

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Pub Crawl :
Applicant: Megan Bean :
Date: October 28, 2023 : Fact Finding
Event: Halloween Bar : Hearing
Crawl :
(Entertainment Factory, :
LLC) :
Neighborhood: Multiple :
Licensed Premises :
Size of Event: 2000 :
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Wednesday
September 14, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
MEGAN BEAN, Applicant
WILLIAM ROACH, Applicant
ALEKSY SILENKO, Applicant
VANCE TRENDOV, Applicant

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

2 (2:51 p.m.)

3 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. All
4 right, let me call the next case on our calendar.
5 I'm going to call out -- Do we have Megan Bean or
6 someone from Halloween Bar Crawl Entertainment
7 Factory, LLC? Do we have -- Do we have that
8 person on the line?

9 MR. ORELLANA: I believe Vance and
10 Alex are associated with this.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. So the
12 parties then from that pub crawl then can -- Yes.
13 All right. Okay. Can you identify yourself for
14 the record please?

15 MR. TRENDOV: For the record, my name
16 is Vance Trendov.

17 MR. ROACH: My name is William Roach.

18 MR. TRENDOV: And we also have a
19 couple other people that are joining this
20 conversation as well.

21 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. So let me
22 -- Well, why don't we -- And who are those people
23 and then I would like the folks to spell their
24 name for the record starting with you also. So
25 who are the other people that needs to be -- who

1 needs to be --

2 MR. TRENDOV: Megan Bean and Aleskey
3 Silenko. I believe Alex is in here, but he is
4 muted. That is the other Alex you guys were
5 referring to earlier.

6 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. And so is
7 the Megan person --

8 MR. TRENDOV: I believe she's also on
9 the call with Alex.

10 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

11 MR. TRENDOV: I don't know if they're
12 having issues getting in or --

13 CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, I see two
14 Alex's on the line. So I'm just trying to see
15 who -- I don't see a call-in user. So are they
16 able to unmute -- Mr. Orellana, are you able to
17 unmute? I see two Alex's on the line. I'm not
18 sure who's there. I see a call-in user.

19 MR. SILENKO: It looks like I can --
20 I can drop down.

21 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Do you
22 have a camera, sir?

23 MR. SILENKO: I'm trying to activate
24 it.

25 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Well,

1 let's -- So let's start back with the initial two
2 persons.

3 MR. SILENKO: Mr. Chair, we have a
4 call-in, so that I can put my phone on speaker
5 and have Megan participate per that using a
6 headset.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

8 MR. SILENKO: Is it possible to
9 approve that call-in?

10 CHAIR ANDERSON: I think you have a
11 call-in, so can you please elevate the call-in
12 please?

13 MR. SILENKO: I'm sorry. Say that one
14 more time.

15 CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm asking our IT
16 individual to unmute the call-in.

17 MR. ORELLANA: I sent a request to
18 unmute.

19 MS. BEAN: Okay.

20 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. *6.

21 PARTICIPANT: There we go.

22 MS. BEAN: Can you hear me?

23 CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. Hi.

24 MS. BEAN: Hi. This is Megan Bean.

25 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. All

1 right. All right, let's -- let's get back to the
2 -- All right. So let's start with the two
3 individuals who identified themselves initially
4 to spell and state their name for the record
5 please. Now you're on mute, sir.

6 MR. TRENDOV: Vance Trendov. That's
7 spelled V-A-N-C-E, last name T-R-E-N-D-O-V.

8 MR. ROACH: And my name is William
9 Roach, W-I-L-L-I-A-M, Roach, R-O-A-C-H.

10 CHAIR ANDERSON: The call-in, spell
11 and state your name for the record please.

12 MS. BEAN: Megan Bean, M-E-G-A-N B-E-
13 A-N.

14 MR. SILENKO: And Aleksey Silenko,
15 that's A-L-E-K-S-E-Y and Silenko, S-I-L-E-N-K-O.

16 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. So the
17 name of this -- the name of this pub crawl is --
18 I'm sorry -- is the following -- It's the
19 Entertainment Factory, LLC Halloween Bar Crawl.
20 So can you -- Who is Entertainment Factory, LLC?
21 Can you explain to us what is that company and
22 tell me about -- I'm asking who is this
23 Entertainment Factory, LLC. Who can explain that
24 to us?

25 MR. SILENKO: So we are an event

1 company -- a bar crawl company.

