

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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Minnesota Spirits LLC               :  
t/a Big D Liquors                   :  
4169 Minnesota Ave NE             : Roll Call  
Retailer A    ANC 7C               : Hearing  
License No. 126812                 :  
Case #24-PRO-00039               :  
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(License Renewal)                   :  
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Tuesday  
May 28, 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:

KYUNG HWAN LEE, Applicant Counsel  
CARRIE BROWN, ANC 7C  
ANTAWAN HOLMES, ANC 7C

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

2 10:02 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning everyone.  
4 I'd like to thank you for participating in ABCA's  
5 public roll call hearing via the WebEx platform.

6 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be  
7 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
8 Agent.

9 But first, I need to get us live  
10 streamed to YouTube. I'll be right back.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
12 went off the record at 10:02 a.m. and  
13 resumed at 10:07 a.m.)

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, now we're  
15 ready. There are three cases on the calendar  
16 today.

17 MR. HOLMES: Okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: The first case on the  
19 calendar is Big D. Liquors, Case Number 24-PRO-  
20 00039, Minnesota Spirits LLC, 4169 Minnesota  
21 Avenue, Northeast, License Number ABRA 126812.

22 This is a Retailer Class A liquor  
23 store license renewal. My name is LaVerne  
24 Fletcher, conducting the roll call hearing as the  
25 Board's Agent.

1                   Is anyone present on behalf of Big D  
2                   Liquors?

3                   MR. LEE:    Good morning, everybody.  My  
4                   name is Kyung Hwan Lee.  It's K-Y-U-N-G  H-W-A-N,  
5                   last name Lee, attorney for Big D Liquors today.

6                   MS. FLETCHER:  Thank you, Mr. Lee.

7                   MR. LEE:    Yes.

8                   MS. FLETCHER:  Is anyone present on  
9                   behalf of ANC 7C?

10                  MR. HOLMES:  This is Chairman Antawan  
11                  Holmes for ANC 7C.

12                  MS. FLETCHER:  Mr. Holmes, would you  
13                  spell your name for the record, please?

14                  MR. HOLMES:  A-N-T-A-W-A-N, last name  
15                  Holmes, H-O-L-M-E-S.

16                  MS. FLETCHER:  Are there any other  
17                  individuals from ANC 7C present?

18                  (No response.)

19                  MS. FLETCHER:  Mr. Holmes?

20                  MR. HOLMES:  Not that I can see on the  
21                  call right now.

22                  MS. FLETCHER:  Okay.  Thank you.  Mr.  
23                  Holmes, I need you to confirm something for me.

24                  MR. HOLMES:  Yes, ma'am.

25                  MS. FLETCHER:  I read your protest

1 letter, and it does say that seven of your nine  
2 Commissioners were in attendance when you took  
3 your vote.

4 MR. HOLMES: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. FLETCHER: What number represents  
6 a quorum for your ANC?

7 MR. HOLMES: Quorums for all ANC are  
8 51 percent. So, seven -- five of nine for quorum  
9 for ANC 7C.

10 MS. FLETCHER: So, just for future  
11 reference, include the number that makes up a  
12 quorum. I just wanted to put that on the record,  
13 because we need the quorum number from the  
14 protest letter.

15 That's just for the future reference.

16 MR. HOLMES: Okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very  
18 much. ANC 7C does have standing as a protestant.  
19 The protest issues are adverse impact on peace,  
20 order, and quiet, residential parking needs, and  
21 vehicular and pedestrian safety.

22 MR. HOLMES: Just seeing that you  
23 asked me earlier, a Single Member District  
24 Commissioner with Big D Liquor's, Commissioner  
25 Brown has now joined the call.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Mr. Holmes, that  
2 was you speaking?

3 MR. HOLMES: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Just for the court  
5 reporter.

6 MR. HOLMES: For the court reporter,  
7 Commissioner Holmes, yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Brown? Is that  
9 Carrie Brown, Mr. Holmes?

10 MR. HOLMES: That is correct, Carrie  
11 Brown.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Brown, would you  
13 spell your name for the record?

14 MS. BROWN: Is everything okay for us  
15 for the speaker?

16 (Off mic comment.)

