

MINUTES
from the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
on
May 2, 2024, via Zoom

Councilmember Nadeau swore in Commissioner-Elect Frank Chauvin at 6:15 p.m.

Guest speaker at 6:30 p.m.

- Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Nina Albert – provided updates, and fielded questions from commissioners and community members.

Call the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner	Present	Absent
1B01 Handerhan	X	
1B02 Frank Chauvin	X	
1B03 Sycamore	X	
1B04 Lakatos	X	
1B05 Kensek	X	
1B06 Trindade Deramo		X
1B07 Fields	Not present at start	X
1B08 Harris	X	
1B09 Jones		X

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that ANC 1B approve the draft agenda. The motion was seconded. **The Motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

Motion passes.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the April meeting minutes

B. Two-minute comment time for Commissioners and community members

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full Commission approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Chauvin asked to amend the two-minute comment period per SMD. Chair Harris clarified that the comment time is different than question time. Commissioner Lakatos suggested a friendly amendment to allow for two comments for two minutes per topic for commissioners and for residents. A discussion on an additional 20 seconds took place. Commissioner Lakatos withdrew his original motion.
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Lakatos moved for the Commission to adopt the consent agenda with the amendment that there will be a two two-minute comment time for commissioners and for residents, as well as additional 20 seconds at the discretion of the Chair per topic. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

IV. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Financial report

- No financial report. Chair Harris suggested placing OANC spending guidelines on the ANC 1B website.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Regulations

i. License Number: ABRA-060026

1. Applicant: Beletesh, Ltd.
2. Trade Name: Serv u-Liquors
3. SMD: 1B02
4. License Class/Type: A / Retail – Liquor Store
5. Endorsements: Tasting
6. File Date: 5/28/2024
7. Committee action: Moved to support (4-0-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for the commission to support the application for Serv u-Liquors. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

ii. License Number: ABRA-123184

1. Applicant: Legacy Alum Liquors, LLC
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2. Trade name: LA Liquors
3. SMD: 1B02
4. License Class/Type: A / Retail - Liquor Store
5. File Date: 5/28/2024
6. Committee determination: Discuss settlement agreement with entity.

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved that ANC 1b protest LA Liquors on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).**

iii. License Number: ABRA-127498

1. Licensee: Rut-Rut Hospitality, LLC
2. Trade Name: Crush Bar
3. Address: 2007 14th Street NW
4. Stephen Rutgers: (202) 236-4196, stephen@crushbardc.com
Address: 2100 14th Street, NW
5. SMD: 1B08
6. License Class: Retailer's Class "C" Tavern
7. File Date: 5/20/2024
8. Committee action: Moved to update the Settlement Agreement which clarifies the change from Marvin to Crush Bar, and to engage Chair Harris on if there needs to be adopted provisions.

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved that ANC 1b support the Class "C" license for Crush Bar, requesting updated settlement agreement and giving Chair Harris to add adaptive provisions as needed. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

iv. [License Number not provided]

1. Committee action: **Moved to protest Thurst Lounge on grounds of peace, order, and quiet (4-0-0).**

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to protest Thurst Lounge on the grounds, peace, order, and quiet. Commissioner

Chauvin offered a friendly amendment to adding trash, litter, and noise provisions. Commissioner Fields accepted the amendment. The motion was seconded. Discussion occurred amongst commissioners on the best path forward to address concerns regarding noise and community complaints since Thurst Lounge is not up for renewal or seeking an endorsement. Commissioner Fields withdrew her original motion. Commissioner Kensek motioned that ANC 1B write a letter to ABCA issues of noise and complaints the community had regarding Thurst Lounge. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Sycamore suggested adding other agencies/entities to the letter i.e. Office of Night Life, DPW. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

v. License Number: ABRA- 014405

1. Application: Best Way Liquors, Inc.
2. Trade name: Bestway Liquors
3. SMD: 1B08
4. License Class/ Type A / Retail – Liquor Store
5. File Date: 5/20/2024
6. Committee action: **Moved to protest on grounds of peace, order, and quiet; nuisances and substance disorders (4-0-0)**

