



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

April 21, 2018

Chairman Donovan Anderson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Reeves Center
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Washington, DC 20009
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RE: 1513 17th Street NW – “Shoreditch Cooperative, LLC” – ABRA-092298 –
Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C”
Restaurant License

Dear Chairman Anderson,

At its regular meeting on April 11, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-2-0):

WHEREAS, Duke’s Grocery has applied for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1513 17th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the location is within the boundaries of single-member district 2B05,

WHEREAS, Duke’s Grocery is requesting to change the hours of the establishment’s sidewalk cafe,

WHEREAS, the current hours of operation inside the premise are Sunday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 2:00 am; and Friday through Saturday, 7:00 am to 3:00 am,

WHEREAS, the current hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption inside the premise are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 am; and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 am,

WHEREAS, the current hours of operation for the sidewalk cafe are Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 11:00 pm; and Friday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 12:00 am,

WHEREAS, the current hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for the sidewalk cafe are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm; and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 12:00 am,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of operation for the sidewalk cafe are Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 12:00 am; and Friday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 am,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption for the sidewalk cafe are Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 12:00 am; and Friday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 am,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that sidewalk cafes and outdoor restaurants are an important element in the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community, while also promoting safety and economic development,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's stated policy is to "apply prospectively the following set of guidelines in considering public space applications and applications for new or changed sidewalk cafes/outdoor restaurants...: Closing hours for sidewalk cafes/outdoor restaurants across the street from or proximate to residentially zoned blocks should be 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday,"

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's policy also states, "These guidelines are designed to supplement the municipal public space regulations. While these guidelines serve as a guide, the ANC and its commissioners have a responsibility to consider the merits of each individual public space application,"

WHEREAS, Duke's Grocery is a valued and welcomed neighbor,

WHEREAS, Duke's Grocery has taken leadership on several issues in the business corridor which were negatively impacting the public health and safety of residents and patrons,

WHEREAS, Duke's Grocery is supporting rat eradication efforts in the neighborhood by securing a commercial waste compactor through the DC Government's Commercial Waste Compactor Pilot Program, and

WHEREAS, Duke's Grocery has support for the extension of hours from neighbors, including those adjacent to the establishment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Duke's Grocery's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license.

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

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel Warwick
Chair