



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

2 (11:15 a.m.)

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in  
4 the matter of Assets please come forward, the  
5 parties in the matter of Assets?

6 This is Case #19-PRO-00143, Voyager  
7 888, LLC, 1805 Connecticut Ave NW; License  
8 #ABRA-113585. This is a Retailer Class CN  
9 License Renewal.

10 The protest issues are  
11 adverse impact on peace, order and quiet,  
12 residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian  
13 safety and real property values.

14 My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting  
15 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent.  
16 Introductions beginning with the applicant,  
17 please?

18 MR. BIANCO: Good morning, Ms.  
19 Fletcher. Richard Bianco. I represent the  
20 applicant in this case, Voyager 888. Present and  
21 seated to my left is Jeffrey Schaeffer. He is  
22 the principal of Voyager 888.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr.  
24 Schaeffer, can you spell your last name?

25 MR. SCHAEFFER: S-C-H-A-E-F-F-E-R.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr. Bianco,  
2 spell your last name.

3 MR. BIANCO: B-I-A-N-C-O. And for the  
4 record, I did enter a written appearance in this  
5 case.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you, Mr.  
7 Bianco. Present on behalf of ANC 2B?

8 MR. SACCO: Peter Sacco. I'm ANC 2B's  
9 executive director, S-A-C-C-O.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And on  
11 behalf of ANC 2D?

12 MR. NESTLER: Jeff Nestler,  
13 N-E-S-T-L-E-R. I'm the vice chairman of ANC 2D.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Nestler.  
15 And on behalf of the Sheridan-Kalorama  
16 Neighborhood Council?

17 MR. FRIEDMAN: Good morning. I'm  
18 Donald Friedman, D-O-N-A-L-D Friedman,  
19 F-R-I-E-D-M-A-N. I'm president of the Sheridan-  
20 Kalorama Neighborhood Council.

21 We also have the secretary, Marie  
22 Drissel, and the treasurer, Doug Labossiere,  
23 present.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, if you can state  
25 your name and spell it for the record.

1 MS. DRISSEL: Marie Drissel, M-A-R-I-E  
2 D-R-I-S-S-E-L. And I'm secretary of Sheridan-  
3 Kalorama Neighborhood Council.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

5 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: My name is Douglas  
6 Labossiere. That's spelled L-A-B-O-S-S-I-E-R-E.  
7 And I'm treasurer of the Sheridan-Kalorama  
8 Council.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Douglass, can I repeat  
10 the spelling?

11 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: Sure.

12 MS. FLETCHER: I think I may have  
13 missed a letter.

14 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: I almost got away  
15 with it.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I have L-A-E?

17 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: B like Boy.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, B-O?

19 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: Yeah.

20 MS. FLETCHER: B-O-F-F?

21 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: S, S like Sam, two  
22 S's like Sam.

23 MS. FLETCHER: I had it all wrong.  
24 Thank you.

25 MR. LABOSSIÈRE: That's okay. I'm

1 used to it.

2 MS. FLETCHER: S-S-I --

3 MR. LABOSSIERE: Mm-hmm.

4 MS. FLETCHER: -- E?

5 MR. LABOSSIERE: R.

6 MS. FLETCHER: R-E?

7 MR. LABOSSIERE: Correct.

8 MS. FLETCHER: I got it, thank you.

9 Okay, thank you. Just one question for you, Mr.  
10 Friedman. The council is incorporated in D.C.?

11 MR. FRIEDMAN: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. There is also  
13 a group of five individuals? Oh, okay. Could  
14 you state your name, please, and spell it for the  
15 record?

16 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Name is Adam  
17 Bartkowiak, A-D-A-M B-A-R-T-K-O-W-I-A-K. And  
18 I'll be the representative as well.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, and we have you as  
20 the designated representative for that group of  
21 five. Are there any individuals from your group  
22 present today?

23 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Yes.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you can come  
25 right up front there and state your name and

1 spell it for the record.

2 MS. WILSON-CHAPMAN: Amy  
3 Wilson-Chapman, A-M-Y W-I-L-S-O-N, hyphen,  
4 C-H-A-P-M-A-N.

5 MS. FLETCHER: That's Amy? Spell your  
6 last name for me again, please.

7 MS. WILSON-CHAPMAN: Sorry,  
8 W-I-L-S-O-N, hyphen C-H-A-P-M-A-N.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Got it. Thank you very  
10 much. Anyone else from your group today? Okay,  
11 thank you.

