Resolution Regarding Rite Aid Request to Remove Class A Licenses from the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium

Whereas, Rite Aid, 2251 Wisconsin Avenue NW, is unable to apply for a Class B license to sell beer and wine due to the law requiring Class B licensees to be at least 400 feet apart and Rite Aid is located too close to Whole Foods Market, which has a Class B license;

Whereas, Rite Aid therefore would like to apply for a Class A (beer, wine and spirits) license but cannot because issuing new Class A licenses is prohibited by the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium;

Whereas, ANC3B (“the ANC”) submitted its duly considered “Petition to Amend and Extend the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium” to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“the Board”) on December 4, 2015, because the current term of the moratorium was set to expire February 21, 2016;

Whereas, in early January Rite Aid asked the ANC to amend its petition to renew the moratorium by removing the ban on issuing new Class A licenses;

Whereas, the Board agreed to an emergency extension for the moratorium so that the ANC could consider Rite Aid’s request;

Whereas, the ANC publicized the question of whether or not to amend the moratorium to allow Rite Aid to apply for a Class A license first at the duly noticed January 14 public meeting at which time Rite Aid representatives presented their case to the ANC; and subsequently in the Glover Park Gazette and on the Glover Park list serve, at all three opportunities requesting community comment prior to February 11;

Whereas, the Glover Park Citizens’ Association (“GPCA”), a party to the moratorium since its inception, voted its support for the ANC’s petition to renew the moratorium at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2015, and then put the issue of Rite Aid’s request before its membership at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2016, which resulted in a clear vote against lifting the ban on issuing Class A licenses;

Whereas, comments aired at the ANC and GPCA meetings as well as those submitted by email to the ANC overwhelmingly oppose removing Class A licenses from the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3B opposes lifting the moratorium on issuing new Class A licenses and continues to support the “Petition to Amend and Extend the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium” that was submitted to the Board in December.

This Resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 5-0 at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC3B on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 3 of the 5 members.)

Jackie Blumenthal, Chairman

Ann Mladenov, Secretary