2 CHAIR ANDERSON: Who's speaking? Just
3 for the Court Reporter, just identify yourself.

4 MR. SILENKO: This is Aleksey Silenko.

5 CHAIR ANDERSON: Go ahead, sir.

6 MR. SILENKO: Yes. So we are a bar
7 crawl company and event company. We plan events
8 and bar crawls.

9 CHAIR ANDERSON: Sir, as I said
10 before, I'm not familiar with your company. Can
11 you tell us your history? I'm unfamiliar with
12 you all.

13 MR. SILENKO: Sure, yes.

14 CHAIR ANDERSON: Hold on a minute.
15 One of the reasons why I did not ask the question
16 before if you were listening to the first
17 hearing, Washington D.C. Events 12 years, we have
18 had several fact-finding hearings with them, so I
19 didn't have to go through and ask them to tell us
20 who they are. I am not necessarily familiar with
21 this company, sir, so I'm trying to -- I want you
22 to tell us who you are. That's all I'm asking.

23 MR. SILENKO: Yes, definitely. So I
24 apologize for that. We originally started in
25 Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are from this area.

1 We started doing events and planning events
2 locally here in 2017. Ever since that time, we
3 have planned events naturally and done a lot of
4 bar crawls nationwide. We have a team of nine
5 staff and three owners; myself, Vance, and Billy.
6 And we have other staff as well that help us out,
7 manage events, make sure that we're keeping up
8 and doing things that we should be doing.

9 CHAIR ANDERSON: You stated that
10 you've been in business since 2017. So have you
11 been approved to participate in a bar crawl in
12 D.C. prior? And which one and when was that?

13 MR. SILENKO: Yes, we have. Megan,
14 which events do you -- were the --

15 MS. BEAN: The ones that we've been
16 approved for -- We had one over the Summer, it
17 was a Pride bar crawl. That one was approved.
18 And then we also -- That one -- The one for Pride
19 was in and around Dupont Circle and at the top of
20 sort of Penn Quarter. And then we also did a St.
21 Patrick's Day bar crawl that was approved back in
22 March, which was around U Street. So we've done
23 other events in D.C. that were under 200, so we
24 didn't have the license. We have tried to do the
25 license back in that time, but unfortunately we

1 didn't get it in time. We didn't send in the
2 permit 60 days ahead of time, so we were denied
3 for those. But the first events that we did,
4 which was under 200 participants was last year
5 for Pride, which would have been June 17th, I
6 believe.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Now tell me about -- Do you
8 have -- Do you have a litter plan that you have
9 put together for this if this bar crawl was
10 approved?

11 MS. BEAN: Did you say a "liquor
12 plan"?

13 CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

14 MS. BEAN: Oh, litter plan. Sorry.
15 My mistake. Yes, we have a third party
16 contractor that we work with for our cleanup,
17 Bayside, LLC. We worked with them for our event
18 over the Summer, as well as for St. Patrick's
19 Day. They've done our cleanings since we have
20 been getting approved for our license.

21 CHAIR ANDERSON: So what is the --
22 what is your understanding of what is expected in
23 regard to cleanup after this for a bar crawl?

24 MS. BEAN: My understanding is that
25 all of the sidewalks and surrounding areas need to

1 be free of litter, including different kinds of
2 trash, alcohol bottles, et cetera. And that the
3 areas around the establishment that are
4 participating in the crawl need to be cleaned.

5 CHAIR ANDERSON: Can you describe the
6 event that you're -- I guess the proposal is from
7 Saturday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00
8 a.m. So please describe the event that you're
9 planning to have.

10 MS. BEAN: Yeah. So we typically have
11 our check-in/registration from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00
12 p.m. That's where the crawlers will go to our
13 check-in location. They receive their badges, any
14 swag items we typically give away like souvenir
15 cups and anything else that we have for them.
16 And then from there after they check in, they're
17 approved to go to the venues that we have listed
18 on our events as they wish until 10:00 p.m.
19 That's typically when the crawl technically ends
20 and then we have an after-party that is hosted
21 from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at one specific
22 location. So that's sort of the last ending of
23 the crawl. It's just the after party.

24 CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, how many
25 participants are you expecting if this bar crawl

1 is -- bar crawl is approved?

2 MR. SILENKO: We're estimating
3 possibly 500 plus or minus. We're just
4 estimating at the moment, but that's -- I believe
5 that's what we are looking at currently.