17 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Brown, did you say  
18 something? I couldn't hear you.

19 (No response.)

20 MS. FLETCHER: So, Mr. Holmes, you  
21 said Ms. Brown is present? Well, I see her  
22 actually.

23 MR. HOLMES: See, no sound, I guess.

24 MS. FLETCHER: But, she --

25 (Simultaneous speaking.)

1 MR. HOLMES: The problem is --

2 MS. FLETCHER: She -- Ms. Brown, can  
3 you unmute yourself, please?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. FLETCHER: So, this is what I'm  
6 going to do. I see that Ms. Brown is present.  
7 Or, she's -- okay, she unmuted herself and then  
8 re-muted herself.

9 Ms. Brown, can you unmute yourself,  
10 please?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. FLETCHER: So, this is what I'm  
13 going to do. Ms. Brown, are you unmuted now?

14 (No response.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I'm going to  
16 spell Ms. Brown's name for the court reporter and  
17 acknowledge the fact that she is here.

18 I'm looking right at her, but she's  
19 not speaking. Her name is spelled C-A-R-R-I-E,  
20 her last name is Brown, B-R-O-W-N.

21 ANC 7C does have standing as a  
22 protestant. We need to schedule a date for a  
23 mediation, a status hearing, and a protest  
24 hearing.

25 I'm going to give you the dates for

1 the status and protest hearing first. The status  
2 hearing is scheduled for June 26 -- June 26 at  
3 10:30 a.m.

4 MR. HOLMES: June 26.

5 MS. FLETCHER: The protest hearing is  
6 set for July 24 at 1:30 p.m. I will give you the  
7 next available date for mediation.

8 MR. HOLMES: Yeah. Commissioner --  
9 Commissioner Brown is saying she's having audio  
10 issues going on. She's trying to --

11 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Holmes, just for  
12 the court reporter, that's Mr. Holmes speaking.  
13 And, I thank you for that Mr. Holmes. I'll make  
14 a note. Thank you.

15 The next available date for mediation  
16 is Tuesday, June 4, anytime between 10:30 and  
17 1:30. That's Tuesday, June 4.

18 MR. LEE: June 4 is a Wednesday, or a  
19 Tuesday?

20 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

21 MR. LEE: That's fine. After 11:00  
22 will be fine for me.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Mr. Lee. Thank  
24 you. Mr. Holmes, would that be okay for you on  
25 Tuesday, June 4, anytime after 11:00?

1 MR. HOLMES: No. After 11:00 I have  
2 work meetings. So, on a Tuesday. So, that's  
3 going to -- it -- let me look at my -- let me  
4 look at both of my calendars.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

6 MR. HOLMES: Just one second.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Well, I'll give you the  
8 next -- I'll give you the next available day.  
9 The next available day is Thursday, June 6,  
10 anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

11 MR. LEE: I'll be fine with after  
12 11:00.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

14 MR. LEE: Yes.

15 MR. HOLMES: You said after 11:00.  
16 After 11:00 --

17 MS. FLETCHER: So, after 11:00, it  
18 would be anytime -- it would either be any -- it  
19 would be anytime between 11:30 and 1:30.

20 MR. HOLMES: I can -- I have a  
21 meeting, let's see, 11:30 to 1:30? You said  
22 11:30 to 1:30?

23 Yes, I can make that. Just outside of  
24 it, yes.

25 MS. FLETCHER: What about 11:30?



1 MR. HOLMES: 11:30, yes. I can make  
2 11:30.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mediation is set  
4 for Thursday, June 6 at 11:30. And, I will send  
5 you the WebEx invitation to attend.

6 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, ma'am.

7 MR. LEE: Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.  
9 But, thank you for agreeing.

10 MR. HOLMES: And, that's just the  
11 mediation then. What was the final day?

12 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what was  
13 that?