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved to protest the renewal license of Bestway Liquors on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention).**

vi. License number: ABRA-123697

1. Licensee: Brindley Brothers LLC / Howard Theatre Entertainment LLC
 2. Trade Name: Howard Theatre
 3. License Class: Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility
 4. File Date: 5/6/2024
 5. Committee action: Friendly amendments to existing settlement agreement.
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MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved to support Howard Theatre in a Class “CX” Multipurpose Facility license. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

vii. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Committee on Economic Development

i. 625 T St NW

1. Park Zero” proposal: T Street Development has applied for a modified license for short-term use of this site, and for a modification to allow for electric vehicle charging.
2. **Committee recommendation: That the full ANC support the further development and submission of proposals both for a dog park and for fast-charging electric vehicle stations on the 625 T Street NW property, not precluding the development of alternative long-term proposals for the site; that ANC 1B encourage the immediate activation of the site as described by Mr. Jason Turner at this meeting; and that Commissioner Tucker Jones write a resolution to this end for ANC 1B’s review and consideration (3-1-0).**

MOTION: Commissioner Chauvin moved that the ANC support the concept and application for a dog park at 625 T St NW. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Kensek offered a friendly amendment suggesting that both proposals on the dog park and charging station be considered. Commissioner Chauvin did not accept the friendly amendment and suggested a different motion be raised later for the charging stations. **The motion DID NOT PASS (1 in favor, 6 opposed, 0 abstention).**

MOTION: Regarding the Economic Development Committee resolution, Commissioner Kensek moved that the full ANC respect and use what the Economic Development Committee came with to the table please. The motion was seconded. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Chauvin discussed his opposition to electrical vehicle charging stations and suggested a separate vote for a study. Commissioner Fields sought clarity on the committee’s resolution. **The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention).**

- ii. The next meeting of ANC 1B's ED Committee is Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To attend, check ANC1B's website, www.anc1b.org. If you are interested in joining the ED Committee, please email Commissioner Tucker Jones at 1b09@anc.dc.gov.

C. Committee on Public Safety and Community Engagement

- i. Sponsorship application from Art All Night U Street

- 1. Committee recommendation: That the full ANC support the sponsorship application from Art All Night U Street (3-0-0).

MOTION: Commissioner Fields moved for ANC 1b to support Art All Night U Street in their sponsorship for \$3,000. The motion was seconded.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Lakatos offered a friendly amendment to include "pending OANC review" to mitigate any potential challenges with payments.

The motion PASSED (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).

REQUEST: Commissioner Fields also proposed that ANC 1B does 3 (\$1,000) scholarships to high-school students who will be attending post-secondary university, and 1 (\$3,000) scholarship to a college senior since we have a university in the area. **DISCUSSION:** Chair Harris and Commissioner Lakatos suggested going to OANC to seek additional clarity on ANC 1B funding educational scholarships, and also doing an amendment to the budget if it's possible to spend dollars scholarships.

- ii. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Committee on Transportation

- i. Resolution regarding the D.C. budget *[forthcoming]*

MOTION: Commissioner Lakatos Moved that the full ANC adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for transportation to public space resolution as presented. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

- ii. If interested in joining the Transportation Committee as a community member, please contact Commissioner Santiago Lakatos at 1B04@anc.dc.gov. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. (registration via ANC1B.org)
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E. Committee on Zoning, Preservation, and Development

i. Case #1: Case number HPA 24-223

1. Applicant name: Carlos L. Piana for owner Minh Trinh
2. Contact: caco1978@gmail.com; minh.dmv@gmail.com
3. Property: 2023 11th Street NW (Square 0332, lot 0801; Greater U Street Historic District, zoned ARTS-2) — SMD/Commissioner: 1B02, currently vacant
4. Request of committee: Addition to the back of an existing townhouse to allow two more units (in addition to existing two, for a total of four). This is allowed by the existing zoning (by-right with respect to zoning) so the request is just for historic compatibility. The applicant demonstrated that per their rendering, the proposed addition will not be visible from the street, except for one particular angle.
5. Committee recommendation: **That the full ANC support the application for 2023 11th Street NW as presented, with the following exception: material change of side paneling to brick-looking material (2-1-0).**

MOTION: Commissioner Lakatos moved that the full ANC support the application as presented. The motion was seconded. **The motion PASSED (5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention).**

- ii. The next meeting of ANC 1B's ZPD Committee is Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To attend, check ANC1B's website, www.anc1b.org. If you are interested in joining the ZPD Committee, please email Commissioner Tucker Jones at 1b09@anc.dc.gov.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

VII. EXECUTIVE, COUNCILMEMBER, COMMISSIONER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Office of the Councilmember, Ward 1: Niccole Rivero

- Niccole Rivero (Chief of Staff to Councilmember Nadeau) provided updates, and fielded questions from commissioners and community members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – at 9:49pm – Meeting ended without quorum

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be on June 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