6 CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm trying to figure
7 out exactly how many -- how many -- what is the
8 number are you requesting from this Board if you
9 are approved this bar crawl -- this pub crawl.
10 I'm sorry. I don't know why I keep on saying
11 "bar crawl" -- pub crawl.

12 MR. SILENKO: Sure. So originally on
13 the paperwork, we did request for 2,000 people.
14 But we did per previous conversation and we would
15 definitely agree to make sure that is not over
16 1,500 and limit our -- limit the possibility of
17 tickets to being under that number.

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: Now is this -- Is
19 this pub crawl in any way different than other
20 pub -- the other pub crawls that you had -- you
21 were previously approved for?

22 MS. BEAN: No. It's pretty much the
23 same structure to the "T" as the one that we were
24 approved for over the Summer, which would have
25 been for Pride. They follow pretty the same

1 timeframe, the same sort of structure in terms of
2 we have one check-in location, depending on how
3 many, you know, participants we have if we need
4 more check-ins, we'll do that. But one check-in
5 and then the crawlers can go to any venue on the
6 list.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Now currently we
8 have three pub crawls -- three different
9 organizations who have -- who have requested
10 having a pub crawl in the Dupont Circle area. So
11 are you -- What is your understanding of what
12 establishment can participate in the pub crawl?
13 And are you aware that a establishment cannot
14 participate in more than one pub crawl?

15 MS. BEAN: So upon speaking with some
16 of the venues in the area, typically on
17 Connecticut many of them had told me that they
18 were already participating in another event and
19 so they declined our event. So some of the ones
20 that I did speak with, I was under the impression
21 that they were not participating in other events.
22 So upon, I guess, hearing from them, I did know
23 that -- became aware of that. Prior to this
24 event, I don't think we've run into this
25 situation with another company where we knew that

1 it wasn't -- a location wasn't able to
2 participate in more than one event. But hearing
3 the first hearing, it does sound like some of the
4 venues that are participating in that event are
5 also participating in ours. Or said that they
6 would participate in ours.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: But are you aware
8 though that none of the -- none of the venues can
9 participate in more than one pub crawl?

10 MS. BEAN: Yes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: Now what measures do
12 you have in place to engage with MPD in order to
13 prevent violence or to encourage public safety?

14 MR. SILENKO: Currently we have a
15 security team hired to be there with our event
16 manager who is checking in on the venues. The
17 security team that we have hired has worked our
18 other events as well. And they would be the ones
19 responsible for making sure that violence and
20 things, I guess aren't happening. They typically
21 -- our event manager is required to go to all of
22 the venues, especially during the crawl. So I
23 think typically the security sticks with them to
24 ensure that all the venues and everything --
25 everything's running smoothly.

1 CHAIR ANDERSON: And so what plans do
2 you have in place to prevent underage drinking
3 and to control excessive drinking?

4 MS. BEAN: Yeah. So at our last
5 event, I think it worked out well. We actually
6 printed out fliers for our event manager to have
7 to promote safe drinking, not excessive drinking,
8 et cetera. So that information was available at
9 the check-in for all of our participants to
10 review, take with them, et cetera.

11 MR. TRENDOV: There's one other thing
12 that I just want to point out is we've done over
13 1,000 events before and this is a big thing that
14 comes up for us that we want to make sure the
15 bars and venues do the best job. We started with
16 wrist bands that would go across someone's wrist
17 and we actually found that there was a lot of
18 confusion when it came to venues and bartenders
19 and thinking that, that wrist band is some sort
20 of indication that, that person is age-verified.
21 So we changed into a lanyard that someone wears
22 that indicates that they're on the event. It's
23 really easy for them to see, but we send out
24 emails and text messages to the bars telling them
25 hey, they are going to be wearing vests. Make

1 sure you age verify every single venue and make
2 it very clear that it's important that every
3 venue does do age verification.

4 MR. ROACH: In our emails and online,
5 we also post not to drink -- overly drink, safe
6 ways to get home, things like that ahead of the
7 event to all of our crawlers.

8 CHAIR ANDERSON: Now we talked about
9 security earlier, so tell me a little bit about
10 how many security officers do you plan to hire?
11 And specifically, what is -- what is their role?

