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2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is DNA Social House, Case Number 23-PRO-  
5 00035, DNA Lounge, LLC, 1102 U Street NW,  
6 Washington, D.C. -- excuse me one second, please,  
7 License Number ABRA 117571. This is a Retailer  
8 Class CT for a substantial change for an increase  
9 in occupancy, change in hours, of live  
10 entertainment inside the premises, and to add a  
11 cover charge.

12 The protest issues are adverse impact on  
13 peace, order, and quiet.

14 My name is Laverne Fletcher, conducting  
15 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. I  
16 see there are several people present on behalf of  
17 the Applicant. If you could just -- somebody can  
18 just begin, so who's present on behalf of the  
19 Applicant?

20 MS. ENYEW: Good morning.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning.

22 MS. ENYEW: I'm Yenayet Enyew. My name  
23 is Y-E-T-N-A-Y-E-T, last name E-N-E-Y-E-W.

24 MS. FLETCHER: And how do you pronounce  
25 your last name?

1 MS. ENYEW: Enyew.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Enyew, thank you.

3 MR. ENYEW: Yeah, so Mr. --

4 (Simultaneous Speaking.)

5 MR. ENYEW: Mr. Allan Ebert will speak  
6 for us today.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Ebert is present?

8 MR. ENYEW: Yes.

9 MS. ENYEW: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Allan, you're on  
12 mute.

13 MR. EBERT: I was on mute, sorry, ma'am.  
14 Sorry, Ms. Fletcher.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's okay. I see  
16 you now. Thank you.

17 MR. EBERT: Tayachew, do you want to say  
18 your name also?

19 MR. ENYEW: Tayachew Enyew, T-A-Y-A-C-H-  
20 E-W, and then E-N-Y-E-W.

21 MS. FLETCHER: So who is spelling their  
22 name?

23 MR. EBERT: The gentleman next to  
24 Yenayet. They are brother and sister, co-owners  
25 of the DNA Social House.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, so the person with  
2 Ms. Enyew is spelling their name?

3 MR. ENYEW: Yes, E-N-Y-E-W.

4 MR. EBERT: Spelling hers and then the  
5 gentleman, Tayachew, spelled his.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And one second,  
7 okay, so can you spell your name once again?

8 MR. ENYEW: Okay. Tayachew, T-A-Y-A-C-  
9 H-E-W, last name is E-N-Y-E-W. I am here on  
10 behalf of my sister, because she's not fluent at  
11 English. I just want to help out on the  
12 interpretation.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. And may  
14 I ask you, going forward, will Ms. Enyew need an  
15 interpreter?

16 MS. ENYEW: Yes.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Which language?

18 MS. ENYEW: My language Amarinya.

19 MR. ENYEW: Amharic.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Amharic, okay, thank you.  
21 Okay, thank you for that, Mr. Ebert. If you  
22 would state your name and spell it for the  
23 record, please.

24 MR. EBERT: Sure, Allan Ebert on behalf  
25 of the Respondent - Applicants as well,

1 Executive Director of Ninth Street Association,  
2 A-L-L-A-N E-B-E-R-T.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Enyew, you're  
4 the actual Applicant, yes?

5 MS. ENYEW: Yes.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else present on  
7 behalf of the Applicant?

8 MS. ENYEW: No.

9 MR. JACKSON: Yes, Jeff Jackson here.  
10 I'm just observing, being I submitted the  
11 application.

12 MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Enyew, you didn't  
13 know Mr. Jackson was present on behalf of --

14 MS. ENYEW: I know him, ma'am.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So Mr. Jackson is  
16 also present on behalf of DNA Social House?

17 MS. ENYEW: Yes, ma'am. Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Okay.  
19 Well, then let me clarify something. Going  
20 forward who do we contact related to this  
21 application?

22 MR. ENYEW: Allen Ebert.

23 MS. ENYEW: Allan Ebert.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Can you say that again?

25 MS. ENYEW: Allan Ebert.

1 MR. JACKSON: Mr. Albert --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I have it. Okay,  
3 thank you. Okay. So I have you as the  
4 designated representative. Now I see Ebert. Is  
5 anybody else saying Albert?

6 (Simultaneous Speaking.)

7 MR. EBERT: People get confused all the  
8 time. It's Allan Ebert, yes.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, E-B-E-R-T, right?

10 MR. EBERT: Right, E-B-E-R-T. Yes.

11 (Simultaneous Speaking.)

12 MS. FLETCHER: I've got it --

13 (Simultaneous Speaking.)

14 MR. EBERT: -- Ebert, if you remember  
15 that, A. Ebert.

16 MS. FLETCHER: No, I can remember it.  
17 I just thought I heard other people are saying  
18 Albert.

19 MR. EBERT: I know. It's --

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is anyone  
21 present on behalf of ANC 1B?

22 COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Hey there, Sean  
23 Holihan, ANC 1B.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Holihan, would you  
25 spell your name for the record, please?

1                   COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Sure thing, S-E-  
2                   A-N, last name Holihan, H-O-L-I-H-A-N.

3                   COMISSIONER HARRIS: And this is Sabel  
4                   Harris, S-A-B, as in boy, E-L, H-A-R-R-IS, And I  
5                   am also here for ANC 1B.

6                   MS. FLETCHER: Somebody's number ends in  
7                   82. Is that the court reporter?

8                   COURT REPORTER: Yes ma'am. That's the  
9                   Court Reporter.

10                  MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

11                  ANC 1B does have standing as a  
12                  protestant. I know that you're working on a  
13                  settlement agreement. I'm going to go ahead and  
14                  give you the dates for upcoming proceedings. If  
15                  the matter is resolved, we cancel the dates.

16                  The date for the status hearing is May  
17                  the third, May 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. for the  
18                  status hearing. The protest hearing is set for  
19                  June 28th, 2023, at 1:30.

20                  I will give you the next available date  
21                  for mediation. The next available day for  
22                  mediation is Monday. Well, let's see, we've got  
23                  a holiday coming up. Let's make it Thursday,  
24                  April 20, anytime between 10:00 and 1:30,  
25                  Thursday, April 20.

1                   COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Any time should  
2 be fine. I imagine we should be able to reach a  
3 signed settlement agreement in the next day or  
4 two.

5                   MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So what's a good  
6 time just in case?

7                   MR. EBERT: I wanted to say noon. Does  
8 that work for you all?

9                   COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Noon is good,  
10 thank you.

11                   MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mediation is set  
12 for noon on Thursday, April 20. I'll send out  
13 the Webex invites then. If the settlement  
14 agreement is submitted prior to that, then the  
15 mediation will be cancelled as well.

16                   COMMISSIONER HOLIHAN: Thank you.

17                   MR. EBERT: Okay. Thank you, Ms.  
18 Fletcher.

19                   MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

20                   MR. EBERT: And, Sabel, thank you.

21                   MS. FLETCHER: All right.

22                   MS. ENYEW: Thank you.

23                   (Simultaneous Speaking.)

24                   MR. EBERT: See you all soon. Bye.

25                   MS. FLETCHER: All right, take care,



1 everybody. This roll call hearing is concluded.  
2 Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
4 went off the record at 10:12 a.m.)  
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