

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:
Taichi DC, LLC,
t/a Taichi Bubble Tea
1357 Wisconsin Ave NW
Retailer CR - ANC 2E
License #124100
Case #23-PRO-00044
(New License Application):
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Monday
May 15, 2023

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABCA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

KAREN CRUSE, Protestant
PAUL MAYSACK, ANC 2E

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

2 10:16 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Taichi Bubble Tea. This is Case No.
5 23-PRO-00044, Taichi DC, LLC, 1357 Wisconsin
6 Avenue, NW, License No. 124100. This is a
7 Retailer Class CT new license application. The
8 protest issues are adverse impact on peace,
9 order, and quiet, and parking. My name is
10 LaVerne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing
11 as the Board's agent.

12 Is anyone present on behalf of the
13 establishment? Is anyone present on behalf of
14 Taichi Bubble Tea? Is anyone present on behalf
15 of ANC-2E?

16 MR. MAYSACK: Yes, I am. Paul Maysak,
17 Commissioner Maysak.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning,
19 Commissioner. Can you spell your name for the
20 record, please?

21 MR. MAYSACK: First name Paul, P-A-U-L.
22 Last named spelled M-A-Y-S-A-K.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

24 Anyone on behalf of the Citizen's
25 Association of Georgetown?

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MS. CRUSE: Yes, I am. Karen Cruse,
K-A-R-E-N C-R-U-S-E.

MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Cruse, I have a
question for you. This wasn't in the protest
letter but it's okay if you just answer me, you
know, answer this question. So there was a
meeting held concerning the application. The
Georgetown Citizen's Association held a meeting
concerning the application. The question is
whether or not the Applicant was invited to
attend that meeting.

MS. CRUSE: We have been having
virtual meetings since COVID and he was alerted
to when the meeting would be.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MS. CRUSE: He wasn't there when we
took the vote but he was alerted to it and I had
spoken to him.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

MS. CRUSE: Seven days in advance as
is required.

MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. Thank you
very much.

ANC-2E and the Citizen's Association

1 of Georgetown have standing as protestants, but
2 the Applicant is not here. The time is
3 approximately 10:18. We will allow at least 10
4 minutes for parties to appear in case they are
5 having technical difficulties.

6 The Applicant is not present and the
7 application is dismissed. Upon receipt of the
8 Board order the Applicant will have 10 days to
9 see reinstatement of the application.

10 You will receive a copy of the Board
11 order and if the Applicant seeks reinstatement,
12 you'll have an opportunity to respond to that as
13 well. At this time the application is dismissed
14 because the Applicant is not present.

15 Mr. Maysak, do you have a question?

16 MR. MAYSAK: I don't know if I really
17 follow the steps on that. This is my first one
18 as a new commissioner. Apologies.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

20 MR. MAYSAK: So we seem to be on good
21 track but when you say dismissed, what is that
22 implication to the restaurant?

23 MS. FLETCHER: That means that there
24 is not an application pending because it's
25 dismissed. In order for the application to get

1 back on track, the Applicant has to ask the ABC
2 Board to reinstate the application. If the Board
3 reinstates the application, then we'll back on
4 track but, as of right now, because the Applicant
5 is not present, there is no application pending
6 because it was dismissed.

7 MR. MAYSACK: And just out of
8 curiosity, if I see him today or he hired
9 somebody to help, this being the restaurant owner
10 hired somebody who didn't show up, if I see him
11 today and they reach out today, what is the time
12 frame for getting sort of back on track?

13 MS. FLETCHER: Well, if you --

14 MR. MAYSACK: Start over?

15 MS. FLETCHER: If you see him today
16 and you decide that the ANC would like to enter
17 into a settlement agreement with him, you can do
18 that even though the application has been
19 dismissed.

20 If you were to see him today and that
21 is something that you wanted to do or you could
22 accomplish, you could enter into a settlement
23 agreement without even filing a protest. If you
24 were able to do that, you can do that.

25 If you see him today, you can let him

1 know that the application was dismissed because
2 they are not here, but the Board order will go
3 out this week. The Board meets on Wednesdays and
4 Board orders normally go out the week that the
5 Board meets.

6 MR. MAYSAC: So we need to move
7 swiftly. We had met with him and some neighbors
8 so I think we had a settlement pretty much
9 complete, and also with the Citizen's
10 Association. Let me see if I can reach out to
11 them today and get them back on track.

12 MS. FLETCHER: The same thing applies
13 to the Citizen's Association of Georgetown, Ms.
14 Cruse?

15 MS. CRUSE: We are in complete
16 agreement. As Commissioner Maysak said, we have
17 worked out a settlement agreement, as far as we
18 know, basically covering everything.

19 MS. FLETCHER: If that settlement
20 agreement is fully executed by all the parties,
21 even while this case is undergoing dismissal, the
22 Board can still approve the settlement agreement
23 and that resolves the matter.

24 MR. MAYSAC: Sounds excellent. Thank
25 you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.
2 Okay. If you reach a settlement agreement, you
3 can just let us know.

4 MR. MAYSACK: I'll be in touch as soon
5 as possible.

6 MS. FLETCHER: All right. Thanks for
7 coming.

8 Nice to see you, Ms. Cruse.

9 MS. CRUSE: Nice to see you again.

10 MS. FLETCHER: All right.

11 MR. MAYSACK: Thanks for your help.

12 MS. CRUSE: Thank you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 10:22 a.m.)
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