12 MS. BEAN: Yeah. So when I have
13 chatted with our security team prior to
14 submitting our pub crawl event forms, we had
15 scheduled two based on the amount of people that
16 we had for St. Patrick's Day. I believe we also
17 had two for Pride. But the amount of security
18 officers that we will have will be based on the
19 amount of tickets we sell. So I have plans to
20 chat with our security team a couple weeks prior
21 to the event just to give them an idea of where
22 we're at ticket wise. If we need to have more
23 security officers there, we for sure can do that.

24 In terms of their role, based on what
25 I've chatted with them about, their role to sort

1 of be with our event manager and just make sure
2 everybody's ID'd properly and ensure that there
3 is no violence or otherwise negative things
4 happening during the event.

5 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I'm not
6 saying this the amount that we are going to
7 approve, but we're throwing out 1,500. So if we
8 approved 1,500, how many security officers do you
9 plan to hire based on a 1,500 number?

10 MR. TRENDOV: Yeah. So I can kind of
11 take that one. So our security officers work in
12 conjunction with the security teams at the
13 venues. At our event around the size of 1,500
14 people, we would probably go up from two to at
15 least four, maybe six. But we do also ensure
16 that the venue has plenty of security on their
17 own team as well. As our security -- Yeah.

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Any
19 questions by any board members? Go ahead.

20 MEMBER SHORT: So before I do that,
21 Mr. Chair, so we're having three events on the
22 28th?

23 CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Short, yes.

24 MEMBER SHORT: Excuse me?

25 CHAIR ANDERSON: There are three pub

1 crawl applications on our agenda today. Nothing
2 has been approved. There are three pub crawl
3 applications on our agenda for October 28th.

4 MEMBER SHORT: So Megan Bean is with
5 this team. Correct?

6 MS. BEAN: I'm sorry. What was that?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Megan Bean --

8 CHAIR ANDERSON: This hearing -- Hold
9 on. Hold on. Hold on, Mr. Short. This fact-
10 finding hearing that we're having is for the
11 Entertainment Factory, LLC, their Halloween bar
12 crawl application.

13 MEMBER SHORT: I understand that, Mr.
14 Chair. And I have the print-out that I printed
15 out, what was sent to us from Legal. Three
16 events. Okay, first of all, let me get back to
17 Megan. Megan, you said this is the largest one -
18 - largest pub crawl you've applied for in the
19 District. Correct?

20 MS. BEAN: No. The Pride bar crawl
21 that we did over the Summer, we also applied for
22 2,000 participants, but we only sold 166 tickets.
23 So we had applied for events of this size for
24 Pride and also for our St. Patrick's Day event as
25 well. We didn't sell that many tickets, but

1 that's what we applied for.

2 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, I guess
3 the question I want to ask you is are you
4 familiar with the District of Columbia Municipal
5 Regulations 712, which governs the pub crawls,
6 which is the law? And have you read it?

7 MS. BEAN: I believe so. Is that
8 listed on the pub crawl event form or is it in a
9 different location?

10 MEMBER SHORT: So let me ask this
11 question another way. Are you familiar with Pub
12 Crawls D.C. Regulations 712?

13 MS. BEAN: Not off the top of my head,
14 no.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, Megan I
16 have a problem with someone who's having -- going
17 to ask to have 1,500 people. It sounds like if
18 all three are approved, it would be 4,5000 people
19 on Connecticut Avenue. And you don't know
20 anything about the regulations. You've never
21 read them.

22 MR. TRENDOV: So we have read these.
23 I'm looking at them right now and we, along with
24 Megan have all read these together.

25 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, all right. Well,

1 Megan said she hadn't. I'm glad you clarified
2 that. Okay.

3 MR. TREDOV: She may be confused --

4 MEMBER SHORT: Do me a favor since
5 you're reading them right now. Go to Section --
6 Go to Section 712.7.

7 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Tell me what you
9 understand about Section 712.7.

10 MR. TREDOV: Absolutely. So we have
11 to have a litter plan that we create with our
12 cleaning crew and are required to clean up by no
13 later than 10:00 a.m. the following day.
14 However, we in the past have had them clean up
15 that night after the pub crawl is complete --

16 MEMBER SHORT: I understand that.
17 Just don't go too far.

18 MR. TREDOV: Oh sorry, sir.

19 MEMBER SHORT: That's been a big
20 problem with us and pub crawls. They clean up
21 the same night that it happens, but the crowd
22 doesn't go home.

