

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Hen Quarter, LLC :
t/a Hen Quarter :
Riverpoint DC :
2121 First Street SW : Roll Call
Retailer CR - ANC 6D : Hearing
License No. 124468 :
Case #24-PRO-00024 :
(Substantial Change - :
Entertainment Endorsement:
live entertainment :
inside the premises :
and outside in the :
summer garden) :
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Monday
April 1, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

MARK COPANZZI, Licensee
DEIDRE HALL, Licensee
FREDRICA KRAMER, ANC 6D

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

2 10:05 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Now we're ready.

4 Good morning everyone. My name is LaVerne
5 Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the
6 Board's agent. I would like to thank everyone
7 for participating in ABCA's public roll call
8 hearing via the WebEx platform provided by the DC
9 Office of Open Government.

10 There are three cases on the calendar
11 today. First case is Hen Quarter Riverpoint DC,
12 Case No. 24-PRO-00024, Hen Quarter LLC, 2121
13 First Street SW, License No. ABRA-124468. This
14 is a Retailer Class CR for a substantial change
15 for an entertainment endorsement to have live
16 entertainment inside the premises and outside in
17 the summer garden.

18 My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
19 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is
20 anyone present on behalf of Hen Quarter?

21 MR. COPANZZI: Yes, I'm here. My name
22 is Mark Copanzzzi. I'm vice president of
23 operations for Thompson Hospitality.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You're coming through
25 a little rocky. Can you say that one more time?

1 MR. COPANZZI: Sure. My name is Mark
2 Copanzzi. I am the vice president of operations
3 for Thompson Hospitality, the parent company of
4 Hen Quarter. Is that any better?

5 MS. FLETCHER: Um, only a little. If
6 you could just say it one more time. Maybe even
7 slower and that would help.

8 MR. COPANZZI: Sure. My name is Mark
9 Copanzzi. I am the vice president of operations
10 for Thompson Hospitality, the parent company of
11 Hen Quarter.

12 MS. FLETCHER: The first name is Mark?

13 MR. COPANZZI: Correct.

14 MS. FLETCHER: M-A-R-K?

15 MR. COPANZZI: Yes, that's correct.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. If you
17 could state your last name one more time and
18 spell it for the record.

19 MR. COPANZZI: Copanzzi, C-O-P-A-N-Z-
20 Z-I.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Copanzzi?

22 MR. COPANZZI: Correct.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say C-A?

24 MR. COPANZZI: C-O-P-A-N-Z-Z-I.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very

1 much.

2 MR. COPANZZI: You're welcome.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
4 behalf of ANC 6D?

5 MS. KRAMER: Yes, I am. Can you hear
6 me?

7 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

8 MS. KRAMER: Okay. My name is
9 Fredrica Kramer, K-R-A-M-E-R, first name F-R-E-D-
10 R-I-C-A.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Kramer.
12 At this moment I'm not sure if you're having some
13 connectivity issues or if it's on this end. I'll
14 see as we go along but I'm going to spell your
15 name one more time for the court reporter because
16 it sounds a little shaky on this end. Fredrica
17 Kramer, K-R-A-M-E-R, first name F-R-E-D-R-I-C-A.

18 MS. KRAMER: That's correct.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Kramer.
20 ANC 6D does have standing as a protestant. My
21 understanding is that the parties are in the
22 process of finalizing a settlement agreement?

23 MS. KRAMER: That's correct.

24 MS. FLETCHER: So what's the status of
25 that?

1 MS. KRAMER: Well, we -- the ANC
2 Commission will meet on Monday, or sometime
3 perhaps between now and Monday. We will clarify
4 any of the outstanding issues so we may be able
5 to resolve this when we meet on Monday. Our
6 business meeting is April 8th for this month.

7 MS. FLETCHER: So is that your
8 understanding, too, Mr. Copanzzzi?

9 MR. COPANZZI: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Kramer, according
11 to the information that I have, you submitted for
12 settlement agreement to act before review
13 already?

14 MS. KRAMER: Yes. The ANC submitted
15 a -- the ANC signed a settlement agreement.
16 There were a couple of issues in that agreement
17 as well which may be resolved. That's not clear.

