

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS

Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing
Regarding the Ownership of JP's Liquor License

ANC3B hereby resolves to request that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board hold a public hearing on the pending application regarding the ownership of ABRA License # 008511, currently held in safekeeping but previously trading as JP's, a nude dancing club located at 2414 Wisconsin Avenue N.W., for the following reasons:

1. The change of ownership is a matter of great concern to Glover Park residents because the disruptive effects of a nude dancing establishment on the community can only be reduced by responsible and responsive management of good character.
2. The community has questioned the appropriateness of JP's in the family-centered neighborhood of Glover Park for its entire existence as a nude dancing club from 1986 to January 2008 when it burned down. During all that time, JP's was owned and managed by James and Michael Papanicolas, both of whom were known within the community. ANC3B wants to be certain that the Board will assess this pending ownership change with community concerns in mind, which were presented to the Board most recently in a protest hearing on May 25, 2011.
3. ANC3B is seeking a more open process at this point due to a series of actions, representations, and misrepresentations that have occurred in recent months pertaining to the ownership of JP's, to wit:
 - On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, the ABC Board approved a stock transfer of 100% of BJ Enterprises, which owned the JP's liquor license, from Michael Papanicolas to Brian Petruska, Manager, President and Secretary of Wisconsin Ventures, LLC, based solely on (to the best of ANC3B's knowledge) a bare-bones application submitted on Monday, April 11, 2011, a mere five work days before the Board approved it.
 - After the Board's approval, it appears that Mr. Petruska was unable to finalize a lease with the landlord of 2414 Wisconsin Avenue, the only location outside of the central business district in which JP's could operate as a nude dancing club, and had to seek partners to help finance his bid to reopen JP's.

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- On May 10, 2012, Paul Kadlick and Jake Akkus, doing business as The Vice Group LLC, presented themselves to ANC3B as the owners of 90% of the stock of Wisconsin Ventures LLC and claimed to have signed a lease for the property at 2414 Wisconsin Avenue. But no application that reflects those assertions was ever submitted to ABRA.
- Instead, on August 13, 2012, a scribbled, incomplete application with illegible signatures was filed with ABRA seeking some unspecified change in the ownership of JP's license. The application appears to indicate that 100% of Wisconsin Ventures LLC, which owns the JP's license, is now in the hands of a Jason K. Daniel and a Philip M. Mathew, both unknown persons. Paul Kadlick is now acting as attorney/agent and notary public. Neither Jake Akkus nor Brian Petruska are mentioned. The application notes that an interest is held in security by the landlord, referencing a lease agreement on the property at 2414 Wisconsin Avenue.
- On September 13, ANC3B was informed by ABRA that Mr. Kadlick had filed a supplementary document stating that he had no shareholder or stakeholder investment in either Wisconsin Ventures LLC or The Vice Group LLC.

The actions of ABRA initially and the continual restructuring of potential owners and partners in Wisconsin Ventures LLC, the owner of the JP's license, do not give us confidence that when JP's reopens it will be managed well enough to protect the community from the secondary impacts associated with nude dancing establishments.

ANC3B believes that ABRA and the Board have a responsibility to this community that has continuously been concerned about the existence of JP's in the neighborhood to hold any new owners and managers strictly to the standards set by law. We are requesting, therefore, that in the interest of transparency and for all the reasons laid out above, the Board hold a public hearing to assess the ownership structure, financial stability, and fitness for licensure of any and all parties involved before ruling on any ownership changes pertaining to JP's liquor license.

This resolution was presented September 13, 2012, at a regularly scheduled meeting of ANC3B at which a quorum was present. It was passed by a vote of 4 to 0.



 Brian Cohen, Chairman, ANC3B

Date

9/13/12



 Ben Thielen, Secretary, ANC3B

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