DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: : Public NOTICE OF PROPOSED : Hearing RULEMAKING - LANGDON : PARK MORATORIUM :

> Wednesday September 30, 2020

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson

BOBBY CATO, JR., Member

RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member

JENI HANSEN, Member

JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JEREMIAH MONTAGUE, JR., ANC 5C

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2	10:39 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
4	Good morning, everyone. We're now on the record.
5	Good morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the
6	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District
7	of Columbia, I would like to welcome you to a
8	regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic
9	Beverage Control Board today, September 30, 2020.
10	This meetings is being conducted
11	pursuant to guidance made available by the
12	District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
13	regarding electronic meetings held by public
14	bodies during the public health emergency.
15	Pursuant to this guidance, notice of
16	today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance
17	of the, of the meeting on ABRA's website. I'm
18	sorry. I'm sorry about that. Yes. Well, you
19	know, 48 hours in advance of, in advance of
20	meeting on ABRA's website on the District's
21	central meeting calendar.
22	The notice includes the time, date,
23	agenda, and call and/or login information are for
24	public participation. The select electronic
25	meeting is being hosted by a WebEx account
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provided by the District of Columbia government. 1 2 Please address any questions or 3 complaints to the OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov. 4 Excuse me. My name is Donovan Anderson, and I'm 5 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce the other 6 7 members of the Board who are also participating 8 electronically pursuant to Mayor's Order 2020054. 9 Please respond when I announce your name. Mr. James Short? 10 11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short, 12 present. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato? 14 I'll come back to you, Mr. Cato. I see that 15 you're on, but I'm not seeing your video, and 16 you're being muted, so I will, I know that you're 17 there, because I can see that you have logged in, 18 Mr. Cato. All right. Ms. Rema Wahabzadah? 19 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah, 20 present. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi 22 Crockett? 23 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, 24 present. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni

Hansen?

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2	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis?
4	MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, present.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has,
6	although Mr. Cato has not responded, but I can
7	see that he has logged in, and he is
8	participating. So I believe that he should, his
9	video will appear shortly.
10	The Board, the Board, therefore, has
11	seven members in attendance for the conduct of
12	business today, and that constitutes a quorum.
13	Before we get underway with today's hearing
14	calendar, I need to make a few instructions very
15	clear so that the conduct of these hearings is
16	understood by everyone.
17	There are three cases scheduled for
18	the day, for today. Once your case is called, I
19	will take a moment for our IT specialist to
20	elevate the rights of each party to enable their
21	camera and microphone.
22	Then, and only then, will you have the
23	ability to enable your equipment. If your case
24	is not being heard, you will remain muted, and
25	your camera will be disabled.

1	At the conclusion of each case, the
2	parties will have the option to leave. If the
3	party chooses to stay, all cameras and
4	microphones for the concluded case will be
5	disabled.
6	Should you have any questions or
7	require technical assistance during the hearing,
8	please submit them using the question and answer
9	feature, or email Simone, S-I-M-O-N-E, dot,
10	Andrews, A-N-D-R-E-W-S, 2@dc.gov.
11	Our first order of business today, it
12	is a notice of proposed rulemaking by the Langdon
13	Park Moratorium. And so I'll ask Ms. Andrews to
14	elevate the parties for, who wish to testify in
15	the Langdon Park Moratorium hearing.
16	MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Montague, your
17	rights have been elevated.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
19	right. We are here today pursuant to D.C.
20	Official Code Section 25354 to conduct a public
21	hearing and receive testimony on a resolution
22	from Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 5C
23	concerning the renewal of the Langdon Park
24	Moratorium zone.
25	By way of background, the existing

moratorium was set to expire on July 27, 2020, pursuant to 23 DCMR 307. The Board voted on July 15, 2020 to adopt emergency rules, and they were published in the D.C. Register on August 28, 2020 at 67 DCMR 10402.

6 The emergency rules were necessary to 7 extend the existing moratorium for 120 days so 8 that the Board could, the Board could consider 9 the ANC's resolution and receive comment on the 10 future of the moratorium.

11 The emergency rule expires on November 12 15, 2020. On June 17, 2020, ANC 5C submitted a 13 properly adopted resolution requesting that, 14 number one, the Board increase the duration of 15 the moratorium from three years to five years, 16 number two, prohibit ABC license from expanding 17 their premises into adjourning properties and 18 lots, except for purpose of increasing their 19 onsite parking, and three, change the name of the 20 moratorium zone from Langdon Park Moratorium zone 21 to ANC 5C Moratorium.