23 (simultaneous speaking)

24 MEMBER SHORT: And then at 10 o'clock
25 the next day or 6 o'clock the next morning, the

1 people are complaining because you cleaned up the
2 night of while people are still throwing trash
3 down. That doesn't work out too well. So
4 according to the law, it's supposed to be cleaned
5 up by 10:00 a.m. the next morning. So you heard
6 -- I know you heard the last testimony, didn't
7 you?

8 MR. TRENDOV: Yes, sir. I did.

9 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. What did this
10 person say happened with them to keep them from
11 getting in problems with 712.7?

12 MEMBER SHORT: They're requiring
13 photographs as we have done in the past as well,
14 sir.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Now another
16 problem that this Board has had is that when
17 there are more than one pub crawl, one person
18 says well, that's not my trash. The other person
19 having the pub crawl, it's their trash. But the
20 law states any one of you that is wrong on that
21 night, the law can come after you or the District
22 law can come after you because 712.7 was written
23 to keep people from pointing the fingers at one
24 another. That's why I do it -- I might as well
25 be honest. I have a situation when there are

1 more than one or two at the same time.

2 MEMBER SHORT: Yes, sir. I was -- I
3 had a solution I was going to suggest, but I will
4 wait for you to finish, sir.

5 MEMBER SHORT: No, go ahead. What's
6 your suggestion, sir?

7 MR. TRENDOV: Yes, sir. We actually
8 wanted to request that we are able to work closer
9 with the Project D.C. group so we can be in
10 closer communication, as well as if our event is
11 not looking like it will hit that certain number,
12 we want to make sure that everyone here is able
13 to enjoy the event. And that if we a month
14 before the event are only estimating 1,000
15 people, if we could pass along the other 500 --

16 MEMBER SHORT: Please don't do that.
17 We've had that happen before.

18 MR. TRENDOV: Okay. Yes, sir. That's
19 why I was just asking.

20 MEMBER SHORT: Wait a minute. Let me
21 please finish, sir. You can say ten days out you
22 didn't get your numbers, but you're still allowed
23 to have that number and you give somebody else
24 the authority and they say well, it's not my
25 fault because this guy told me I could have 1,000

1 more. Please don't do that.

2 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir. I understand.

3 MEMBER SHORT: So you said you've read
4 these pub crawl regulations.

5 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir. We have read
6 these in the past. Yes, sir.

7 MEMBER SHORT: And so what does it say
8 about numbers and how you stick to your numbers?
9 Tell me what it says. I've got a copy in front
10 of me. Tell me what it says.

11 MR. TREDOV: Sorry. We have to have
12 our -- We cannot go over our allotted attendance.
13 I'm confused by what your question is. We sell
14 tickets online. Every single one of our events
15 has a separate city. So when you buy a ticket
16 to our event, it's listed under each individual
17 city. So we know at all times how many tickets
18 we have sold. And we have a limit on there as
19 well, so the event cannot be oversold.
20 Eventbrite has that in their system.

21 MEMBER SHORT: So if you oversell,
22 what recourse does the city have?

23 MR. TREDOV: There's no possibility
24 of overselling based on the ticket regulation
25 that Eventbrite has set up.

1 MEMBER SHORT: That's a good answer.

2 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir.

3 MEMBER SHORT: So when the
4 investigator who's in charge of the pub crawl
5 comes to you and says tell me right now many
6 tickets have you sold, you will be able to tell
7 them how many you sold in Washington D.C.
8 Correct?

9 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir. Absolutely.
10 Correct.

11 MEMBER SHORT: And you're very
12 familiar with the Pub Crawl Regulations?

13 MR. TREDOV: I would say so. Yes,
14 sir.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Tell me then how
16 you understand 712.7 again, under B1 and 2. What
17 does it say?

18 MR. TREDOV: Yes, sir. So litter
19 will be cleaned up from both sides of the street
20 of the entire block. So I would say from -- I
21 can pull up the map here. So for example if the
22 crawl was on Connecticut Avenue, we would be
23 responsible for both sides of the street,
24 cleaning up any trash and debris that would be
25 there, including vomit or any other bodily fluids

1 to make sure that they're cleaned up prior to --
2 I believe you said 6:00 a.m. It said 10:00 a.m.
3 on the permit -- on the information. But we
4 would make sure that --

