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2 10:06 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Provision No. 14, Case No. 22-PRO-
5 00095, Social Restaurant Group LLC, 2100 14th
6 Street NW, License No. ABRA 096425. This is a
7 Retailer Class CR License Renewal.

8 The protest issues are adverse impact
9 on peace, order, and quiet. Is anyone here
10 present on behalf of Provision No. 14? Is anyone
11 present on behalf of the Meridian Hill
12 Neighborhood Association?

13 MS. HAROUCH: Yes, LaVerne. Janet
14 Harouch.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Hi Janet. Thank you.
16 Would you spell your name for the record, please?

17 MS. HAROUCH: Yes. It's J-A-N-E-T and
18 the last name is spelled H-A-R-O-U-C-H.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Harouch, so the
20 Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association does have
21 standing as a protestant. You mention in your
22 protest letter that someone from Provision No. 14
23 had appeared for your meeting?

24 MS. HAROUCH: Yes. That would be
25 Cynthia Phillippe. She's the general manager.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Cynthia Phillippe. Do
2 you know how to spell her last name?

3 MS. HAROUCH: Yeah. It's P-H-I-L-L-I-
4 P-P-E.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. I'll ask
6 you later if you have her email address.

7 MS. HAROUCH: Yes, I do.

8 MS. FLETCHER: I'll get it from you
9 later or send you an email. The reason I'm
10 asking you is because no one is here from
11 Provision 14.

12 MS. HAROUCH: Um-hum.

13 MS. FLETCHER: So the application for
14 license renewal is dismissed because no one is
15 present. I noticed that someone appeared for the
16 meeting that you had. We sent the WebEx
17 invitation to the person whose name is on the
18 application.

19 MS. HAROUCH: Okay.

20 MS. FLETCHER: That's not Cynthia
21 Phillippe so I'm glad you have that information.
22 For the purpose of the roll call hearing, the
23 application is dismissed because no one is
24 present.

25 MS. HAROUCH: Yeah, uh --

1 MS. FLETCHER: The application was
2 sent to someone by the name of Naeem Mohd. I'm
3 going to spell that for the court reporter. That
4 name is spelled N-A-E-E-M. The last name looks
5 like Mohd spelled M-O-H-D. The WebEx invitation
6 was sent to that person because that's the name
7 of the person that signed the application and
8 that was the only email address that we have.

9 MS. HAROUCH: Yeah, and --

10 MS. FLETCHER: So --

11 MS. HAROUCH: I believe that's the
12 current one. We are actually in discussion with
13 them on a settlement agreement. He's one of the
14 owners so --

15 MS. FLETCHER: The guy that I just
16 mentioned?

17 MS. HAROUCH: Yeah, um-hum.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, he was listed as
19 one of the owners. We sent the invitation to the
20 email address that he provided to us but it
21 bounced back every time, except it didn't bounce
22 back on the WebEx invitation.

23 MS. HAROUCH: Oh.

24 MS. FLETCHER: What's going to happen
25 -- Ms. Harouch, you probably know this already

1 but the Board will issue an order dismissing the
2 application because no one is present on behalf
3 of Provision 14. You will receive a copy of that
4 Board order.

5 Provision 14 will have an opportunity
6 to seek reinstatement within 10 days of the date
7 of the Board order. You will receive a copy of
8 that request as well and you'll have an
9 opportunity to be in support of the request for
10 reinstatement, or not, but we'll keep you posted
11 along the way.

12 MS. HAROUCH: Okay. And then -- so
13 our settlement agreement is binding or does the
14 license lapse? How does that work?

15 MS. FLETCHER: So did you say there is
16 a settlement agreement or there will be one?

17 MS. HAROUCH: Well, we're working on
18 a settlement. There is an existing settlement
19 agreement on the current license. Does that
20 carryover to any renewal?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah. So whatever
22 settlement agreement there is right now is a
23 condition of the license. Is that settlement
24 agreement with the Meridian Hill Neighborhood
25 Association?

1 MS. HAROUCH: Yes.

2 MS. FLETCHER: That carries over
3 unless you decide you want to amend it. It's up
4 to you but if it still works and you decide it
5 includes all the provisions that you need, you
6 can choose to withdraw this protest if you want.
7 Otherwise, you know, we just move forward.

8 MS. HAROUCH: Yeah, we'll just let it
9 stand for now because we're working on a few
10 issues on ours and other things.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Well, if you resolve
12 them to the extent that you decide you're going
13 to withdraw this protest, you can, Ms. Harouch.
14 Or if you decide you want to amend the existing
15 settlement agreement and that resolves the
16 matter, you can let us know that, too.

17 MS. HAROUCH: Will do.

18 MS. FLETCHER: So there aren't going
19 to be any dates scheduled today because no one is
20 here from Provision No. 14. Do you have any
21 questions, Ms. Harouch, before we close out?

22 MS. HAROUCH: No, but I should look
23 for something from you in the next 10 days or so?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, the Board meets
25 on Wednesdays and so I'll let them know today

1 that the application was withdrawn. Not
2 withdrawn, I'm sorry, dismissed. So there's a
3 possibility that this will be on their agenda
4 this week possibly.

5 MS. HAROUCH: Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: And at that time they
7 will issue an order dismissing the application
8 and you'll get a copy of the order and we'll go
9 from there.

10 MS. HAROUCH: Okay. I have a
11 question. For the file do you want the letter
12 designation representation or a date-stamped copy
13 of the protest, or the letter that we provided to
14 P14 inviting them to our meeting, or is that moot
15 at this point?

16 MS. FLETCHER: No, it isn't. I read
17 your protest letter and I saw that you had the
18 meeting. They were given at least seven days
19 notice to appear. We take your word for it.

20 MS. HAROUCH: Okay.

21 MS. FLETCHER: If someone was here, we
22 would ask them and they would say yes and then
23 that would be that.

24 MS. HAROUCH: Okay. All right. I've
25 got it in the file if you need it.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you very
2 much, Ms. Harouch, for coming this morning and
3 we'll be in touch.

4 MS. HAROUCH: Okay. Thanks very much,
5 LaVerne.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Take care.

7 MS. HAROUCH: Bye bye.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Bye bye.

9 The roll call hearing in this matter
10 is concluded.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
12 off the record at 10:13 a.m.)

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