The Board will hear from Vice Chairman, Jeremiah Montague, Jr., who is the only witness who notified the agency regarding his desire to speak to, on this matter. I will then

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open the hearing to questions from the Board. 1 2 Mr. Montague, can you please identify 3 yourself for the record, and then you can begin your testimony, please. 4 5 MR. MONTAGUE: My name is Jeremiah Montaque, Jr. I am the Vice Chair of ANC 5C, and 6 7 thank you for having me, and allowing me to speak 8 on this matter. 9 It has properly submitted a resolution 10 to the Board, and Chairman of the, of this meeting has properly cited the three areas of our 11 12 concern, which were that we would request the 13 expansion of the period of the moratorium from 14 three years to five years, that we would like to 15 prohibit, or we request the prohibition of 16 expansion of clubs from, or applicants from one 17 space into another for, other than for the 18 purposes of improving their parking situation, not for improving the, expanding their venue 19 20 opportunities. 21 And then, the third is the change in 22 the name, which would more properly reflect the 23 moratorium as being representative of ANC 5C, and

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not localized to the Langdon Park Moratorium

zone, for which it covers.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that the, is
2	that the extent of your prepared statement?
3	MR. MONTAGUE: Yes, sir.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5	Well, then I have a couple of questions to ask
6	you. Why are you asking the Board to asking the
7	period? Well, why do you want us to renew the
8	moratorium? Why do you want that?
9	MR. MONTAGUE: We believe that the, as
10	does our communities that we represent, believe
11	that the moratorium zone serves us mostly well,
12	and that it contains some of the issues that we
13	have with parking, adverse impacts to quality of
14	life of nearby neighbors, and it also helps to
15	somewhat mitigate the issues of crime and noise
16	and trash, which result from uses of the
17	participants of these businesses.
18	With the exception of one, there's
19	been a recent advocation, which I don't know what
20	the status of it is, which was a license at a
21	place called Karma Live, Karma DC Live Music,
22	which falls within, we believe, within the zone.
23	But the neighbors have severe impacts
24	because of parking in that area, when there's no
25	insufficient parking in the zone. It flows over

into their neighborhoods, and it's particularly 1 2 acute in the, along the Bladensburg Road, and 3 along Queens Chapel Road, along Channing, which 4 is across the railroad bridge. 5 And with that, there are opportunistic crimes that occur when these close, clubs close. 6 7 If we extend the period of time the zoning grants 8 those neighbors a better opportunity for improved 9 quality of life, or at least mitigated quality of life. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Montague, 12 I should've done this first. Can you please 13 spell your name for the record, please? 14 MR. MONTAGUE: No problem. First name, Jeremiah, J-E-R-E-M-I-A-H. 15 Last name, 16 Montague, M-O-N-T-A-G-U-E, Jr. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And again, your 18 position again, please? 19 (Pause.) 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your position, 21 please, sir? 22 (Pause.) 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you hear 24 me, Mr. Montague? 25 (Pause.)

MR. MONTAGUE: Vice Chair, ANC 5C. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. A11 3 right. Thanks. All right. 4 MR. MONTAGUE: Sir, can you hear me? 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you very much. Now, yes, I can hear you. All right. 6 7 MR. MONTAGUE: Again --8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why is that you want us to, normally, we would do moratoriums for 9 10 three years, or maybe we don't, we would not do a 11 moratorium in an area again, but why would you 12 want us to increase it, or to keep it in a, in 13 effect for five years rather than the three years 14 that we had put in place previously? 15 MR. MONTAGUE: I thought I had just 16 answered that question. But the three year 17 period --18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one 19 minute, please. Am I the only one not hearing 20 Mr. Montague? 21 (Pause.) 22 Am I being heard? MR. MONTAGUE: 23 MEMBER CROCKETT: Yes. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Ι 25