18 In addition to that, that settlement
19 agreement did not contain the entertainment
20 endorsement. That came in later. This hearing,
21 as I understand it, is really about that, the
22 addition of the entertainment endorsement.

23 MS. FLETCHER: And then --

24 MS. KRAMER: Sorry?

25 MS. FLETCHER: And then you'll

1 resubmit it to act before approval? Is that what
2 you're going to do?

3 MS. KRAMER: Well, I don't know. I
4 can't speak to what we'll do with the full
5 Commission, but we would resubmit whatever that
6 decision is, either to rule on the original
7 protest or to agree to the addition or so forth.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
9 Okay. In the meantime, I'm going to go ahead and
10 schedule the status hearing and the protest
11 hearing and the mediation just in case the matter
12 is not resolved. If it is, then all of these
13 proceedings will be cancelled.

14 MS. KRAMER: That's fine. Could you
15 just repeat what you -- you're going to schedule
16 a status hearing?

17 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, I'm going to
18 schedule a mediation.

19 MS. KRAMER: A mediation.

20 MS. FLETCHER: A status hearing and a
21 protest hearing.

22 MS. KRAMER: Okay. That's fine.
23 Thank you.

24 MS. FLETCHER: And I'm going to give
25 you the dates for the status and protest hearing

1 first.

2 MS. KRAMER: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The status hearing is
4 scheduled for May 1st of 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

5 MS. KRAMER: Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: The protest hearing is
7 set for June 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

8 MS. KRAMER: Okay.

9 MS. FLETCHER: And I will give you the
10 next available date for mediation.

11 MS. KRAMER: Okay.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Which is -- let's see
13 here. The next available day for mediation is
14 April 8th.

15 MS. KRAMER: April the 8th?

16 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh. April 8.
17 Monday, April 8 at 11:30 or 1:30. That's the
18 next available day. When are you going to vote?

19 MS. KRAMER: We meet that night so do
20 you want to do it after that?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Let me change it.
22 Thank you. We'll change it to Thursday April
23 11th, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

24 MS. KRAMER: And do we have to tell
25 you or how does that work?

1 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, we're going to
2 set the date now, whatever date you and Mr.
3 Copanzzi are available. Then if the matter is
4 resolved, we'll cancel the mediation, the status,
5 and protest hearing. Right now we're just
6 picking a date for mediation on whichever date
7 you both are available.

8 MS. KRAMER: Let me -- you want me to
9 -- I'm sorry. I wrote it down wrong. Thursday
10 the 11th?

11 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh. Thursday,
12 April 11, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

13 MS. KRAMER: Okay. I don't know who
14 -- that's fine with me. According to my calendar
15 that's fine. I don't know if Mr. Copanzzi --

16 MR. COPANZZI: Anytime is fine. I'll
17 make it work.

18 MS. KRAMER: Okay, that great. Thank
19 you very much.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Let's just make it
21 Thursday, April 11 at 10:30.

22 MS. KRAMER: 10:30. You got it.
23 Thank you very much.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. I will
25 send you a WebEx invitation to attend the

1 mediation as well.

2 MS. KRAMER: Okay. That's great. I
3 just -- do you need anything else from me or is
4 it just the three dates you have given me?

5 MS. FLETCHER: I don't need anything
6 else.

7 MS. KRAMER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. HALL: Could you please repeat the
9 time for the status hearing if you don't mind?

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. That's 10:30 a.m.

11 MS. HALL: Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
13 Hall. You make a note that you're present as
14 well. Ms. Hall, would you spell your name for
15 the record, please?

16 MS. HALL: D-E-I-D-R-E, last name H-A-
17 L-L.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

19 MS. HALL: Um-hum.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If there are no
21 more questions, I'm going to conclude the roll
22 call hearing in this matter. If the matter is
23 resolved prior to mediation, we'll cancel the
24 mediation. Once the settlement agreement is
25 submitted, the status and protest hearing will be

1 cancelled as well. Any questions about any of
2 that?

3 Well, thank you for coming. The roll
4 call hearing in this matter is concluded.

5 MS. KRAMER: Thank you. Good morning.
6 Thank you.

7 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
9 went off the record at 10:16 a.m.)

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