Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Zoning and License Sub-Committee
Chairman: Commissioner Marvin Fields
At 7:30 pm

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RE: BZA Case #16651
1335 H Street NE

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Zoning and license Committee met at a publicly held assembly January 12, 2000 at 900 G Street NE.

Committee members present: Chair, Commissioner Marvin Fields, Janet Schmidt Gregory J. Ferrell, Daniel M. Pernell III, Darryl Walker, Wanda Harris; community members Karen Writ and Virginia Gaddis. Other Commissioner(s) present, Frank Withrow

Ms Dora Hunter of 5551 B Street SE WDC, 20019, telephone, 491-5783 applicant in BZA Case # 16651 appeared before the ANC6A Zoning and License Committee to present her case pending before the BZA. Ms. Hunter indicated that her ambition is to establish a Social Lounge and Dance Place at 1335 H Street NE in Sq. 1027, Lot 824 first floor occupancy that is located in a C-2- A area. The surrounding business is commercial/retail with perhaps only two businesses in the 1300-1400 block with operational hours past 6:00 pm. There is a club, the Woodham that operates at various times but not regular hours. Mature adults attend the entertaining and social gatherings. Ms. Hunter provided the community her concept for Dee's Diamond in the Rough which she explain would provide a relaxing social entertaining atmosphere suited for mature semi and professional minded people in our community. Ms. Hunter explained that in order to secure a C of O at that location she had to provide seven off street parking spaces. Commissioner Ferrell requested that Ms. Hunter provide the commission with a parking plan that would satisfy the BZA requirements.

Members from the community were concern with the possibility that the applicant would apply for an ABC license. However, the applicant indicated that she is planning to host one night per week sobriety social functions. Also for the record, the applicant has provided the Commission and community copies of her statement of intended use for the propose location.

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The sub-committee noted the concerns of a few community members in attendance and indicated for the recorded that the possibility of Ms Hunter applying for an ABC license is a matter of right and that the issue before the BZA is not relevant to any possible ABC matter which is outside the jurisdiction of the BZA. Commissioner Ferrell noted that many of the community concerns regarding ABC matters would come before the community if the applicant chooses to apply. The sub-committee noted that the matter was within ANC6A11 represented by Commissioner H.J. Amons who was not in attendance. The applicant indicated that she was not aware of any community meeting(s) taken place within the purview of SMD 6A11 nor had Commissioner Amons responded directly to her application.

Commissioner Ferrell noted that the applicant 's C of O would limit the occupancy to 75 that would not impact on street parking negatively because the commercial/retail corridor closes after 6:00 pm. Commissioner Ferrell made the motion to refer the matter to the Commission for a vote on February 3, 2000 and that the applicant Ms. Hunter submit a parking plan at that meeting with proof that seven off street parking spaces are available. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Pernell. Six members voted to refer the matter to the full Commission and three abstained.

On February 3, 2000 Ms. Hunter did attend the regularly scheduled meeting of ANC 6A held at J.O. Wilson Elementary School at 7:00 pm. Ms. Hunter did comply with the Z&L committee's request and circulated a parking plan. However, other matters not related to Ms. Hurter prevented the Commission from considering the Z & L committee's recommendation.

Submitted by,

Marvin Fields
Chair Zoning and License Committee ANC 6A

Dora D. Hunter-Keys
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Barnaby Heights, Maryland 20745
(301) 735-1725 or (202) 575-1033

Dear Neighbor,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of DEE'S "DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH" LOUNGE, opening soon at 1335 H Street N.E. A weekend multi-ethnic place to socialize and enjoy intimate live performances, comedians, and poetry.

GOAL & OBJECTIVE: The goal of the Lounge is to establish a social, relaxed and entertaining place that promotes harmony and a non-self destructive attitude. The objective of the Lounge is to encourage unity and local Artists.

STATEMENT OF NEED: In todays society we need to come together in unity to encourage one another, instead of disdaining our fellow brothers and sisters, based on fear. We need to exalt everyone who's trying to live out a dream- be it in business or the entertainment field. And we need to remove sterotype images that say any one group of people or community is bigger than the encouragement of healthy correlation. By virtue of music and creativity, we not only lift the minds of our people to have hope, but we also give hope back to our community.

FOCUS: The Lounge's focus is to provide a harmonious, social environment for anyone who enjoys good entertainment and company.

DECOR: The Lounge will have a relaxed atmosphere complete with; ample seating space, a platform stage for intimate live performances, lighting effects, a sound system, a small dance area in the rear, two restrooms, One-four station bar, and monitored street parking.

MUSIC: The resident disc jockey will be skilled in positive dance music, as well as, the new millillieum sound of Hip-Hop/Hip-Rock. AT NO TIME will "Go-Go" or "Heavy Metal" bands be booked, nor music containing known implications of sinful nature be played.

DONATIONS: On the behalf of owner, Dora D. Hunter, a percentage of the Lounge's weekly earnings will be donated to a supporting local Inner-City Organization.

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS: One night of the week will be in honor of Sobriety organizations (AA/NA Anonymous) and preferred non-drinkers wishing to socialize in a public and alcohol free environment.

I sincerely hope you too will experience the splendor of Dee's "Diamond In The Rough" Lounge. For additional information, please phone Dee on (202) 491-5783.

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to let it be known that I, Robbie L Mason have agreed to grant permission to owner(s) Dora Hunter and Steve Royall of Dee's "Diamond In The Rough" Lounge, located at 1335 H Street N.E. (Lot 824 and Square 1027) the right to use seven (7) parking spaces on the business property of 1010 H St NE Wash located at Mason's Attic Gallery, between the hours of 8pm and 3am.

Robbie L Mason
Signature/Title Buyer-Son (Month to month) 1-24-00

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