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2 10:45 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: There was someone on  
4 the line that had an 11:00 date. Who was that?

5 MR. ROBINSON: That's Wendell  
6 Robinson, representing A & S Groceries. Thank  
7 you, ma'am -- Ms. Fletcher.

8 MS. FLETCHER: That's A & S Groceries?

9 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. One second.

11 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

13 (Pause.)

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I am now calling  
15 the case of A & S Grocery, Case Number 21-PRO-  
16 00047, TGW Convenience Store, LLC, 4748 Sheriff  
17 Road Northeast, License Number ABRA-101367. This  
18 is a Retailer Class B. This is a substantial  
19 change.

20 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you. Good  
21 morning --

22 (Simultaneous speaking.)

23 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. And  
24 this is to change the license class from a Class  
25 B to a Class A.

1 MR. ROBINSON: That's correct. And  
2 this is Wendell Robinson on behalf --

3 (Simultaneous speaking.)

4 MS. FLETCHER: The protest issues are  
5 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet, and  
6 residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian  
7 safety.

8 Who is present on behalf of A & S  
9 Grocery?

10 MR. ROBINSON: Good morning again.  
11 It's Wendell Robinson on behalf of A & S  
12 Groceries. My first name is Wendell, W-E-N-D-E-  
13 L-L. Last name is Robinson, R-O-B-I-N-S-O-N.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Robinson. You're present on behalf of A & S  
16 Grocery?

17 MR. ROBINSON: That's correct.

18 MS. FLETCHER: And who is present on  
19 behalf of ANC 7C?

20 MR. WOLDU: And, also, Thomas Woldu is  
21 present for A & S.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Oh. Okay. Thank you.  
23 Can you state your name one more time and spell  
24 it for the record, please?

25 MR. WOLDU: Yes. T-H-O-M-A-S, and

1 then last name is W-O-L-D-U.

2 MS. FLETCHER: You're present on  
3 behalf of ANC 7C?

4 MR. WOLDU: No.

5 MS. FLETCHER: I'm asking who's  
6 present on behalf of -- so -- so -- so, Mr.  
7 Woldu, you're present -- who are you present for?

8 MR. WOLDU: I'm -- I'm the owner of  
9 the shop.

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Just -- just a  
12 second.

13 Mr. Robinson, are you present on  
14 behalf of ANC -- A & S Grocery?

15 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am. I'm their  
16 attorney, and Mr. Woldu is the owner.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.  
18 That's all I need to know. Thank you.

19 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I've got it now. Thank  
21 you.

22 Okay. And who's present on behalf of  
23 ANC 7C?

24 MR. HOLMES: That is Commissioner  
25 Antawan Holmes, A-N-T-A-W-A-N, H-O-L-M-E-S.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Holmes.  
2 ANC 7C does have standing as a  
3 protestant.

4 Mr. Robinson, let me ask you  
5 something. Did you receive -- did you receive a  
6 Webex invitation from me?

7 MR. ROBINSON: I did.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I just wanted to  
9 make sure I had your contact information.

10 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am. I used it  
11 for this morning.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Good. Thank  
13 you. Okay. Hold on for just a second.

14 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

15 (Pause.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. We need to set  
17 a date for mediation, the status hearing, and a  
18 protest hearing. I'll go ahead and give you the  
19 date for the --

20 MR. RICHMAN: Ms. Fletcher?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Yes? Who's speaking?

22 MR. RICHMAN: My name is Max Richman.  
23 I represent the Deanwood Citizens Association. I  
24 believe we also have party status to this  
25 Applicant. I just wanted to confirm that you

1 have that in your records as well.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Oh. Hold on just a  
3 second. Thank you.

4 (Pause.)

5 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Richman? Mr.  
6 Richman?

7 MR. RICHMAN: Yes. Hello.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Hi. Would you please  
9 state your name and spell it for the record?

10 MR. RICHMAN: Sure. My name is Max  
11 Richman. That's M-A-X, last name R-I-C-H-M-A-N.

12 MS. FLETCHER: So, Mr. Richman, I am  
13 looking at your protest letter, and I see that  
14 you filed the protest on behalf of the Deanwood  
15 Citizens Association.

