

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:                        :  
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Spero, LLC                                 :  
t/a Reverie                                :  
3210 Grace Street NW                    :  
License #ABRA-108125                   :  
Retailer Class CR                       :  
New Application                          :  
Case #17-PRO-00088                     :  
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Monday, January 8, 2018

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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10:44 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would the parties in the matter of Reverie, please, come forward? This is Case No. 17-PRO-00088, Spero, LLC, 3210 Grace Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-108125. This is a Retailer Class CR new application.

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

My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's Agent.

Introductions beginning with the Applicant, please?

MR. SPERO: Yes, Johnny Spero. The last name is S-P-E-R-O.

AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Spero.

MS. FETHERSTON: Angie Fetherston, F-E-T-H-E-R-S-T-O-N.

1                   AGENT FLETCHER:  And what was the  
2 first name?  Did you say Angie?

3                   MS. FETHERSTON:  Angie, A-N-G-I-E.

4                   AGENT FLETCHER:  And that's F-E-T-H-E-  
5 R?

6                   MS. FETHERSTON:  S-T-O-N.

7                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Fetherston?

8                   MS. FETHERSTON:  Yes, ma'am.

9                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Thank you.  Mr.  
10 Spero, would you put your contact information on  
11 that sheet, please?

12                   MR. SPERO:  Yes.

13                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Present on behalf of  
14 ANC-2E?

15                   MS. PALMER:  Lisa Palmer.

16                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Lisa, would you spell  
17 your last name?

18                   MS. PALMER:  Sure.  P-A-L-M-E-R.

19                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Thank you very much.  
20 And then there is a Group of 10 abutting property  
21 owners?

22                   MS. DU TOIT:  That's correct.

1                   AGENT FLETCHER: And who is present on  
2 behalf of that group?

3                   MS. DU TOIT: I am. My name is Esther  
4 Du Toit. My last name is D-U space and then T-O-  
5 I-T.

6                   AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Du  
7 Toit. And Mr. -- and your name?

8                   MR. ANDERSON: Carl Anderson.

9                   AGENT FLETCHER: Carl with a C?

10                  MR. ANDERSON: C-A-R-L.

11                  AGENT FLETCHER: Anderson with an O?

12                  MR. ANDERSON: S-O-N.

13                  AGENT FLETCHER: And okay. And, Mr.  
14 Anderson, you are a part of -- you are one of the  
15 abutting property owners?

16                  MR. ANDERSON: I am.

17                  AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.  
18 Ms. Du Toit, your residence also occupy the  
19 building at 3210 Grace Street, N.W.?

20                  MS. DU TOIT: We do.

21                  AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So you all  
22 occupy the same building.

1 MS. DU TOIT: Yes.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. So  
3 I -- there is also a -- I have a protest -- you  
4 are the president of the Condo Association at  
5 3210 Grace Street?

6 MS. DU TOIT: That's correct.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: And I see that the  
8 condo association also filed a protest?

9 MS. DU TOIT: Yes.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: The condo association  
11 does not have standing as a protestant, because  
12 condo associations do not have standing as a  
13 protestant, but I will grant standing to your  
14 nine abutting property owners. Mr. Anderson?  
15 Oh, okay.

16 And, Ms. Du Toit, you are representing  
17 the Group of 9 abutting property owners?

18 MS. DU TOIT: I am.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Are you -- you are  
20 representing the group?

21 MS. DU TOIT: I do.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: The Protest Letters

1 that the group of abutting property owners  
2 submitted, it does say that "It is respectfully  
3 requested that if I cannot make it to the Roll  
4 Call Hearing, that a designated representative  
5 from 3210 Grace Street, N.W., represent my  
6 opposition herein."

7 So I'm going to accept that as you  
8 representing the group.

9 MS. DU TOIT: Thank you.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: So a name was not  
11 stated, but it's clear that it can be you and I  
12 will accept you as the designated representative.

13 There are two protestants, ANC-2E and  
14 the Group of 9 abutting property owners.

15 The board of directors of the condo  
16 association does not have standing and is  
17 dismissed as a protestant.

18 We need to set a date for a mediation,  
19 Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. I'll give  
20 you the date for the Status and Protest Hearing  
21 first.

22 The day of the Status Hearing is

1 January 31st. That's January 31st at 9:30 a.m.

2 The Protest Hearing is February 14 at  
3 4:30 p.m. February 14.

4 Are you available for mediation on  
5 January 17 at 11:30 or 1:00? That's a Wednesday.

6 MS. PALMER: I could do 11:30. I  
7 cannot do 1:00.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would that  
9 work for you, Ms. Du Toit?

10 MS. DU TOIT: Yes.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: And for the Applicant  
12 as well?

13 (No audible answer.)

14 AGENT FLETCHER: So that's Wednesday,  
15 January 17 at 11:30.

16 MS. PALMER: Is there any possibility  
17 to do it earlier in the day or no?

18 AGENT FLETCHER: We can do it earlier.  
19 We can do it at -- actually, I have something  
20 else pending. What about 10:00?

21 MS. PALMER: That would be better for  
22 me. I don't know about anyone else.

1                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Would that work for  
2  everyone?

3                   MS. PALMER:  If you can't, I'll make  
4  it work.  I can make 11:30 work if you need to.  
5  That's fine.

6                   AGENT FLETCHER:  Do you want to try  
7  9:00?

8                   MS. PALMER:  I just need to leave by  
9  around 12:30.

10                  AGENT FLETCHER:  Okay.  So --

11                  MS. PALMER:  And I imagine what --

12                  AGENT FLETCHER:  -- yeah, if you need  
13  to leave, we can make sure you are done by 12:30.

14                  MS. PALMER:  That will be fine.

15                  AGENT FLETCHER:  What about we can do  
16  11:00 and we can be done by 12:30.

17                  MS. PALMER:  Well, that's up to  
18  everybody else.

19                  MS. DU TOIT:  11:00.

20                  AGENT FLETCHER:  Okay.  Is that good  
21  for you?

22                  MS. PALMER:  Right.



1 MS. FETHERSTON: That's fine.

2 MS. PALMER: Thank you.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: So what did you say,  
4 11:00? Ms. Du Toit?

5 MS. DU TOIT: Yes?

6 AGENT FLETCHER: 11:00?

7 MS. DU TOIT: 11:00 works. Thank you.

8 MS. PALMER: Thank you.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Mediation is set for  
10 Wednesday, January 17 at 11:00.

11 MS. FETHERSTON: I have a question.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes?

13 MS. FETHERSTON: In the group of  
14 abutting residents in their Protest Letters,  
15 there were a couple that were doubles. Have  
16 those been counted towards the nine?

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. You mean they  
18 resided in the same unit?

19 MS. FETHERSTON: No. They submitted  
20 two letters under the same person. There is two  
21 or three examples of that.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Oh, I eliminated all

1 the duplicates.

2 MS. FETHERSTON: Thanks.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Yeah, they were  
4 duplicate letters. You may have gotten some  
5 duplicates. Yes, I eliminated all the  
6 duplicates. I did see those.

7 MS. FETHERSTON: Thank you.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: You're welcome. And  
9 that was Ms. Fetherston speaking.

10 Any questions at all? Okay. Well,  
11 thank you for coming. See you --

12 MR. SPERO: Thank you.

13 MS. PALMER: Thank you.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: -- at mediation.

15 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was  
16 concluded at 10:53 a.m.)

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