5 MEMBER SHORT: Normally on Dupont
6 Circle, people start complaining at 6:00.

7 MR. TRENDOV: Yes. I understand, sir.
8 We can --

9 MEMBER SHORT: Because if they call at
10 10:00, it doesn't get done.

11 MR. TRENDOV: I understand, sir.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. I'll just say
13 this. It sounds like you have the right answers.
14 Again, we had a perfect storm with over two pub
15 crawls at once and I will remember having a
16 situation with that. That's just my -- I'm just
17 one board member. That's my personal
18 recollection of the perfect storm. And luckily
19 no one died that night because Metropolitan
20 Police had to pull all the parties out of all the
21 other precincts and districts all over the city
22 to come to Connecticut Avenue because someone did
23 not -- We didn't even have any rules at that
24 time. But since we've had those rules, we have a
25 little better control. And hopefully you will be

1 -- And I have no reason to doubt that you won't
2 be -- a responsible applicant.

3 But anyway, that's all I have at this
4 time, Mr. Chair. And hopefully we don't have any
5 situations after this event on the 28th. Thank
6 you very much. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thanks, Mr. Short.
8 Any other questions? Go ahead, Mr. Grandis.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you. I want to
10 thank you all for the information you're
11 providing us today. You may have submitted sort
12 of the map of the route or the blocks that you'll
13 be using, but I have to say, I can't find it. So
14 can you -- one of you just give me an idea when
15 you're talking about Dupont Circle, what streets
16 are you actually talking about? What blocks?
17 What streets?

18 MR. TRENDOV: Yeah, I'll leave that to
19 Megan. She is -- She's specifically dealing with
20 the venues.

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.

22 MS. BEAN: Yeah. So currently we have
23 our check-in location on I Street and then we
24 have --

25 MEMBER GRANDIS: You said "I Street"?

1 MS. BEAN: Yes.

2 (simultaneous speaking)

3 MS. BEAN: A little bit lower than
4 Dupont.

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: That's not in Dupont
6 Circle. I'm sorry?

7 MS. BEAN: Yeah, it's a little bit
8 lower. It's a little bit lower than Dupont --
9 (simultaneous speaking)

10 MEMBER GRANDIS: Okay. So the check-
11 in is there. So then when they pick up their
12 tickets, what happens at that point? They walk
13 back up to Connecticut?

14 MS. BEAN: Yeah. They can go to any
15 venue on the list. So if they wanted to go to
16 the furthest venue away as soon as they get.
17 They're supplied -- they're more than welcome to.
18 We don't have like a list where they like, you
19 know, go to X, Y, Z at, you know, a certain time.
20 They're free to go to whichever venue they would
21 like to.

22 (simultaneous speaking)

23 MEMBER GRANDIS: -- the hundred block
24 -- the street names in the hundred blocks. You
25 said "the farthest one", what's the farthest one

1 from I Street?

2 MS. BEAN: I believe it is -- would be
3 1300 Connecticut, but as we heard from the last,
4 that was Phantom. So there are not eligible to
5 participate, so they're no longer participating.
6 So we'll have to pull them. So it would be --
7 the other one that we have would be the 2100
8 block of K Street and the 1800 block of M
9 Street.

10 MEMBER GRANDIS: 1800 block of M
11 Street? "M" like Mary?

12 (simultaneous speaking)

13 MEMBER GRANDIS: So it's sort of --
14 It's somewhat spread out. Actually, I would say
15 it's from like K Street around Connecticut, up to
16 M Street as opposed to M Street on Connecticut
17 Avenue up to the Circle. So you're below the
18 Circle, I think.

19 MS. BEAN: Correct.

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Okay. Had you all --
21 Is this -- Would you say based on what you heard
22 from the other applicants earlier, would you say
23 these are the same blocks or there are just a few
24 overlaps that you all anticipate most of yours
25 will be different venues than they are looking

1 for?

2 MS. BEAN: It sounds like there would
3 be overlap, but it also sounds like there are
4 venues participating in multiple events that will
5 not be able to participate in multiple events if
6 you catch my drift. So we probably will -- you
7 know, we're going to have to go back to these
8 venues and see what's actually going on. So it
9 sounds like initially there would have been some
10 overlap. But with only being able to participate
11 in one event, previous venues won't be able to
12 participate in all of them.

13 MR. GOODWIN: And none of your -- None
14 of your -- At this time, none of your venues are
15 on the 17 Street Corridor or the U Street
16 Corridor?

