



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Dunont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

May 21, 2014

Chairwoman Ruthanne Miller  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
Reeves Center 2000  
14th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009

RE: New application (ABRA-094842) for Saloon 45, 1821 18th Street NW, for CT (tavern) license. Operation Hours (incl. 36-seat summer garden) 8am-2am Mon-Thu, 8am-3am Fri-Sat; Total occupancy 85; Petition due 6/9/14; Roll Call 6/23/14; Protest Hrg 8/6/14 (2B08)

Dear Chairwoman Miller,

At its regular meeting on May 19, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. The Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-0):

Whereas, Saloon 45 has applied for a new CT (tavern) license for the space at 1821 18th Street NW (formerly housing Sandy’s Flowers);

Whereas, the application requests interior hours until 2:00am Monday through Thursday and 3:00am Friday and Saturday;

Whereas, the application requests exterior hours (summer garden) until 2:00am Monday through Thursday and 3:00am Friday and Saturday, which exceed the Commission’s guidelines for outdoor space close to residents (11:00pm Monday through Thursday and 12:00am Friday and Saturday);

Whereas, this application is directly next door to Bar Charley, which has exterior hours of 11:00pm/12:00am and was the subject of a recent protest and good-faith Settlement Agreement negotiation when it sought a substantial change to extend interior hours to 2:00am/3:00am;

Whereas, the ANC is concerned with treating applicants fairly and consistently, and it would be unfair to Bar Charley to support or take no action on an application at an abutting address with later exterior hours, later interior service hours, and later closing hours;

Whereas, the ANC has additional concerns about the Saloon 45 application which were not present in the Bar Charley application, including the lack of history as an operator, a CT (tavern) license rather than a CR (restaurant) license with a minimum food sales requirement, and no kitchen;

Whereas, there are no drawings yet available for the interior and exterior space and seating arrangements;

Whereas, there is substantial concern among neighbors about the loss of retail in this corridor (18th Street NW from S Street NW up to U Street NW) to liquor-serving establishments;

Whereas, parking issues are a major concern in this part of the neighborhood, with heavy parking pressures from existing establishments, retail, and residents and their guests;

Whereas, the ANC is concerned about trash management in this area, which is prone to rat infestation;

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B protests this license application on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet, and parking concerns;

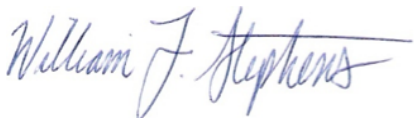
Be it further resolved that Commissioners Will Stephens and Mike Feldstein, with Commissioner Noah Smith as a back-up, are the Commission's designated representatives for this matter.

Due to his position on the ABC Board, Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this discussion.

As set forth in the resolution, Commissioners Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net), and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives on this matter, including for any ABRA hearings on the matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens  
Chairman

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