

ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee
Kaiser Permanente Capitol Hill Medical Center
700 2nd St. NE, Room G3-G4
Thursday, January 4, 2018
7:00 pm

REPORT

In Attendance

Mark Kazmierczak (chair)
Josh Linden
Comm. Mark Eckenwiler
Emily Diamond-Falk
Christy Kwan
Kate Kemmerer

1. Indigo – 243 K St. NE | Application #10553703, Enclosed Sidewalk Cafe

Indigo restaurant is applying to convert their current unenclosed sidewalk café (operating under permit #10237183) to an enclosed sidewalk café.

Representative: Dinesh Tandon, Indigo. [6C06]

The applicant described his plans to create an enclosed sidewalk café on two patio sections in public space around his restaurant. Mr. Tandon explained that his business, with only 22 seats inside, is dependent on the outdoor space and would like to be able to offer it year-round. One portion (along the side of the building facing 3rd St. NE) would be a canopy with clear plastic sides that would be open during warm weather (the canopy roof would remain). The portion of the public parking that is currently being used as an unenclosed sidewalk café would be enclosed with a solid roof and plexiglass windows during inclement weather; all materials, including posts, would be removed or retracted during warm weather. The designs also include a covered pergola at the entrance so that customers waiting in line can be sheltered. None of the components would project into the sidewalk. The hours of operation would remain as currently permitted (ABRA: 8am – 10pm Sun-Thu; 8am – midnight Fri-Sat. DDOT: 9am – midnight Sun-Sat).

Several of the committee members supported the idea of enclosing the sidewalk café so that people could enjoy the space more often. Concerns were raised that many of the details described were not in the drawings included in the application. Another concern was that the ramp shown in the drawing, which has not been built yet, was not yet permitted. Mr. Tandon stated that the drawings had been approved by DDOT under tracking number 10237183. An additional concern was raised that the alcohol license initially issued to the restaurant contained an endorsement for a summer garden, not a sidewalk café. Mr. Tandon stated that had been corrected during the past few months.

Motion: Recommend the ANC support the application as described by Mr. Tandon, conditional upon receiving documentation of the corrected alcohol license and approved ramp drawings. The details of the design as described above should be included in the supporting letter for clarity of what was discussed.

Vote: Passed, 5 – 1.

Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

The full Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 6C) usually meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. and will vote on all committee recommendations. Non-voting items from this committee meeting may be omitted from the full ANC agenda. Commission meetings are held at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE. For a complete ANC schedule and agenda, see <http://anc6c.org/>.