before the full ANC 6B meeting in May, the Applicant has agreed to extend the Petition deadline from May 8 to May 12 to provide additional time to notify and seek input from residential neighbors.

MEETING NOTES: Justin Marino spoke for the Establishment. They have a store in Alexandria; have about 100 different products; The liquor license would allow them to provider Growler refills by staff and bottles of beer and wine;

Question and Answers:

Where is the trash stored? They two have 4x6 dumpsters, one for trash and one for recycling. They made a decision to ensure that the dumpsters can be locked and will keep them locked to prevent others from discarding waste in their dumpsters. It was noted that there are a lot of dumpsters that are placed along the 9<sup>th</sup> Street half of the alley;

How's it going in terms of customers and business sustainability? Great Community Response and we love it. Spoke about their zero-waste business model and they work hard to minimize the amount of waste they generate. Cmr. Ryder really enjoyed zero waste model.

How is Mason and Green different from Yes! Organic. Everything is packaged at YES! Mason Greens sources from renewable and low waste producers so they look for producers that have the same goals.

Since Cmr. D'Andrea was attending another meeting at the same time, the Chair made the motion on his behalf.

**Motion:** Request that the ANC approve an extension of the petition deadline and place on consent. (Jayaraman; Durkit 2nd) Pass 5-0-0

- 2a. **ABRA-123414**--Mason & Greens DC: Request for a stipulated license for a Retailer's Class "B" license; [6B04]

CHAIR NOTE: The stipulated license would allow the Establishment to begin using their license right away (so long as no one objects or files a complaint with ABRA during the protest period) while the ANC considers the full application in regular order.

**Motion:** Support Stipulated License and place on Consent; (Jayaraman; Ryder 2<sup>nd</sup>) Pass 5-0-0

3. Announcement from Brian Ready, Director BRMS on Jazz First Fridays

- a. Wants to make Barracks Row more lively and has a vision for Barracks Row an arts and live entertainment area because it is too hard to directly compete with Navy Yard and the Wharf. Live JAZZ FIRST FRIDAY'S is the result of a partnership between Barracks Row Main Street and Captiol Hill Jazz Foundation and in cooperation with many restaurants on Barracks Row that will run from April until September 2023. Having live music an make Barracks Row more lively and unique and can support artists who are searching for venues where they can show their talents.

Currently, any Establishment that wants to participate but does not have an Entertainment Endorsement are getting one day substantial change applications. Jazz Friday's will start on April 7 w/ jazz on Eastern Market Plaza from 5 – 6:30 pm and then Jazz at multiple Establishments. On April 7, there will be jazz at Ted's Bulletin, MatchBox, and Lola's.; Barracks Row sponsored jazz will be held on Barracks Row at staggered times from 6 PM to 10 PM so that people can continue to enjoy jazz along Barracks Row

Question and Answers:

Do you have to be a patron of the restaurant? No. Barracks Row paying for entertainment so Establishments will apply for a one-day substantial change but can get reimbursed for that cost.

Will Jazz music be on the interior or exterior? Interior. Suggestion was made to conduct outreach to residential neighbors to spread the work and let them know about the live music programming.

How often will this be happening? Currently, Live Jazz will be held on the first Friday's of each month. If successful, they may look to add more Fridays.

- b. Servsafe Training funded by RAMA and initiated by BRMS; Training servers and bartenders on proper way to serve alcohol to customers; National Certification; Day long training; 9 am -4 pm; National Test for Serve Safe and then get a certification that is Nationally recognized. It will be available to all Managers and servers working on Barracks Row.

### **III. Old Business**

1. Update on progress made by Working Group and next meeting.

The Chair shared the initial and partially complete draft produced by the Working Group which lays out a clear process with responsibilities for Establishments, the ANC and Commissioners to follow. The Working Group will continue working on the process in April.