17 MS. BEAN: No. No. None of our
18 venues are there.

19 MEMBER SHORT: And what about the 18
20 Street Corridor up towards Adams Morgan, no?

21 MS. BEAN: No, I don't believe so.

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Okay. Well, from
23 what I'm hearing today, I know this is sort of
24 outside of the Bible, but there are two
25 applicants who seem to have sort of a similar

1 request. Maybe you all need to talk together
2 because you can't have more than one venue -- one
3 venue cannot have more than one participant. So
4 maybe you all need to have a conversation among
5 yourselves to sort of get that straightened out
6 because you don't want to leave that up to the --
7 The Agency can't straighten that out for you all.

8
9 MS. BEAN: Sure. Sure.

10 MEMBER GRANDIS: We want you to be
11 successful, but it just sounds like that there's
12 not communication between you and the other
13 applicants. And that may be because this is the
14 first year with three applying -- three different
15 companies applying for the same area. But there
16 needs to be coordination because we don't want to
17 put our Agency in the situation to say wait a
18 minute, you know, X venue on M Street has already
19 been assigned to this group. You can't use them
20 yourself. So is there -- Have you all had any
21 thought about how you prevent this kind of
22 problem from happening?

23 MS. BEAN: Yeah. I guess from my
24 perspective hearing from some of the venues on
25 Connecticut that straight up told you they're

1 participating in a different event -- I had
2 assumed that the ones that I had reached out to
3 you were, you know, fair game. They weren't
4 participating in any other events. Said yes to
5 us. So now going back to them and saying, you
6 know, are you for sure not participating in any
7 other events because this is going to cause
8 issues. So understood completely.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Whether you all do it
10 now in September as opposed to October --

11 (simultaneous speaking)

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman, I'm fine.
13 I just wanted to try to get clarification on how
14 they're going to determine which company has
15 which venue. Thank you.

16 MR. TREDOV: There's also --

17 CHAIR ANDERSON: Identify yourself
18 please.

19 MR. TREDOV: Oh, Vance. One thing I
20 just wanted to point out too -- and Alex before
21 with the -- with his company stated that he had a
22 similar problem that we have too where if you go
23 onto a Google search and do "D.C. pub crawls",
24 three companies actually come up here that aren't
25 even a part of these hearings -- the fact-finding

1 hearings. One of the biggest problems that we
2 have is actually -- is exactly what he said his
3 company is specifically saying, Dupont Circle,
4 listing a venue, listing the area, and selling
5 tickets online. So that's just one thing I
6 wanted to point out because I understand the
7 Board and wanting to limit the size of the event
8 and the number of people that come down there.

9 The most difficult thing for us is
10 when we do actually limit tickets and then we see
11 other companies that are continually selling
12 tickets where there's no -- where there's no
13 regulation. That's just kind of a question I had
14 for the Board on if we're working together,
15 limiting the entire size of the event, how we are
16 working together to make sure these companies are
17 selling tickets.

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, I think the --
19 I'm not sure if you're aware that every
20 establishment that participates in pub crawl,
21 they have to list your license. So they have to
22 have your license in their establishment and they
23 cannot have more than one license. So they have
24 to have a copy of your -- If you're approved, you
25 have to provide them a copy of your license. And

1 there's only one license per establishment.

2 Because of Halloween, I will make sure
3 the Agency has its investigators out. And so we
4 will check with the approved pub crawl operators
5 if we approve all three pub crawls to make sure
6 that they have maintained their numbers. And of
7 course if not, we will bring them in if there is
8 such a violation. And then if that operator
9 applies in the future for a pub crawl, the Board
10 would look at whether or not they have complied
11 with our previous orders regarding numbers. And
12 that will make a determination whether or not we
13 will approve any further applications for any of
14 these companies.

15 As you have stated, if an individual
16 has a -- has listed an illegal pub crawl on their
17 Eventbrite, because they're not an approved
18 operator, the Board doesn't necessarily have a
19 whole lot of action that we can take for someone
20 who is not approved. But as your company with
21 the other two companies didn't apply for a
22 license -- did apply for a maximum license and so
23 therefore each time you have a pub crawl, then
24 you apply for a substantial change license to
25 have an event. So that's what we will move

1 forward with.

2 Any other representation you need to
3 -- you want to make regarding your -- Yes, Mr.
4 Short.

5 MEMBER SHORT: As our first applicant
6 testified and who had the right answer, it is
7 your duty if you are given a license from this
8 Agency in this city and you found out someone's
9 selling tickets illegally and you don't turn them
10 in and that's proven, then you shouldn't ever
11 have another pub crawl event or any other event
12 in Washington D.C. So what would you do if you
13 did find out someone was selling tickets previous
14 to an event? Would you call and report them to
15 ABRA -- ABCA?

