

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

June 23, 2009

Mr. Peter B. Feather, Chairman Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 941 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 7200 Washington, DC 20002

RE: Substantial Change Request (CR License No. ABRA-74020) by Glad LLC T/A Jack's Restaurant (1527 17th Street NW)

## Dear Chairman Feather:

At its regular meeting on June 10, 2009, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced substantial change request for a lateral expansion to the second floor with seating for 40 persons and a rooftop summer garden with seating for 42 persons. With seven Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a unanimous vote (7-0):

Whereas, Jack's Restaurant, 1527, 17th St. N.W. has applied to the Alcohol Control Board for lateral expansion of premise to include a 2nd floor with seating for 40 persons and the addition of a Roof Top Summer Garden overlooking Stead Park with seating for 42 seats and

Whereas, the ANC has encouraged 17th Street establishments to create summer gardens facing Stead Park, subject to reasonable noise protections, and

Whereas, the ANC is concerned that the possible addition of 40 seats to a second floor and 42 seats to a summer garden might negatively impact the already difficult parking situation, as well an increase in noise on residents living in close proximity to the north of the Park on Q Street, and above the bars on the east side of 17 St., as well as neighbors to the east on 16th Street facing the Park. who are already experiencing considerable noise after closing and the dumping of bottles into waste cans during early morning trash collection by various establishments facing Stead Park, as indicated in the Report of the Metropolitan Police Department, and

Whereas, any such changes to a roof deck must first be approved by the by the Office of Historic Reservation and then ratified by the Historic Preservation Review Board before the ANC may make an informed decision, and

Whereas, ANC 2B has encouraged the creation of summer gardens overlooking Stead Park in the East Dupont Moratorium so long that the Commission finds that such requests would not have an adverse impact on the peace, order and quiet and sanitation within the Moratorium,

Be it Resolved, that ANC 2B protest such an application in order to assess the impact of this application on the basis of peace, order and quiet on the surrounding area and consider the reports and recommendations of the appropriate city agencies, pending the successful negotiation of a voluntary agreement. We specifically request that ABRA allow the historic preservation process to go first, because the application requires a substantial change to an historic structure.

Victor Wexler is the Commission's representative on this matter and may be reached at <u>victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net</u>, or by telephone at 202-745-0054 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely.

Mike Silverstein Chairman

CC: Victor Wexler