12 For your group, Mr. -- may I call you  
13 Adam?

14 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Yes.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Adam, your group of  
16 five is granted conditional standing today.  
17 There are two of you present today, so that's  
18 fine.

19 At the upcoming status hearing three  
20 individuals that are not here today would need to  
21 appear in-person. The Board likes to see five  
22 faces and there are two today. So if there's  
23 going to be a status hearing, have the other  
24 three people show up in-person.

25 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Okay.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Otherwise, the Board  
2 may dismiss the protest.

3 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Thank you.

4 MS. FLETCHER: So I've granted  
5 conditional standing to your group today.

6 MR. BARTKOWIAK: Thank you.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Because you're here and  
8 Ms. Wilson-Chapman. Is anyone here from St.  
9 Margaret's Episcopal Church?

10 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No, Richard  
11 isn't. Richard, the Reverend Richard Weinberg is  
12 not here. He --

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

14 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: He's not asking  
15 for standing.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I'll spell his name.  
17 For the record, it's Richard, R-I-C-H-A-R-D. His  
18 last name is Weinberg, W-E-I-N-B-E-R-G?

19 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. But  
21 just for the record, the church did file a  
22 protest. And I understand what you're saying,  
23 that they're not really seeking standing.

24 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Right.

25 MS. FLETCHER: They did file a protest

1 so we have to assume that's what they were doing.  
2 So what I'm going to say is not going to matter  
3 to them, but the protest is dismissed because  
4 churches don't have standing as protestants.

5 And so they will get an order  
6 dismissing the protest. The church is going to  
7 receive a Board order dismissing the protest  
8 because they did file a protest, although they  
9 are not seeking status or standing as  
10 protestants.

11 But they did file the protest, and so  
12 the Board will issue an order dismissing the  
13 protest.

14 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. ANC 2B has  
16 standing. The Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood  
17 Council has standing. The group of five is  
18 granted conditional standing.

19 And St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is  
20 dismissed because churches do not have standing,  
21 and they're not here today, but churches do not  
22 have standing to file a protest.

23 We need to set a date for mediation,  
24 a status hearing and a protest hearing. I'll  
25 give you the date for the status and protest



1 hearing first.

2 The status hearing is set for March  
3 11, March 11, 2020 at 9:30 for the status  
4 hearing.

5 The protest hearing is set for April  
6 8, April 8 at 4:30 for the protest hearing.

7 I will give you the next available day  
8 for mediation. The next available day is  
9 February 25 -- that's on Tuesday -- any time  
10 between 9:00 and 2:00. That's February 25.

11 MR. BIANCO: I have a mediation in  
12 Superior Court at 1:30, but the morning is open  
13 fully.

14 MR. SACCO: 9:00 would be best.

15 MR. FRIEDMAN: 9:00 is fine.

16 MS. FLETCHER: 9 o'clock?

17 (Simultaneous speaking)

18 MS. FLETCHER: So, Mr. Friedman, 9  
19 o'clock?

20 MR. FRIEDMAN: That's fine.

21 MS. FLETCHER: So that's Tuesday,  
22 February 25 at 9:00 for mediation. Tuesday,  
23 February 25 at 9:00.

24 Everyone has put their contact  
25 information on that sign-in sheet? Mr. Nestler,

1 did you put your contact information on that  
2 sign-in sheet?

3 MR. NESTLER: I put it on the one on  
4 that side.

5 MS. FLETCHER: I'll get it then. I'll  
6 find it. That's okay. I know it's over there.  
7 I'll get it.

8 MR. BIANCO: Do you have mine? Do you  
9 have --

10 MS. FLETCHER: If you could put it on  
11 there --

12 MR. BIANCO: I sent a letter, but do  
13 you need to put it on --

14 MS. FLETCHER: You have it in your  
15 letter already?

16 MR. BIANCO: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, I'll get it.  
18 Thank you.

19 MR. BIANCO: I know Ms. Fashwah  
20 (phonetic) has it.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Beyond this point, we  
22 communicate with you by email. That's why I  
23 always like to make sure. Okay, any questions at  
24 all from anybody? Okay, well, the roll call  
25 hearing is concluded. Thank you for coming. See

1 you in February.

2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
3 went off the record at 11:25 a.m.)

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