

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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TMB DC Chinatown, LLC :
t/a Tom's Watch Bar :
781 7th Street NW :
Retailer CR - ANC 2C :
License No. 119403 :
Case #23-PRO-00015 :
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(License Renewal) :
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Tuesday
February 21, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met via videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher,
Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel
MICHAEL SHANKLE, ANC 2C
MICHELLE LA RUE, Protestant Counsel
BARB WANCHISEN, Protestant
DONAT PATRIARCA, Protestant
LINDA PATRIARCA, Protestant
LILLIAN LANE, Protestant
MELANIE KNUTSEN, Protestant

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:22 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Tom's Watch Bar, Case No. 23-PRO-
5 00015, TMB DC Chinatown, 781 7th Street NW,
6 License No. ABRA 119403. This is a Retailer
7 Class CR License Renewal.

8 Protest issues are adverse impact on
9 peace, order, and quiet, and residential parking,
10 and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

11 My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
12 the roll call hearing as the Board's Agent.

13 Is anyone present on behalf of Tom's
14 Watch Bar?

15 MS. LA RUE: Good morning. Michelle La
16 Rue. I am counsel for residents of the Gallery
17 Place Condominium Unit Owners Association. And,
18 we have, I believe there's five residents,
19 Protestants, on the call as well.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. La Rue, you are
21 representing the, is this a five or more?

22 MS. LA RUE: Correct.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Give me, is anyone here
24 sitting on behalf of the Applicant?

25 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, Ms. Fletcher, I am

1 here, Sidon Yohannes present on behalf of the
2 Applicant, and that's S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-
3 S.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Yohannes.

5 Ms. La Rue?

6 MS. LA RUE: Yes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Will you spell your name
8 for the record, please?

9 MS. LA RUE: Sure. Michelle, M-I-C-H-
10 E-L-L-E, last name L-A-R-U-E.

11 MS. FLETCHER: And, is there some other
12 individuals from the group present today?

13 MS. LA RUE: Correct. We have Donato
14 Patriacha.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Is he, if that person
16 would spell, state their name and spell it for
17 the record, please.

18 MR. PATRIACHA: My first name is
19 Donato, D-O-N-A-T-O, last name is P as in Peter -
20 A- T as in Tom - R-I-A-R-C-A, and I have my wife
21 as well, Linda Patriarca with me.

22 MS. FLETCHER: If she would spell her
23 name as well.

24 MS. PATRIARCA: Yes, Linda, L-I-N-D-A,
25 Patriarca, P-A-T-R-I-A-R-C-A.

1 MS. FLETCHER: P-A-T-R-I-A?

2 MS. PATRIARCA: R-C-A, Patria -R-C-A.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Anyone else?

4 MS. KNUtSEN: This is Melanie Knutsen.

5 My first name is M-E-L-A-N-I-E, last name

6 Knutsen, K-N-U-T-S-E-N.

7 MS. FLETCHER: K-N-U-T-S-E-N?

8 MS. KNUtSEN: This is Melanie Knutsen.

9 My first name is M-E-L-A-N-I-E, last name

10 Knutsen, K-N-U-T-S-E-N.

11 MS. FLETCHER: K-N-U-T-S-E-N?

12 MS. KNUtSEN: K-N-U-T-S-E-N.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

14 Anyone else?

15 MS. WANChISEN: Hi, I'm Barb Wanchisen,

16 W-A-N-C-H-I-S-E-N.

17 MS. FLETCHER: That's the last name?

18 MS. WANChISEN: Yes, I'm laughing

19 because it's, you know, it's a difficult name, I

20 know.

21 MS. FLETCHER: And, the first name is

22 B-A-R-B, Barb?

23 MS. WANChISEN: Well, Barbara, Barb or

24 Barbara, yes.

25 MS. FLETCHER: What do you, do you want

1 to go by Barbara?

2 MS. WANCHISEN: Yes, that's fine,
3 perfect.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
5 Anyone else?

6 MS. LANE: I'm Lillian Lane. It's L-I-
7 L-L-I-A-N, Lane, L-A-N-E.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?

9 MS. LA RUE: I believe that's it.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, there are
11 five individuals present from the group, which
12 means that the group is granted full standing as
13 a Protestant.

14 At the upcoming status hearing, only
15 the designated representative will need to
16 appear. You are all welcome to appear, but only
17 the designated representative will need to
18 appear.

19 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 2C?

20 MR. SHANKLE: Ms. Fletcher, it is
21 Michael Shankle, I-C-H-A-E-L, last name Shankle,
22 S-H-A-N-K-L-E. I'm the Chair of ANC 2C.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Shankle,
24 ANC 2C does have standing as a Protestant. So,
25 we have two Protestants, ANC 2C and a Group of

1 Five or More. We need to set a date for
2 mediation, a status hearing, and a protest
3 hearing, and I will give you the dates for the
4 status and protest hearings first.

5 The status hearing is set for March
6 the 22nd, March the 22nd, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The
7 protest hearing is set for May the 3rd, 2023, at
8 1:30 p.m.

9 MS. LA RUE: I'm sorry, did you say May
10 3rd?

11 MS. FLETCHER: May 3rd, May 3rd at 1:30
12 p.m., for the protest hearing.

13 MS. LA RUE: Thank you.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Welcome.

15 I will give you the next available
16 date for mediation. The next available day is
17 Tuesday, March 14th, any time between 10:00 and
18 1:30.

19 MS. LA RUE: Can you hold one second,
20 I want to look at my calendar.

21 MS. YOHANNES: I can say Applicant will
22 be available at noon or after noon.

23 MS. LA RUE: I'm available at any time
24 on that day.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Do you want to make it

1 12:30?

2 MS. LA RUE: Sure.

3 MR. SHANKLE: And, I'm also available,
4 Ms. Fletcher. That's a perfect time.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, who said that.

6 MR. SHANKLE: That's -- I'm sorry,
7 that's Commissioner Shankle.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, I really should
9 remind you to state your name first. I keep
10 forgetting to remind you to state your name.

11 Thank you, Mr. Shankle.

12 Let's see here. Mediation is set for
13 March 14 at 12:30, and I'll see the WebEx links
14 will attend mediation, and I will see you then.

15 Thanks everybody for coming.

16 Oh, and one other thing before I
17 conclude.

18 Ms. La Rue?

19 MS. LA RUE: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to send the
21 WebEx link to you, and you may forward it to any
22 member of the group that you want to attend.

23 MS. LA RUE: Okay, thank you.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You are welcome.

25 MS. LA RUE: May I ask a quick

1 question?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MS. LA RUE: Mediation, is that just
4 for the counsel to attend, or should a
5 representative of the Protestants be there?

6 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you know, it's
7 helpful for anyone to attend who has some
8 knowledge about what the protest issues are. So,
9 it would be helpful in this case for somebody
10 from the group to appear, so that they can
11 discuss their concerns.

12 MS. LA RUE: Okay, thank you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you are very
14 welcome.

15 All right. There's nothing else, the
16 roll call hearing in this matter is concluded.
17 Thank you for coming.

18 MS. LA RUE: Bye-bye.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Bye everybody.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
21 went off the record at 11:34 a.m.)
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