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2 11:03 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on
4 the record. Or next case is a fact finding
5 hearing. SLK 6, LLC, to be determined. License
6 Number 108135.

7 Would the parties please approach and
8 identify themselves for the record, please?

9 MR. HOSSAIN: Hi. My name is Monir
10 Hossain. I'm a resident of Maryland. The
11 President of SLK 6 --

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the who?

13 MR. HOSSAIN: Sorry?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the
15 President of what?

16 MR. HOSSAIN: SLK 6 Corporation.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
18 Have a seat so you can sign in. And sign the
19 sign in sheet --

20 MR. HOSSAIN: Sure.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There. And so
22 Mr. Hossain, you said that you are the? What's

1 your role in that called?

2 MR. HOSSAIN: The President.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The President.

4 Now, you've had this license, it's been in safe
5 keeping for three years. It's an A license.

6 Why has this license been in safe
7 keeping for three years? And why should we grant
8 this request?

9 Maybe you could start, I -- it's my
10 understanding that there was a transfer
11 application that was placarded and protested in
12 2018.

13 But again, the transfer application
14 was withdrawn prior to the protest, a roll call
15 hearing. So, what is going on with this license?

16 MR. HOSSAIN: Well, first of all, I
17 actually did not have this license for three
18 years. I just acquired it, the whole company.

19 I bought it with the license.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When did you --
21 when was that?

22 MR. HOSSAIN: In 2018, in June.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But --

2 MR. HOSSAIN: I was not the owner when

3 --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
5 it was transferred, okay so it -- it was bought
6 in 2016.

7 In 2018 you bought it.

8 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when you
10 bought it in 2018 what was your intent?

11 MR. HOSSAIN: To open it. And I have
12 actually had an LOI from one of the locations in
13 1130 Connecticut Avenue.

14 And we even had the placard printed,
15 like you already have it in the record. And
16 we're ready to post it.

17 But the landlord had changed their
18 business strategy. They were going to sell the
19 property.

20 So, they put up us on hold completely
21 until the whole sale process was done. And then
22 they asked us to deal with the new landlord.

1 But, it never actually happened. Now
2 they're actually coming back to us. In between
3 we had four other properties that we worked on in
4 the meantime, you know, when they turned us down
5 after LOI, and everything was signed and ready to
6 go.

7 And we worked on four other
8 properties. And how they're backing, I have the
9 latest emails from them, you know, they want us
10 back in there now.

11 Everything that they were doing to it
12 is done. And they want us back in there. And
13 that's what we're working on mainly, to get in
14 that property at 1130 Connecticut Avenue.

15 Alongside, I have another property at
16 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue that we're looking into
17 as well, just a backup solution. Just in case
18 this one doesn't work out like it didn't last
19 year.

20 And towards November/December, that's
21 when they just say hey, you know, we can't do
22 anything right now. Our company is going through

1 a transition, you know.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can I see what?

3 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can give it
5 to her.

6 MS. RANDALL: Um-hum.

7 MR. HOSSAIN: This is the LOI from
8 last year.

9 MS. RANDALL: Okay.

10 MR. HOSSAIN: And this is the latest
11 communication from them.

12 MS. RANDALL: Um-hum.

13 MR. HOSSAIN: This one, yeah. 1130
14 Connecticut Avenue. These are some other
15 locations that I'm working on. Do you want to
16 have copies?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure. Sure.

18 MR. HOSSAIN: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, if we were
20 to grant this applic -- this through, I guess the
21 request would be through September 2019, what is
22 going to happen be -- what should we expect to

1 occur between now and then?

2 MR. HOSSAIN: Well, we'll now have the
3 store open before that, this 1130 Connecticut
4 Avenue is just asking for a couple of last minute
5 changes on the lease.

6 And as soon as we agree to that and
7 come to an understanding, we'll have a --
8 certainly we can put the placard on again.

9 And we were going -- we have Mr. Kline
10 from Veritas law firm working on behalf of me.
11 As far as, you know, fill the complete paperwork.

12 And hopefully, well not hopefully, I'm
13 almost certain that, you know, we'll have the
14 store open before then.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Can I ask a question?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead Mr.
17 Short.

18 MEMBER SHORT: If this request is
19 granted, --

20 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

21 MEMBER SHORT: And you come here on
22 September 30, --

1 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER SHORT: And you haven't found
3 a place, what do you expect this Board to do?

4 MR. HOSSAIN: At this point I can't
5 really tell what do I expect you to do. But,
6 what I can tell you, is I have some backup plans
7 right now, just in case.

8 You know, and like I learned my lesson
9 the first time that I didn't have any backup
10 plan, you know, when I was working with this
11 landlord.

12 You know, that was the only landlord
13 I was working with. I didn't have any other
14 properties in line to say, okay, if this one
15 doesn't work out, what do I do?

