

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Yk Han's, Inc., :

t/a Han's Market :

1942 1st Street, NW : Fact Finding

Retailer B - ANC 5E : Hearing

License No. 103200 :

(Request to place license: :

in Safekeeping) :

Wednesday
March 28, 2018

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
NICK ALBERTI, Member
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

YUN K. HAN, Licensee

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

2 3:36 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case on our calendar is a Fact-Finding
5 Hearing on Han's Market. Is there anyone here
6 for Han's Market? All right.

7 Are you a translator, ma'am?

8 INTERPRETER: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you -- what
10 language is this?

11 INTERPRETER: Korean.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Korean. Can
13 you stand, please?

14 INTERPRETER: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you raise
16 your right hand?

17 Do you swear or affirm that you will
18 faithfully translate these matters from English
19 to Korean and from Korean to English?

20 INTERPRETER: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22 Thank you. I would like her to let -- identify

1 herself for the record, please. When she is
2 done.

3 INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, I could not
4 hear.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I'm sorry.
6 I need her to identify herself for the record.

7 INTERPRETER: Okay.

8 MS. HAN: Yun K Han, Y-U-N K. H-A-N.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10 Now, you are requesting safekeeping of the
11 license.

12 MS. HAN: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And why are you
14 requesting that the license be placed in
15 safekeeping?

16 MS. HAN: I request that I keep it in
17 the safety box.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why? Why?
19 What's going on with this license?

20 MS. HAN: It's renovation. Currently,
21 we are doing renovation.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 Now, let me -- so when was the last time this
2 establishment was open?

3 MS. HAN: I cannot remember. Last
4 year.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Last --

6 MS. HAN: I bought it last year.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you bought
8 the business. Was the business open when you
9 bought it? When you bought the license, was the
10 business open?

11 MS. HAN: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so why did
13 you -- so when did you first put this license in
14 safekeeping?

15 MS. HAN: About a month ago.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you were
17 operating on -- so you were using the license and
18 operating the business up to a month ago?

19 MS. HAN: I almost cannot have
20 operated.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You need to
22 speak up, ma'am.

1 INTERPRETER: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What -- when
3 did you -- all right. She bought the business,
4 right? Did she ever operate once -- after she
5 bought the business and bought the license, did
6 she ever open the store to use it?

7 MS. HAN: Yes, a while, because it was
8 old.

9 INTERPRETER: Okay. In Korean, we can
10 make --

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have to
12 hold your voice.

13 INTERPRETER: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lift your voice
15 up, please.

16 INTERPRETER: In Korean language, we
17 can make sentences without subjects.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

19 INTERPRETER: So as Interpreter, I
20 request that she make sentences with the subject,
21 because when she said because old -- I'm not sure
22 what the subject is.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

2 INTERPRETER: So --

3 MS. HAN: Okay. Because it was a very
4 old building. It was a history building. So
5 because I couldn't operate, we have to close.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what is
7 going on with the renovation then? What's going
8 on now?

9 MS. HAN: Almost finished. We are
10 going to open in about one or two months from
11 now.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that -- are
13 you -- all right. Sure, go ahead, Mr. Short.

14 MEMBER SHORT: So she is saying that
15 the -- it's currently closed.

16 INTERPRETER: Correct.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Being renovated.

18 INTERPRETER: Um-hum.

19 MEMBER SHORT: And that it is going to
20 be finished in another couple months.

21 INTERPRETER: Correct.

22 MEMBER SHORT: So is she going to be

1 opening in another couple of months?

2 MS. HAN: Yes.

3 MEMBER SHORT: So why do you need
4 safekeeping just for a couple of months?

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: She does.

6 MS. HAN: People told me that if I
7 don't use it, I'm supposed to put it in the safe
8 box, because if not, then it's going to be
9 illegal.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11 Okay. All right. So you are saying that you
12 should open in one to two months. Are you sure
13 or are you just giving a -- is that a specific
14 timeline or you just think that it is going to be
15 one to two months, three months, four months? I
16 mean, how are you so sure it's going to be one to
17 two months?

18 MS. HAN: The reason why I thought
19 that way is that I ordered equipment.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ordered what?

21 INTERPRETER: The Interpreter does not
22 recognize the term. Do you mind if I --

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure.

2 INTERPRETER: -- verify it?

3 MS. HAN: It's equipment, equipment.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

5 MS. HAN: I ordered equipment, which
6 is equipment. If I get it early, then I can open
7 the store, but if it gets delayed, then things
8 can be more flexible.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
10 you bought this license what 2017? What -- when
11 did you -- what year did you buy this, purchase
12 this license?

13 MS. HAN: I do not really remember
14 when.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But how about
16 one year ago? Two years ago? Three years ago?

17 MS. HAN: Maybe one year ago.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: One year ago.
19 And she was operating? The business was open
20 until a couple of months ago. Is that correct?

21 MS. HAN: You mean two months ago?
22 No. Let me explain. Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead.

2 MS. HAN: When I bought the store, I
3 was about to operate the store, so I had all the
4 inspections.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

6 MS. HAN: But the building was so old,
7 so I closed and started to do renovations.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
9 right. Any other questions by any other Board
10 Members?

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: So can you briefly
12 describe what renovations you are doing?

13 MS. HAN: The roof, the floor,
14 everything, electricity, plumbing, water, water
15 line, everything.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And when did
17 that start?

18 MS. HAN: Last year.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Started last year.
20 Okay. And you expect it -- so and you expect it
21 to be done when?

22 MS. HAN: We have only a final

1 inspection left.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: I'm sorry, the final
3 inspection?

4 MS. HAN: We have only one final
5 inspection left.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you expect
7 within six months to be open. Okay.

8 MS. HAN: Yes.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I have no
10 further questions. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
12 questions by any of the Board Members?

13 All right. Hearing none, I make a
14 motion that we grant the safekeeping request
15 through September 30, 2018.

16 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.
18 Silverstein has seconded the motion.

19 All those in favor say aye.

20 ALL: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All those
22 opposed? All right. The matter passes 6-0-0.

1 What that means is that as -- we are
2 giving you until September 30th. However, as
3 soon as your business is ready to open, you can
4 come back to ABRA and then we will give you your
5 license.

6 So if it's the next two months, you
7 can come back here and we'll give you your
8 license and you can open. Okay?

9 MS. HAN: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good luck.

11 MS. HAN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

13 MS. HAN: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

15 MS. HAN: Thank you. Appreciate.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure.

17 (Whereupon, the Fact-Finding Hearing
18 was concluded at 3:49 p.m.)
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