

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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2411 18th Hospitality, :

LLC, t/a The Game Sports :

Pub/Tiki on 18th :

2411 18th Street NW : Protest Hearing

License #112308 : (Status)

Retailer CR - ANC 1C :

Case # 20-PRO-00027 :

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(Substantial Change - :

Request to add an :

Entertainment Endorsement:

with Cover Charge) :

Thursday
 November 19, 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
 EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
 JENI HANSEN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
 AMIR IRANI, ANC 1C
 DENIS JAMES, Protestant, Kalorama Citizens
 Association
 SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

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

2 11:31 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case Number 20-PRO-00027, The
5 Game Sports Pub/Tiki on 18th, License Number
6 112308.

7 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
8 the rights of the parties in this case, please?

9 MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

11 MS. YOHANNES: Hi. Mr. Chairman, I
12 just received an email or sorry a call from the
13 ANC representative, Amir, and he's trying to log
14 on right now. Can I give Ms. Andrews his email
15 address and can she --

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can provide
17 us with whatever login credentials the person is
18 using so she'll know to elevate their rights.

19 MS. ANDREWS: Ms. Yohannes, you can
20 email me that information. I'm not sure if we
21 want that in the public record. I'm going to
22 unmute the line for the phone number beginning in
23 705. Could you please announce yourself?

24 MR. JAMES: Good morning. This is
25 Dennis James, President of Kalorama Citizens

1 Association.

2 MS. ANDREWS: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is it just the
4 Citizens Association or is it also an ANC
5 protesting this matter?

6 MS. YOHANNES: It's also the ANC.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
8 all right.

9 MS. YOHANNES: I'm emailing him the
10 information right now.

11 MS. ANDREWS: Ms. Yohannes, I received
12 your email. I just sent over the link for him to
13 join.

14 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Thank you.

15 MS. ANDREWS: Mm-hmm.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we know if
17 the person has gotten the email to log in?

18 MS. YOHANNES: I'm confirming that
19 right now.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

21 MS. YOHANNES: He did get the link.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

23 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, I do see him
24 on the line. I'm going to go ahead and make him
25 a panelist.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

2 MR. IRANI: Hello there.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

4 Okay. So this is Case Number 20-PRO-00027, The
5 Game Sports Pub/Tik on 18th, License Number
6 112308. Let's have the parties introduce
7 themselves for the record, spell their name.
8 We'll start with the licensee.

9 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
10 behalf of the licensee. And that is S-I-D-O-N Y-
11 O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And let's have
13 the protestant starting with the ANC spell your
14 name -- identify yourself and spell your name for
15 the record, please.

16 MR. IRANI: Amir Irani, A-M-I-R I-R-A-
17 N-I, and representing 1C01, ANC 1C.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we have the
19 Civic Association.

20 MR. JAMES: Good morning, again.
21 Denis James, President of Kalorama Citizens
22 Association. Denis is spelled with just one N,
23 J-A-M-E-S.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25 Thank you, Mr. James. Thank you, Mr. Johannes

1 and thank you, Mr. Irani. All right. Are there
2 any preliminary matters that need to be brought
3 to the Board's attention?

4 MS. YOHANNES: No, not at this time.
5 But we do hope to enter a Settlement Agreement
6 very soon.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as you know
8 Ms. Yohannes, the Board does look forward to
9 receiving Settlement Agreements because when we
10 receive Settlement Agreements, it informs the
11 Board that the parties are able to work this out
12 to their mutual satisfaction and that the Board
13 does not have to get involved to make one side
14 mad at them.

15 I don't want the community or our
16 licensee mad at the Board. So I prefer when
17 folks have a Settlement Agreement and so everyone
18 can move on and be happy. And with Settlement
19 Agreements, then, I think that when there's a
20 meeting of the minds, most people can be happy.
21 So I'm glad we're settling.

22 MS. YOHANNES: Understood.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any
24 other issues.

25 MR. JAMES: May I speak?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is
2 speaking, please?

3 MR. JAMES: Denis James, speaking for
4 the Kalorama Citizens, I'm also hopeful that we
5 can reach a Settlement Agreement. We initially
6 sent a draft shortly after the establishment was
7 placarded.

8 We had some discussions before Ms.
9 Yohannes was hired. And since then she sent us a
10 different draft then. We're going to get
11 together on a conference call and talk about it
12 soon.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
14 glad to hear that. All right. Okay. The Board
15 is unable to offer a date for a protest hearing
16 at this juncture. But we will provide a date
17 shortly for the new year. But I would -- the
18 Board supports conversations between the parties
19 to have a Settlement Agreement.

20 Are the parties familiar with the
21 instructions for a protest hearing or do I need
22 to read the instructions for a protest hearing to
23 all three parties?

24 MR. JAMES: No.

25 MR. IRANI: No. ANC 1C is familiar.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2 Thank you very much. Do you have something to
3 say, Ms. Yohannes? Yes?

4 MS. YOHANNES: No, I do not.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because I can
6 see you, so I thought you wanted to say
7 something. I never want to deprive an attorney
8 an opportunity to speak. So I just wanted to
9 make sure. All right. Thank you.

10 I just want to thank all parties for
11 their participation today. I want to thank all
12 parties that they should continue to negotiate.
13 And if they're unable to negotiate, then we'll
14 have a protest hearing in the new year. Happy
15 holidays to everyone. And I hope everyone will
16 be safe. Thank you for your participation today.

17 MR. IRANI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
18 Happy holidays.

19 MR. JAMES: Same to all there.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
21 Have a great day.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
23 went off the record at 11:41 a.m.)
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