16 MR. RICHMAN: That is correct.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Do you know if the  
18 Deanwood Citizens Association is incorporated in  
19 D.C.?

20 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. In looking at  
22 your protest letter, Mr. Richman, there is some  
23 information missing from your letter that would  
24 need to be included if you're protesting as an  
25 association. One thing that needs to be included

1 according to our regulations is the fact that you  
2 -- you -- you voted by -- in accordance with your  
3 bylaws and -- and that you held a meeting  
4 regarding this application.

5 The other thing that you would need to  
6 state in your protest letter is that you informed  
7 the Applicant at least seven days prior to that  
8 meeting to give the Applicant an opportunity to  
9 attend -- attend that meeting.

10 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you. Yes, I can  
11 confirm, and -- and Representative Robinson can  
12 also confirm he attended our meeting last month.

13 MS. FLETCHER: So that's not -- okay.  
14 That's -- your protest letter doesn't say that.  
15 But let me ask you something. So you're saying,  
16 Mr. Richman, that a meeting was held in  
17 accordance with your bylaws.

18 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

19 MS. FLETCHER: And that the Applicant  
20 was invited to attend the meeting.

21 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

22 MS. FLETCHER: And that the Applicant  
23 attended the meeting.

24 MR. RICHMAN: The representative, Mr.  
25 Robinson, did. Yes.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Robinson, you  
2 attended the meeting?

3 MR. ROBINSON: I did.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Just a second.

5 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you for your  
6 assistance.

7 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. So  
8 what I'm going to do is I'm going to give you,  
9 Mr. Richman, an opportunity to submit that  
10 statement in writing for our record. I'm going  
11 to grant conditional standing to the Deanwood  
12 Citizens Association, and once you provide that  
13 information at the upcoming status hearing, the  
14 Board can grant full standing. But we'll just  
15 proceed with you as a party.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you. We will have  
17 that letter ready.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And you can  
19 send that letter to April Randall. Do you know  
20 Ms. Randall? Once you have it, you can --

21 MR. RICHMAN: I believe we're in  
22 contact. Thank you.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Good. You're  
24 welcome. And thank you, Mr. Richman, for -- for  
25 letting me -- you know, letting me know that you



1 had a protest filed in this matter.

2 And so we have ANC 7C and the Deanwood  
3 Citizens Association. Now we can set the dates.

4 I'm going to give you the date for the  
5 status and protest hearing first. The date of  
6 the status hearing is August 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
7 The protest hearing is September 30 at 10:00 a.m.

8 We need to set a date for mediation.

9 MR. ROBINSON: Both of those dates are  
10 agreeable for me, for A & S Grocery.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Who was that  
12 speaking?

13 MR. ROBINSON: I'm sorry. Wendell  
14 Robinson.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
16 Robinson.

17 I'll give you the next available day  
18 for mediation. The next available day for  
19 mediation is Friday, July 30, anywhere between  
20 9:00 a.m. and 2:00.

21 MR. ROBINSON: This is Wendell  
22 Robinson on behalf of A & S Grocery. That date  
23 and those times are agreeable.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Let's see. Mr.  
25 Holmes and Mr. Richman, are you available on July

1 30?

2 MR. RICHMAN: This is Mr. Richman.

3 Yes, I'm available.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Holmes, does that  
5 day work for you?

6 MR. HOLMES: Yes, I am available that  
7 day.

8 MS. FLETCHER: What about 10:00?

9 MR. ROBINSON: Wendell Robinson on  
10 behalf of A & S. 10:00 is great -- is good for  
11 us.

12 (Simultaneous speaking.)

13 MR. HOLMES: -- 10:00 a.m.

14 MS. FLETCHER: So mediation is set for  
15 Friday, July 30, at 10:00 a.m.

16 MR. ROBINSON: Wendell Robinson on  
17 behalf of A & S. That's good for us.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you  
19 very much.

20 The roll call hearing is concluded.  
21 See you on July 30 at 10:00. Thank you.

22 MR. ROBINSON: Thanks very much.

23 Mr. Woldu, thank you very much.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

25 MR. HOLMES: Thank you.

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MS. FLETCHER: All right. Take care.  
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
went off the record at 10:58 a.m.)

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