

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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Fogo De Chao Churrascaria:
(The Wharf DC), LLC :
t/a Fogo de Chao :
698 Maine Avenue SW : Roll Call
Retailer C ANC 6D : Hearing
License No. 128586 :
Case #24-PRO-00067 :
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(New Application) :
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Monday
July 29, 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:

MATTHEW MINORA, Licensee Counsel
BOB LINK, ANC 6D

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: My name is Laverne
4 Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll call
5 hearings as the Board's agent. I'd like to thank
6 everyone for participating via ABCAs WebEx
7 platform provided by the D.C. Office of Open
8 Government.

9 There are four cases on the calendar
10 today. The first case is Fogo De Chao, Case
11 Number 24-PRO-00067, Fogo De Chao Churrascaria,
12 The Wharf DC, 698 Main Street SW, License Number
13 ABRA 128586. This is a Retailer Class C
14 restaurant for a new application. The protest
15 issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and
16 quiet.

17 My name is Lavern Fletcher, conducting
18 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is
19 anyone present on behalf of Fogo De Chao?

20 MR. MINORA: Good morning, Ms.
21 Fletcher. My name is Matt Minora, and I am here
22 on behalf of ABC, or excuse me I'm here as ABC
23 License Counsel on behalf of the Applicant, Fogo
24 De Chao.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Minora.

1 If you would spell your name for the record,
2 please.

3 MR. MINORA: Sure. It is Matt, M-A-T-
4 T, Minora, M-I-N-O-R-A.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
6 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 6D?

7 MR. LINK: Good morning, my name is
8 Bob Link, ANC 6D01 commissioner, B-O-B L-I-N-K.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Link.
10 ANC 6D does have standing as a protestant. We
11 need to set some dates, one for a mediation,
12 status hearing, and a protest hearing. I will
13 give you the dates for the status and protest
14 hearings first.

15 The status hearing is scheduled for
16 August the 14th --

17 (Audio interference.)

18 MS. FLETCHER: The status hearing is
19 scheduled for August 14, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The
20 protest hearing is set for September 11, 2024, at
21 1:30 p.m.

22 We need to set a date for mediation.
23 I'll give you the next available day. The next
24 available day is Monday, August 5, at 11:30 a.m.
25 Is that date good for anyone?

1 MR. MINORA: I'll defer to
2 Commissioner Link, but I think we don't even
3 really need mediation. It's only just a matter
4 of us waiting until the next ANC meeting. So if
5 you can push that, I guess, as close to September
6 as possible it's probably best for everyone. So
7 we're not wasting anybody's time.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Minora.
9 I appreciate that. How about if we move it to
10 August the 13th?

11 MR. MINORA: Sure. I mean, I guess,
12 yes, since we have to go through it, sure August
13 13th is fine. But I don't think there'll be much
14 substance to discuss at the meeting.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly.

16 MR. MINORA: Okay, great.

17 MS. FLETCHER: And I'm making a note
18 that this is probably not going to be necessary.
19 I'm just making the note.

20 MR. MINORA: Great. Thank you.

21 MR. LINK: And I can echo Matt's
22 comments. We're one answer away from moving
23 forward. And Matt has it in his inbox this
24 morning. And I expect he'll get back to us, so
25 it's just the timing --

1 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly.

2 MR. LINK: -- because of the August
3 recess, so.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Well, I just made a
5 note that remediation is probably not going to be
6 necessary. And, of course, you know, I'll just
7 remove it from the calendar if you let me know.

8 MR. MINORA: Great, ma'am.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you for
10 coming. The mediation, not the mediation, this
11 is the roll call hearing is concluded. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. MINORA: All right, thank you, Ms.
14 Fletcher, thanks --

15 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

16 MR. LINK: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.

17 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome, Mr.
18 Link.

19 MR. LINK: I think this is my only
20 case, right. I'm leaving then.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Let me -- yeah, that's
22 it for you today. Bye-bye.

23 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
24 went off the record at 10:09 a.m.)

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