14 MR. HOLMES: Antawan Holmes, you --  
15 that was the mediation date.

16 MS. FLETCHER: You have the --

17 MR. HOLMES: Did you set the final  
18 date? The hearing date?

19 MS. FLETCHER: I missed the last part  
20 of your question.

21 MR. HOLMES: No. Was that the only  
22 date we needed, the June 6?

23 MS. FLETCHER: Well, no. You also  
24 need the date of the status hearing, which is  
25 June 26 at 10:30.

1 MR. HOLMES: Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: That's for the status  
3 hearing.

4 MR. HOLMES: June 26 at 10:30.

5 MS. FLETCHER: And, the protest  
6 hearing is July 24 at 1:30.

7 MR. HOLMES: July 24 at 1:30.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: And, you'll receive --  
11 you'll receive links for those too. Thank you.  
12 You're welcome.

13 MR. LEE: I have one comment.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, Mr. Lee?

15 MR. LEE: Yes. It's not for roll call  
16 hearing. But, I met Ms. Carrie at the business  
17 two weeks ago.

18 And, she's supposed to send to me a  
19 draft of the settlement agreement. But, I didn't  
20 hear anything from that.

21 And, she got my business card. So,  
22 she can find my contact information over there.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

24 MR. LEE: But, I am still waiting for  
25 that. All right?

1 MS. BROWN: Good morning. I had  
2 connectivity and audio issues.

3 MS. FLETCHER: So, excuse me one  
4 second. I should tell you, state your name for  
5 the court reporter before you speak.

6 MS. BROWN: Sure. This is  
7 Commissioner Carrie N. Brown.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

9 MS. BROWN: Single Member District  
10 7C09.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

12 MS. BROWN: For Big D Liquor. The  
13 hearing for the renewal of the Class A License.  
14 I emailed Mr. Lee -- we did meet on the 14th of  
15 May, he, the owner, and myself.

16 I did email Mr. Lee a draft copy of  
17 the settlement agreement this morning for you to  
18 review.

19 Again, my apologies for both  
20 technology and audio issues delaying my arrival.  
21 What are the next steps and what do I need to  
22 follow up on?

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Brown, I'll  
24 give you the next steps. But, I did acknowledge  
25 you as being present.

1 I can see you, but I was informed by  
2 Mr. Holmes that you were having technical  
3 difficulties.

4 MS. BROWN: Yes.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. It's --

6 MS. BROWN: Not my fault.

7 MS. FLETCHER: No problem at all.  
8 I'll give you the next steps. So, we scheduled a  
9 date for mediation, a status hearing, and a  
10 protest hearing.

11 The date for mediation is June 6 at  
12 11:30. June 6 at 11:30 a.m. for the mediation,  
13 which actually will not need to take place, if  
14 you are able to resolve this matter prior to June  
15 6, then we don't need mediation.

16 Otherwise, that's when it will be,  
17 June 6 at 11:30. We have a date for a status  
18 hearing, which is June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

19 And, a protest hearing for July 24.  
20 That will be if the matter is not resolved.

21 MR. LEE: Yes. So, Ms. Brown, and if  
22 you have a draft of that --

23 MS. FLETCHER: Just a second. Ms.  
24 Brown, I'm stating your name for the court  
25 reporter.

1 Now, what was your question?

2 MS. BROWN: That was Mr. Lee, ma'am.

3 That wasn't me.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that was -- that  
5 was who?

6 MS. BROWN: Mr. Lee.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Lee, I didn't hear  
8 you say anything. What did you say?

9 MR. LEE: Yes, this is Kyung Hwan Lee.  
10 And, Ms. Carrie, and would you send me a draft?

11 If you sent me the -- please resend it  
12 to me. I didn't have it. So, we are, the client  
13 wants to review that. All right?

14 MS. BROWN: Correct. And, this is  
15 Carrie Brown. That's what we agreed to, that you  
16 all would review it, get back to me, and again,  
17 it's agreement, it's for the betterment of the  
18 community.

19 So, it's not resolute. You make  
20 changes, I make changes. I sent it to you at  
21 9:57 a.m. this morning.

22 I will resend it.

23 MR. LEE: Okay. Once I hear from you,  
24 I will email back to you. Okay?

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you.

1 MS. BROWN: This is Carrie. Thank  
2 you. Understood.

3 MR. LEE: All right. Thank you very  
4 much.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

6 MR. LEE: Bye.

7 MS. FLETCHER: The roll call hearing  
8 in the matter of Big D Liquors is concluded.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
10 went off the record at 10:19 a.m.)

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