

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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Capitol Riverfront BID/ :  
On Tap Magazine, :  
Event Name: Free Friday :  
Night Concert, Pop Cover :  
Bands : Fact Finding  
355 Water Street SE : Hearing  
Date: June 7, 2019 :  
Size of Event: 1500 :  
Attendees, 27 Security :  
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Temporary License :  
Application :

Wednesday  
June 5, 2019

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing  
Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,  
Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson  
Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

THOMAS ROTH, APPLICANT  
INVESTIGATOR KEVIN PUENTE, ABRA

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

2 11:52 a.m.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Our next matter on  
4 our calendar we have another fact finding hearing  
5 and it is an event, a free Friday night concert,  
6 pop cover bands. Thomas Roth from Capitol  
7 Riverfront BID/On Tap Magazine.

8 MR. ROTH: Good morning. How are you?

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good morning. I'm  
10 well. Can you identify yourself for the record,  
11 sir?

12 MR. ROTH: Tom Roth.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Mr.  
14 Roth, one of the reasons why we brought you here  
15 today this is not the first time this event has  
16 occurred. It is my understanding that this is  
17 long-standing and at least for several years this  
18 event has been occurring.

19 However, this is the first time, at  
20 least, your name has been provided to the Board  
21 as the person requesting the license. Can you  
22 please tell us -- give us some background on how

1 you are qualified to do this type of event since  
2 we're talking about 1,500 people and I think it's  
3 for the rest of the summer.

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5 MR. ROTH: Yes, it is a weekly Friday  
6 night concert series down at Yards Park. I've  
7 been with On Tap Magazine for about nine-and-a-  
8 half years now working with them on events and  
9 sales.

10 In late January, early February, On  
11 Tap was sold to D.C. Fray. Our previous owner,  
12 Jennifer Currie, who was probably in front of the  
13 Board for the last probably seven or eight years  
14 since the concert started, sold the publication  
15 to Robert Kinsler who is with D.C. Fray and now  
16 she's working elsewhere and past it on to me.

17 I've been there for about nine years.  
18 I've been at most of the concert series over the  
19 course of the last five to six years working, you  
20 know, run the bars, helping with the team.  
21 That's why my name was on it this year.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: You're saying that

1 you've been at the events. How involved have you  
2 been with the event? I know you said but that  
3 doesn't really say you're really involved. Yes,  
4 I'm there. I can be a spectator there.

5 MR. ROTH: I would have not rather  
6 been there. I've helped to run the bars. I've  
7 helped with the security. I've worked with the  
8 Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District.  
9 I met with them earlier this week. I've worked  
10 with them almost every year since we started  
11 about nine years ago since it was on Tap  
12 Magazine. I think I'm ready.

13 Almost every capability over the  
14 course of the last five or six years I've run the  
15 apartment events that we've done. I've worked on  
16 other concert series throughout D.C., Northern  
17 Virginia, Maryland. I feel like that I'm  
18 prepared for it.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Puente, do you  
20 have any questions you would like to ask?

21 MR. PUENTE: Yes. During your events  
22 you plan to have 27 security guards?

1 MR. ROTH: That is what Capitol  
2 Riverfront -- yeah, they coordinate fencing it  
3 off and there is an extensive security staff that  
4 is provided.

5 MR. PUENTE: Can you explain the  
6 alcohol service? Where would the bar be located?  
7 What kind of alcohol will you serve? Will there  
8 be other food and refreshments?

9 MR. ROTH: Absolutely. I actually  
10 brought a map as well, if you would like to take  
11 a look, that we went over when I met with them  
12 earlier this week. The bars are set up on the  
13 boardwalk area that are provided right down there  
14 by the water.

15 We do have lines that are set up and  
16 IDs are checked while everyone is in line to make  
17 sure that we're not serving anyone under 21 years  
18 of age. We wristband everyone that is going to  
19 be served and we don't serve any liquor on site  
20 at all.

21 There is also no BYOBs so no one is  
22 allowed to be in the fenced-in area with any type

1 of alcohol while we're serving the beer and wine  
2 that is provided at the bar.

3 We try to keep a really really tight  
4 ship. We want to make sure that no one is coming  
5 in there bringing their own alcohol, getting  
6 drunk in any way. The alcohol service is  
7 normally open from 5:00 to 9:00 and then the park  
8 is clear by 10:00.

9 MR. PUENTE: What time will be last  
10 call for alcohol?

11 MR. ROTH: Right around 8:55, 8:50  
12 because we want to stop serving. No one else is  
13 in line at 9:00. We don't serve anyone after  
14 9:00.

15 MR. PUENTE: Will you guys be putting  
16 alcohol in cups or will you sell it out of  
17 bottles?

18 MR. ROTH: We don't sell bottles at  
19 all because we're worried about the kids that are  
20 running around so it's only cans and then the  
21 bottles of wine. We have bottles of wine but  
22 there's no glasses that are actually given out.

1                   MR. PUENTE:  What color were the wrist  
2 bands?

3                   MR. ROTH:  I would be happy to find  
4 that out for you.  I don't know off hand.  Our  
5 events manager has them in the storeroom so I'm  
6 not sure.  Sorry.  I can get you that  
7 information, though.

8                   MR. PUENTE:  Will the boardwalk be  
9 fenced in or will it just be open like this?

10                  MR. ROTH:  There are areas that are  
11 open where people can walk through but the whole  
12 area of the park where we are allowed to service  
13 is fenced in.  The Capitol Riverfront BID does a  
14 really good job of that.

15                  MR. PUENTE:  That's all I have.

16                  CHAIRMAN ANDERSON:  Any questions by  
17 the Board members?

18                         Any final comments you want to make,  
19 sir?

20                  MR. ROTH:  No.  This is our ninth year  
21 -- I think our ninth year doing the series.  The  
22 Capitol Riverfront is one of the best

1 neighborhoods in D.C. We are very proud of the  
2 concert series. I don't think there have been  
3 any issues.

4 It's a free service that we really  
5 enjoy providing for D.C. It's one of the biggest  
6 concert series that's in the area and we really  
7 enjoy helping the BID put it on.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. We  
9 have already voted to approve all the events, I  
10 think, from June through September.

11 MR. ROTH: I think it's the last  
12 weekend of August. It runs for 12 straight  
13 weeks, I believe, on Friday nights. I don't have  
14 a calendar. It might be the first week of  
15 September.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: There is one in  
17 September but the Board has approved --

18 MEMBER SHORT: That's Labor Day  
19 weekend.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: We have voted to  
21 approve all the events but since I had not met  
22 you before, we want to make sure that you are



1 able to put this event on without any inquiry so,  
2 therefore, if everything goes well, if you apply  
3 again next year, you probably won't have to come  
4 in to see us.

5 MR. ROTH: I appreciate that, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. With  
7 that said, thank you for being here today, sir.

8 MR. ROTH: Wonderful. Thank you all  
9 for your time. Please let me know if you have  
10 any other questions.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right.

12 The Board is in recess until our 1:30  
13 hearing.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
15 off the record at 11:58 a.m.)

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