

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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Friendship Heights :
Convenience Store, LLC :
t/a Friendship Heights :
Convenience Store :
5252 Wisconsin Ave NW :
Suite 001A :
Retailer B - ANC 3E :
License #122502 :
Case #24-PRO-00090 :
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(Substantial Change - :
Transfer License to :
New Address, Change from :
Class B to Class A :
License) :
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Monday
September 30, 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:

GREGORY LEE, Applicant's Counsel
HAILEMARYAM NEGASH, Applicant
TOM QUINN, ANC 3E

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, we're all set.

4 I'd like to start by thanking you for
5 participating in ABCA's public roll call hearing
6 via the Webex platform provided by the D.C.
7 Office of Open Government.

8 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and I'll
9 be conducting the roll call hearing as the
10 Board's agent. There's one case on the calendar
11 today for Friendship Heights Convenience Store,
12 Case No. 24-PRO-00090, Friendship Heights
13 Convenience Store, LLC, 5252 Wisconsin Avenue,
14 NW, Suite 001A, License No. ABRA-122502. This is
15 a Retailer Class B for beer and wine for a
16 substantial change to transfer to 5252 Wisconsin
17 Avenue, Suite 001A, and also to change the
18 license class from beer and wine to a Class A
19 liquor store.

20 Is there anyone present on behalf of
21 Friendship Heights Convenience Store?

22 MR. LEE: Yes, good morning. For the
23 record, Gregory Lee of the Law Office of Gregory
24 Y. Lee, PLLC. My name is spelled G-R-E-G-O-R-Y,
25 last name Lee, L-E-E. And I'm here with Mr.

1 Hailemaryam Negash and his name is spelled, first
2 name, H-A-I-L-E-M-A-R-Y-A-M. Last name, Negash,
3 N-E-G-A-S-H.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
5 Mr. Lee, what's the name of your firm again?

6 MR. LEE: Law Office of Gregory Y.
7 Lee, PLLC.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And is
9 anyone present on behalf of ANC 3E?

10 Ms. Cruse?

11 MS. CRUSE: Yes.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Are you here on behalf
13 of ANC 3E by any change?

14 MS. CRUSE: No, as a matter of fact,
15 I was here for the Arcay Chocolate, but
16 apparently that was canceled and I checked this
17 morning to see if we're on the schedule and it
18 looked like it was and I knew that there was a
19 settlement agreement, so I didn't know what was
20 what.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you know what?
22 Better to be safe than sorry, right?

23 MS. CRUSE: Exactly. I get to say
24 hello to you again.

25 MS. FLETCHER: And that's always a

1 pleasure. So Arcay, just for the record, Arcay
2 Chocolate, A-R-C-A-Y, was on the calendar for
3 today, but a settlement agreement did come in and
4 so the case was removed from the calendar. And
5 so Ms. Cruse, it's nice to see you, but have a
6 great day.

7 MS. CRUSE: Thank you. Same to you.
8 Bye now.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Take care.

10 MS. CRUSE: Bye-bye.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Bye-bye. Is anyone
12 present on behalf of ANC 3E for Friendship
13 Heights Convenience Store?

14 Mr. Quinn? I think you may be having
15 some technical difficulty here. I can see that
16 you're here.

17 MR. QUINN: Can you guys see me?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

19 MR. QUINN: I apologize. I had
20 trouble getting on the call.

21 MS. FLETCHER: No problem at all. Can
22 you see us?

23 MR. QUINN: I can see you, yes.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, good. So I can
25 see you. Okay. Well, thank you for coming.

1 Mr. Quinn, you're here on behalf of
2 ANC 3E?

3 MR. QUINN: Yes, I'm here on behalf of
4 ANC 3E.

5 MS. FLETCHER: And would you spell
6 your name for the record, please?

7 MR. QUINN: Tom, T-O-M. Quinn, Q-U-I-
8 N-N.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
10 The protest issues in this matter are adverse
11 impact on peace, order, and quiet; residential
12 parking needs, vehicular; and pedestrian safety;
13 and impact on real property values. ANC 3E does
14 have standing as a protestant.

15 We need to schedule a date for
16 mediation, a status hearing, and a protest
17 hearing. I will give you the dates for the
18 status and protest hearing first. The status
19 hearing is scheduled for October 23, 2024 at
20 10:30 a.m. The protest hearing is set for
21 December 4th.

22 MR. QUINN: Did you say it was 10/23
23 for the status hearing?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, for the status
25 hearing is October 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. And

1 for the protest hearing, it is December 4th.

2 MR. QUINN: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: At 1:30 p.m. All
4 right, we'll give you the next available date for
5 mediation. The next available day is Tuesday,
6 October 8th. That's the next available date.
7 Any time between 10:30 and 1:30 on Tuesday,
8 October 8th.

9 MR. QUINN: I'm sorry the 8th or the
10 28th?

11 MS. FLETCHER: Eight, 0-8.

12 MR. QUINN: Okay

13 MS. FLETCHER: That's the next
14 available day. Any time between 10:30 and 1:30.

15 MR. QUINN: I could do any time after
16 12.

17 MR. LEE: Any time after 12 works for
18 us, too.

19 MS. FLETCHER: What about 1?

20 MR. LEE: One, yes.

21 MS. FLETCHER: So mediation is set for
22 Tuesday, October 8th at 1 o'clock and I will send
23 out the Webex invitations for you to attend. If
24 by chance this matter is resolved prior to
25 October 8th, you can just let us know and all of

1 the dates provided today will be canceled.

2 Otherwise, I'll see you on the 8th at one.

3 MR. QUINN: Hopefully, we won't even
4 need to come on the 8th.

5 MS. FLETCHER: I'll make a note of
6 that and hopefully it works out.

7 MR. QUINN: I think it will.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Perfect. Thank you.

9 MR. LEE: Thanks for your patience,
10 Ms. Fletcher.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Have a good day.

12 MR. LEE: All right, you too.

13 MS. FLETCHER: The roll call hearing
14 in this matter is concluded.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:11 a.m.)

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