16 MR. ROACH: Absolutely. We would have
17 to do that because it causes market confusion.
18 It causes many, many issues that we have with
19 people. People show up to our events all the
20 time assuming they've got a company to our event
21 when really they bought some random ticket from
22 pubcrawls.com, which is actually one of the
23 companies that has listed several events for
24 Halloween coming up in D.C. And we're sharing
25 those ones and we will be sharing them with Didi

1 who is our ABCA representative, as well as we can
2 call it in as well.

3 MEMBER SHORT: I would recommend you
4 call our Agency and call MPD --

5 MR. ROACH: Okay.

6 MEMBER SHORT: -- because the bottom
7 line is if they're selling tickets illegally, MPD
8 can arrest them because of this pub crawl
9 regulation. Okay?

10 MR. ROACH: Yes, sir.

11 MEMBER SHORT: And then protect
12 yourself and protect your business interests
13 because if something terrible happens with
14 overcrowding, then your name becomes associated
15 with illegal dangerous activities in Washington
16 D.C. And we've seen it happen all around the
17 world where big crowds of people are together and
18 somebody does something harmful.

19 I'm a retired D.C. fireman after 33
20 years. I used to run the Fire Marshall's Office.
21 That's the reason why I use so much caution.
22 I've seen some of the problems that can happen
23 when people don't pay attention to the laws and
24 rules. And the reason why I try to keep as many
25 -- a limit to the number of people who are

1 allowed down there on Connecticut Avenue. But
2 just me as one board member, I'm giving my
3 experience because I'm not saying this just to
4 breathe on my guns and to say it because in spite
5 of someone else. I'm saying it because I have
6 knowledge of people safety that maybe some others
7 don't have -- 33 years worth. But thank you very
8 much. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Short.
10 Any other questions from any other board members?
11 Any final comments you want to make in this
12 hearing? If Ms. Bean or anyone else wants to say
13 anything -- a final comment before --

14 MR. ROACH: No, sir. Thank you.

15 MR. TREDOV: Thank you very much.

16 MR. SILENKO: I thought we were on
17 unmute. No, we do not have any questions at the
18 moment.

19 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. The Board
20 will take this matter under advisement. We will
21 make a determination on whether or not we are
22 going to approve the pub crawl. And if we do,
23 what numbers will we approve. I just want to
24 remind you that an establishment cannot
25 participate in more than one pub crawl. And if

1 an establishment participates in your pub crawl,
2 a copy of your license has to be provided to them
3 and they need to have that license -- a copy of
4 that license in their establishment.

5 MR. ROACH: I did have one question
6 about that, sir, because I want to make sure that
7 we're crystal clear with the venues so that even
8 if they don't have regulations, that we know
9 them. Given an example, if a crawler from
10 another company comes to the door of one of the
11 venues that are on our crawl and that person
12 wants to come in, is the venue supposed to turn
13 them away at the door or are they supposed to not
14 offer the specials that the crawlers would
15 receive? Or how should they go about that if
16 they can see the wrist band from another bar
17 crawl?

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: They are aware that
19 they can only participate in one bar crawl as I
20 stated. They're aware that can only participate
21 in one bar crawl. The ABCA Board does not get
22 involved in -- If there's three bar crawls -- If
23 the three pub crawls are approved, the Agency
24 doesn't get involved in the sense of the -- You
25 have to figure out who is going to participate in

1 your -- in your crawl and that information is
2 provided to investigators. So our investigators
3 will know that there's not more than one
4 establishment participating in the crawls because
5 we have to approve the establishment.

6 Now the establishments are aware of
7 the regulations. They are aware what they should
8 or shouldn't do. And if our investigators come
9 out and see that they are participating in more
10 than one bar crawl, then we will take a corporate
11 action against that licensee.

12 MR. ROACH: Thank you, sir.

13 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Thank you
14 very much for all your presentations today. And
15 as stated, we will take this matter under
16 advisement and we will relay to you shortly what
17 action or what decision the Board will take on
18 your application. Thank you very much. Have a
19 great day.

20 MR. SILENKO: Thank you very much.
21 Have a great weekend.

22 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-
23 entitled matter was concluded at 3:36 p.m.)
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