

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Special meeting: September 28, 2023

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Dave Wethington, Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro was absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The agenda for the September 2023 special meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Moilanen moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the fiscal year 2023 2nd quarter report. Receipts for the quarter are \$1 and the opening balance was \$37,322.44. Disbursements total \$3,982.14 and the quarter's ending balance is \$33,341.30. The savings account balance is \$100.04. The motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Dooling recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A oppose the application of B.A.R. LLC t/a Bloom at 1402 H Street NE (ABRA-125601) for a Class C Tavern License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Dooling represent the ANC in this matter.

This is a standard motion for a new establishment and Mr. Cameron Mixon represented Bloom, noting that it is an LGBT-friendly tavern serving tapas and comfort food. There are no plans to provide entertainment in the summer garden space and this area will be closed at either 10 or 11 PM. The applicant has plans for security on premises at all times and is open to installing new floodlighting but would need condo approval to do so. Commissioner Velasquez recommended that the security plan ensure that the kitchen is inaccessible from the outside by anybody other than staff. Commissioner Gove recommended security cameras on the outside of the establishment as encouraged by MPD. The owner of Bloom is a 32-year-old LGBTQ woman of color and has served as a bartender at Bidwell in Union Market and is now seeking to create a safe, vibrant space on H Street. The protest deadline is October 10th. The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.