

ABC Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – July 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Present for Quorum of 4 members:

Tameka Mason – Business Leader representative
Councilman Falio Leyba-Martinez – Council representative
Dr. Edward Williams - Mayor’s representative
Officer Baker – Metro representative
Migueilina Sepulveda-Bassa [arrived after meeting began] – Business Leader representative

Additional Present:

Daniel Blackburn, City Attorney
John Stein, ACA
Howard McCoach, Esq.

Motion to Name Chair:

First – Falio Leyba-Martinez
Second – Dr. Williams

Vote:

Councilman Falio Leyba-Martinez - yes
Dr. Edward Williams – yes
Officer Baker – Metro - yes
Tameka Mason – yes

Ms. Sepulveda-Bassa arrives for meeting

Discussion:

Purpose is to consider a change to ordinance regulating distance between properties with liquor licenses.

Legal requirements in establishing possible areas and appeal rights for those with property interests

What possible areas should be included

- Waterfront?
- Haddon Avenue?
- Federal Street?

What establishments should be included:

- Only restaurants with bars?
- Bars?

Concern raised whether additional bar and/or bar-restaurant in zones will cause an increase in crime.

- Proposed solution: pilot selections in 1-3 zones.
 - determine whether crime rates in area increase and type of crimes committed.
 - impact on quality of life

Goal is to increase business opportunities while decreasing crime rate

- Focus is on a shift of culture and improvement of quality of life
- Bar-restaurant appears to be best solution for pilot selection

Can an owner/operator transfer an ABC liquor license from a bar to a bar-restaurant?

- Research will be needed on this issue
 - o Result: Transfer from bar to bar-restaurant is permissible because same plenary retail consumption license.
 - Change from liquor store (distribution license) to bar or bar-restaurant (consumption license) is not permitted.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting scheduled for August 8th at 4:30 p.m. – changed to July 25th at 4:30 p.m. via zoom

Motion to adjourn made and granted