

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



### **Resolution Supporting Augie’s Cathedral Heights Application (ABRA-135310) for Retailer Class C Alcoholic Beverage License at 3228 Wisconsin Avenue NW including Endorsements for Live Entertainment, Sidewalk Café, Carry-out and Delivery**

Augie’s Cathedral Heights has proposed to open a new restaurant at 3228 Wisconsin Avenue NW in ANC 3A and is applying for a Retailer Class C license. The application requests hours of operation and hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption from 10 am to 12 midnight Sunday through Thursday and from 10 am to 2 am Friday and Saturday. The application also includes a request for endorsements to allow live entertainment inside the premises from 11 am to 12 midnight Sunday through Thursday and from 10 am to 2 am Friday and Saturday; operations and sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the outdoor sidewalk café from 11 am to 12 midnight Sunday through Thursday and from 10 am through 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday; and alcoholic beverage carry-out and delivery from 10 am through 11 pm on Sunday through Saturday (all seven days).

After receiving notice of the application, ANC 3A invited the applicant to participate in the duly-noticed ANC 3A public meeting on March 17, 2026, make a presentation about the request, and take questions from the ANC Commissioners and the public. That item was included on the proposed meeting agenda for the March public meeting, which was posted the required 7 days prior to the meeting using the approved methods for ANC 3A to share its public meeting notices.

At the March 17 meeting, the applicant presented general plans for the operation of the proposed restaurant, which is intended to be a family-friendly Belgian-style establishment with a special focus on mussels and beer, of the same nature as existing Augie’s restaurants in Alexandria, VA, and Annapolis, MD. The applicant said that Augie’s Cathedral Heights would plan to have live entertainment only in the indoor space, with solo acoustic music possibly accompanied by a singer, primarily during the hours of 5 - 8 pm, so the sound would not be amplified and the music would not be performed on the sidewalk café. Though the application covers longer hours, the applicant also said that the hours shown in the application are generally broader than the restaurant plans to operate; the plan is for the sidewalk café to offer food and beverage service for shorter hours than indoors, to respect the interests of the neighborhood and nearby residents and avoid creating noise that would disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

After that presentation, the ANC invited public comments about the application and then followed its general practice to gather public input during the succeeding month and hold a further discussion and vote on the application at the next ANC 3A public meeting, prior to the Protest Deadline of April 27, 2026.

The ANC also voted at the March 17 public meeting to support the request from Augie’s Cathedral Heights for a stipulated license to allow the restaurant to open with its full planned food and beverage menu. The Commissioners noted that if the stipulated license went into effect before the protest deadline, that would allow nearby neighbors and the overall community to observe Augie’s in operation and share any concerns before the final date for protests.

The ANC did not receive any comments from constituents in support or opposition to the application, though one nearby resident did share information about seeing a rat in the alley that runs behind 3228 Wisconsin Avenue NW, underlining the importance of adhering to required practices for disposing of trash at the new restaurant and taking standard steps to prevent rodent infestation in and around the establishment.

Based on that background and discussion, the ANC voted unanimously at its public meeting on April 21, 2026, to support the application as presented.

The Commissioners will continue to observe and work with the community and the applicant to ensure that live entertainment and other aspects of the operations do not adversely affect the peace, order and quiet of the community and health and safety for the neighborhood. We understand that if there are any issues with noise or other disruptions, the ANC has the option to take the concerns to ABCA, and can also enter a settlement agreement with an establishment and submit it to ABCA for approval at any time, whether or not there is an open application for an alcoholic beverage license.



Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, Chair



Ann Lane Mladinov, Secretary

This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 5 - 0 at the duly noticed public meeting on April 21, 2026, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) By the same vote, the Commission also designated the Chair or Commissioner Gracemary Allen (ANC3A02) or their designee(s) to represent the Commission on this matter.