Resolution to Protest Renewal of Good Guys Liquor License on Grounds of Appropriateness

Whereas, Good Guys, a Class CN establishment with a grandfathered nude dancing endorsement located at 2311 Wisconsin Avenue NW, has applied to renew its liquor license (ABRA Lic. #000899);

Whereas, ANC3B sought comment on this license renewal from the Glover Park and Cathedral Heights communities it represents in a public announcement at its October 10, 2013 meeting as well as via the local online list-serve and through the Glover Park Gazette, which is delivered to all households in the neighborhood;

Whereas, ANC3B asserts that nude dancing establishments are not appropriate venues in the well-used commercial center of a family-centered neighborhood such as Glover Park, which has seen a 60% increase in its under-18 population since 1990, and in which the newly-renovated elementary school is already over-subscribed by in-boundary students;

Whereas, in 2011 when ANC3B protested the license renewal of JP’s, the other nude dancing establishment in Glover Park, on the grounds of appropriateness, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“the Board”) ruled that JP’s was appropriate as long as it did not offer any entertainment before 5 p.m.;

Whereas, the Board justified its ruling because “JP’s is positioned between two residential zones,” and because the Board was “concerned that patrons coming to the neighborhood to visit the establishment and participate in other nightclub activities during the day may disturb nearby residents and potentially interfere with the use of the Guy Mason Recreation Center.” [Board Order #2011-375];

Whereas, the Board made this ruling absent any qualifying factors such as the establishment’s investigative history or its relationship to the neighborhood, due to the fact that JP’s had not been operating since it burned down in January 2008;

Whereas, the Board’s ruling that entertainment is inappropriate before 5 p.m. at the JP’s location should apply equally to Good Guys, which is located less than 200 feet
from JP’s, and also is positioned between two residential zones and has patrons coming into the neighborhood to participate in nightclub activities during the day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC3B hereby protests the renewal application of Good Guys on the grounds of appropriateness, with particular reference to peace, order, and pedestrian safety, as well as to the Board’s interpretation of appropriateness in its August 17, 2011, Order #2011-375. Further, ANC3B appoints Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, in consultation with Chairman Brian Cohen, as its representative in this Protest.

The intent of ANC3B to act on Good Guys renewal application was duly announced and publicized to the community. The Resolution was introduced, discussed and voted on at a regularly scheduled meeting of ANC3B on November 14, 2013, at which a quorum was present.

The Resolution passed by a vote of ___4___ to ___0____. 1 absent

[signatures on faxed copy]

Brian A. Cohen, Chairman Joe Fiorillo, Secretary

November 14, 2013