1 MEMBER CROCKETT: There's a lag, but 2 I'm able to hear him. But there's like a slight 3 lag between --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 4 I was 5 just, I want to make sure I'm not the only person who is having that problem. Okay. So there is 6 7 a, there is a delay, and maybe it's based on your 8 internet speed. So there's a delay in your 9 speech, Mr. Montague, so go ahead, please. Okay. 10 MR. MONTAGUE: Okay, sir. Ι 11 I am actually attending two meetings apologize. 12 simultaneously. It is what life is right now. 13 So I thought I had answered the question about 14 the extension to five years as opposed to three. 15 To us, it certainly seemed logical, 16 and it would grant a greater relief to residents 17 impacted nearby. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 19 Now, what, okay. Is, does Langdon Park, does 20 that cover the entire jurisdiction of ANC 5C, or 21 is the, or is it the same area, or is ANC 5C 22 larger than Langdon Park? 23 MR. MONTAGUE: ANC 5C is much larger 24 than simply Langdon Park. Langdon Park is simply a subset of what is called Woodridge, Fort 25

Lincoln, and Gateway, and Brentwood. 1 2 So there are four, at least four or 3 five larger communities which are, constitute ANC 5C. So Langdon Park is simply just one area in 4 which the club activities, or the entertainment 5 venues primarily reside. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But are you 8 asking us to extend the moratorium zone, or just 9 change, because if by changing --10 MR. MONTAGUE: No, no, no, no. No, 11 We, the current limits, boundary limits on no. 12 the existing moratorium zone are sufficient. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But wouldn't it 13 14 be so, how would, how would someone know, by 15 changing the name to ANC, to, by changing the 16 name to ANC 5C, how would someone know that this 17 is now in the moratorium for the entire ANC, 18 rather than just for the Langdon Park area? 19 MR. MONTAGUE: Ah, I understand. It, 20 the reason for the request arose from the 21 original, or origination of the moratorium 22 request, which was shepherded by the Langdon Park Community Association, which is, falls with, 23 24 under ANC 5C, but since that group appears to be inactive at the moment, and ANC 5C is largely 25

responsible for this moratorium zone, that's why
 the request was made.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But if, but 4 whether or not, whether or not the, and this is a 5 This is just me asking you. question. So wasn't 6 that the Civic Association, the Langdon Park 7 Civic Association, whether or not they're active 8 or not, it's still Langdon Park, so would it, 9 would it, would it make a difference, would it make a difference if we change the name? 10 11 So it's still, you're, the area that 12 you're, that the moratorium would cover, it would be the Langdon Park area within ANC 5C. 13 So 14 whether, I'm asking, so whether or not the Civic 15 Association is active or not, does it make a 16 difference? 17 MR. MONTAGUE: In the terms of what, 18 yes, as you just described it, the answer would 19 be no. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. A11 21 All right. Do we have any other right. 22 questions by any other Board Member to Mr. 23 Montague? 24 (Pause.) 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. **All**

1 right. It doesn't appear that any of the Board 2 Members have any questions to ask. Do you know, 3 Mr. Montague, although no one else, Ms. Andrews, is there anyone else on the line who would, who 4 5 is willing to testify for or against this moratorium? 6 7 MS. ANDREWS: No. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? All right. 9 Mr. Montague, are there any final words you want 10 to speak before I bring this hearing to a close? 11 MR. MONTAGUE: No. We respectfully 12 ask that the moratorium be continued, and that 13 our request be granted. The name change is just 14 an ask. 15 It's not a necessary condition for our 16 support, but we support the continuation of the 17 moratorium zone because it does provide a 18 substantial benefit to the community, and it also 19 serves to contain the, I guess what's becoming 20 close to the last club zone in the city. 21 So the benefits accrue both to those 22 businesses within, but more importantly, accrue 23 to the affected community, and I appreciate you 24 having me on this, for this hearing. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Montague,

I would like to thank you for taking the time 1 2 this morning, as you stated that you were doing 3 two meetings at the same time. So I'll say that you did a good job in doing two meetings at the 4 5 same time. MR. MONTAGUE: I've got my eye on the 6 7 other one right now. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I would like 8 9 to thank you, and although you're the only one 10 who testified, but I know that there are other 11 members of the community who are very much 12 interested in continuing this moratorium, and the 13 Board will be taking this matter under 14 advisement. So thank you very much, sir, for 15 your participation today, and we'll take this 16 matter under advisement, okay? 17 MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you very much. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 19 Have a great day then. All right, now. Bye-bye. 20 All right. We have, I think, a couple of minutes 21 before our next hearing, and I don't know, I 22 know, I think the next hearing is supposed to 23 start at 11:00, and it's six minutes to 11, and 24 so are the parties, are the parties for the 11:00 25 hearing, are, they're, okay.

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