

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

October 14, 2010

Chairman Charles Brodsky
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
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Re: Application by Mad Hatter, 1321 Conn. Ave NW, for substantial change to existing CT (tavern) license for (1) new sidewalk cafe for 36 seats, hours of operation/sale/service Sun-Th 11:30am-10pm, F-Sa 11:30am-11pm; and (2) new entertainment endorsement for occasional DJ's or acoustic three- piece bands. Petition due 11/15/2010; Hearing 11/29/2010.

## Dear Chairman Brodsky,

At its regular meeting on October 13, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of 7-0 (one Commissioner was not participating):

**Resolved:** that provided the applicants comply with the requirements of their Voluntary Agreement in the following sections: 4 (noise control), 5 (windows) and (sound-proofing), ANC2B supports the entertainment endorsement.

## Whereas Dupont ANC2B guidelines support:

- 1. No outside public space use by CT licensees because of noise issues;
- 2. No additional seating in the night club area south of Dupont Circle that already has over 6,000 CT license seats with peace, order, quiet and crime already a problem:
- 3. Encouraging the preservation of trees in our Dupont neighborhood.

Whereas with significant residential housing directly across the street from the proposed outside public space use, additional noise will negatively affect residential property values and livability.

**Resolved** that ANC2B protests ABRA application (ABRA-082646) for outside CT seating based on peace, order, quiet, CT seating over-concentration, and crime – pending modification of the existing Voluntary Agreement.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board. Phil Carney (<a href="mailto:phil.carney@dupontcircleanc.net">phil.carney@dupontcircleanc.net</a>) and Victor Wexler (<a href="mailto:victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net">victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net</a>) are the Commission's representatives on this matter, along with myself (<a href="mailto:will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net">will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net</a>).

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

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