

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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Blueprint Development, :
LLC, t/a Blueprint :
Development :
6232 Georgia Avenue NW :
Retailer MC - ANC 4A :
License #128747 :
Case #24-PRO-00097 :
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(New Medical Cannabis :
Application) :
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Monday
September 16, 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:

KIM PATTERSON, ANC 4A

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

2 10:25 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The last case on the
4 calendar is Blueprint Development. This is case
5 number 24-PRO-00097, Blueprint Development, LLC,
6 6232 Georgia Avenue NW, license number ABRA-
7 128747. This is a retailer class MC medical
8 cannabis for a new medical cannabis application.

9 Is anyone present on behalf of
10 Blueprint Development? Is anyone present on
11 behalf of Blueprint Development? Is anyone
12 present on behalf of ANC 4A? Is anyone present
13 on behalf of ANC 4A?

14 MS. PATTERSON: Ms. Fletcher?

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

16 MS. PATTERSON: Ms. Fletcher, this is
17 Kim Patterson, Commissioner Kim Patterson for
18 A05.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
20 Patterson.

21 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Patterson, I
23 reviewed your protest letter and have a couple of
24 comments and then I'll state whether or not the
25 ANC --

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, just a second.
2 Ms. Patterson, you're speaking to somebody else
3 in the background right now?

4 MS. PATTERSON: Okay, I'm muted.
5 Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Patterson, can you
7 hear me still? Ms. Patterson?

8 MS. PATTERSON: Yes, this is Kim. I'm
9 sorry. Ms. Fletcher, can you hear me?

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, I can hear you.

11 MS. PATTERSON: I'm muting. I will
12 mute myself. I'm on business travel right now,
13 so I'm multitasking. Oh, okay. I understand.

14 MS. PATTERSON: But I'm here but I'm
15 going to mute. I'm going to mute.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

17 MS. PATTERSON: Okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: I read your protest
19 letter, Ms. Patterson, and I have a couple of
20 comments. Your protest letter says, in the first
21 sentence, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Kim
22 Patterson, 4805, protests the application of
23 Blueprint Development. That's in the first
24 sentence. And so my response to that is that
25 that's in your capacity as an SMD.

1 MS. PATTERSON: Correct, yes.

2 MS. FLETCHER: The SMDs do not have
3 standing to follow protests unless they're a part
4 of a group of five and so the protest is
5 dismissed.

6 And I should also note for the record,
7 Ms. Patterson, the other information is missing
8 from the protest letter. So SMDs don't have
9 standing to file a protest unless they're a part
10 of a group of five, but the protest letter also
11 does not state the information we need about a
12 duly noted meeting being held, public notified,
13 vote taken, quorum present, you know, the
14 standard language.

15 You've probably seen the standard
16 language in some of your other protest letters in
17 the past, Ms. Patterson, because you have filed
18 protests in the past.

19 MS. PATTERSON: Yes, that is true.
20 The problem I ran into was that we were on summer
21 sabbatical and we didn't meet for two, maybe
22 three months. Now we're back in session, but we
23 weren't during the summer.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So that explains
25 it.

1 MS. PATTERSON: Yes. So is there a
2 way that I can file anything else at this point?
3 Because we are in session.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Well, the petition
5 deadline ended on August the 26th, 2024, Ms.
6 Patterson. So that means that protests cannot be
7 filed beyond that point. So the protest is
8 dismissed, but let me first say what the basis of
9 the protest is.

10 It's based on an adverse impact on
11 peace order and quiet and over concentration.
12 And, Ms. Patterson, you probably know this
13 already, but any time that a protest is
14 dismissed, a Board order is issued dismissing the
15 protest, and it will be for the reason that I
16 just stated.

17 But you always have the option of
18 petitioning the Board to reinstate the protest
19 and give them the reason that you want them to
20 consider reinstating the protest so that option
21 is there.

22 MS. PATTERSON: Okay, I thank you for
23 that.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Patterson.

25 MS. PATTERSON: Yes.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Before you leave, is
2 anyone present on behalf of Blueprint
3 Development? The time is approximately 10:30
4 a.m. There's no one present on behalf of
5 Blueprint Development, and so the application for
6 a new medical cannabis application is also
7 dismissed.

8 MS. PATTERSON: Ms. Fletcher?

9 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

10 MS. PATTERSON: On that note, you
11 stated that the application is dismissed because
12 there isn't a representative from Blueprint,
13 correct?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Yes.

15 MS. PATTERSON: So does that mean they
16 have to reapply?

17 MS. FLETCHER: What that means is that
18 the Board is going to issue an order dismissing
19 the application because they're not here today,
20 and they will also have 10 days to seek
21 reinstatement of the protest, explaining to the
22 board why they were not present today and the
23 Board will decide what happens next.

24 The Board could decide to reinstate
25 the application. The Board could decide to have

1 them re-placard and start over, but we don't know
2 what the Board's decision will be at this point.
3 We don't know if they'll seek reinstatement at
4 this point, so we'll just have to wait for that.
5 But the application is dismissed because they're
6 not present.

7 MS. PATTERSON: Okay. Okay. So in
8 the meantime, do I go to my ANC for a petition or
9 a vote at this point, or we have to wait because
10 the application was dismissed and this process is
11 starting over?

12 MS. FLETCHER: So you can just wait to
13 get the Board order.

14 MS. PATTERSON: Okay.

15 MS. FLETCHER: And then go back to
16 your commission, and if you decide you want to
17 request a reinstatement, you can talk about doing
18 that and what the reason will be for the letter
19 that you sent, as opposed to the one that you
20 would normally send.

21 MS. PATTERSON: Okay. And my final
22 question is, based on the new laws for
23 establishing opening cannabis stores, why doesn't
24 this fail on its face because it's not 450 feet
25 away? It's literally next door to an existing

1 cannabis store.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Well, Ms. Patterson,
3 that's actually a licensing division issue. I
4 can tell you that whenever an application is
5 filed for a liquor license or a medical cannabis
6 license, the Board has a map generated via the
7 D.C. Geographic Information System to measure the
8 distances between schools and other
9 establishments. So there was a map generated,
10 and apparently there was nothing in the map that
11 precluded the board from pushing the application
12 forward.

13 But if you have a question about that,
14 you can present that to the Board as well, if you
15 want to challenge the distance between this
16 establishment and another one that you think is
17 too closely located. But that's something that
18 the board already looked at.

19 MS. PATTERSON: Okay. Thank you for
20 that, but there is obviously some type of
21 confusion because it's literally next to a
22 cannabis store. So I will follow up when I'm
23 back in town, and I thank you so much.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Ms. Patterson.

25 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

2 MS. PATTERSON: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Maybe I'll see you
4 again soon.

5 MS. PATTERSON: Yes, I'm sure you'll
6 see me again soon. Thank you.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

8 MS. PATTERSON: Bye.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Take care. All right.
10 Thanks. Bye-bye.

11 The roll call hearing in the matter of
12 Blueprint Development is concluded.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
14 off the record at 10:35 a.m.y

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