16 But right now, I have some backup
17 plans to making sure that, you know, I do not
18 have to come to you, in front of you, --

19 MEMBER SHORT: So this is -- this is
20 the next to the last week of May.

21 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

22 MEMBER SHORT: So by the last week of

1 September, --

2 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

3 MEMBER SHORT: You should be open and
4 operating this license, correct?

5 MR. HOSSAIN: More then before that.
6 We should be open before that.

7 MEMBER SHORT: So if you're not by
8 then, what would you expect this Board to do?

9 MR. HOSSAIN: Well, I mean, it would
10 be obviously at your discretion, you know, what
11 you would do.

12 But, if we need more time, I doubt we
13 would, but if you think, you know, I shouldn't
14 deserve any more time to do something about it,
15 then, I guess, you would have to deny it.

16 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. That's all
17 I want. That's all I have Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other, any
19 other questions by the Board? By the Board
20 Members?

21 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: No.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, so this

1 says you signed a lease, --

2 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Or, I mean,
4 there's a --

5 MR. HOSSAIN: LOL, LOI, letter of
6 intent signed.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

8 MR. HOSSAIN: By both parties.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That you
10 signed, and for this 1130 Connecticut Avenue.

11 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you're --
13 so you were ready to, you were ready to move in
14 and then it was placarded?

15 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It was supposed
17 to have the roll call. And what again happens?

18 MR. HOSSAIN: They come back to us
19 saying that they're trunk -- the company, the
20 company who owns the property, they were selling
21 the property.

22 They were in transition of changing

1 the owner. So, they were not able to sign any
2 more new leases at that point.

3 So, they're saying we can't do
4 anything until that process is done. And it took
5 them a long time until they came back like a
6 month or a month and a half ago.

7 They came back to us saying that hey,
8 now we are ready to let you guys in. You know,
9 the deal didn't go through.

10 Whatever the transition that they were
11 doing, it didn't happen. Now they're -- the same
12 landlord is still dealing with us, and they want
13 us in there in that property.

14 And that's the communication you'll
15 see in there in the emails with my realtor and
16 the lawyer, and the landlord.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how close
18 are you to -- how close are you to signing the
19 lease?

20 MR. HOSSAIN: Well, I'm expecting the
21 store to be opened in October. I think if I --
22 as soon as I reply to that email saying, okay on

1 the terms and conditions that you guys want in
2 that lease, we are okay with it, that's when they
3 give us the LOI.

4 And we can put a plaque back again on
5 it. And we'll be good to go for the public
6 hearing.

7 And if you guys approve, I mean, if
8 the public hearing is approved, you know, we
9 start construction.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see you're
11 also looking at 11 --

12 MR. HOSSAIN: 1101 Pennsylvania
13 Avenue.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where else are
15 you looking?

16 MR. HOSSAIN: 1101 Pennsylvania
17 Avenue.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's
19 currently -- what's currently in that space?

20 MR. HOSSAIN: It's empty. Nothing
21 there.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there

1 another liquor store in that area?

2 MR. HOSSAIN: Um -- I mean, --

3 (Off mic comment)

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If he wants you
5 to speak sir, --

6 MR. HOSSAIN: He kind of helps me with
7 the realty.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

9 Introduce yourself for the record, sir, and then
10 write your name.

11 MR. MADAAN: My name is Dinesh Madaan.
12 I'm a friend. I'm just consulting him on this
13 transaction that he's doing.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Sure.

16 MR. MADAAN: Can I come this way?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure.

18 MR. MADAAN: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If he wants you
20 to speak.

21 MR. HOSSAIN: Yeah. Sure, he can.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, sir.

1 MR. MADAAN: Thank you. Do I need to
2 sign in?

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. That's so
4 we'll get your name. Go ahead, sir.

5 MR. MADAAN: That property has been
6 waiting right now. They are --

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which one?

8 MR. MADAAN: The 1100 Pennsylvania
9 Avenue.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

11 MR. MADAAN: We were just discussing
12 with them. They are interested in bringing us
13 in. We are working on a letter of intent.

14 This is just a backup to the 1130 18th
15 Street that we already, yeah, that we already
16 worked on.

17 And we have replied to the landlord.
18 They were wanting our, you know, specs, how we
19 want to build the store. We have done that.

20 We are just waiting. There is a
21 retailer's convention, or some kind of a real
22 estate convention going on in Vegas right now,

1 and they're busy over there.

2 That's why they just took an extra
3 week. But they should get back to us by this
4 weekend.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

6 MR. MADAAN: Or maybe the beginning of
7 next week. I am hoping that we don't have to
8 come back here for another safe keeping hearing.

9 That's why we are diligently working
10 on getting this license to some kind of a store
11 as soon as possible.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

13 MR. MADAAN: Our intent is to open
14 like tomorrow.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anything else
16 you want to say?

17 (No response)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I
19 am -- okay, we'll grant you the request. But,
20 this is the -- I'm going to -- I mean, the
21 recommendation of the Board is that we'll grant
22 the request.

1 But, this license, I know it was just
2 transferred to you in 2018, but this license has
3 not been utilized since 2016.

4 MR. HOSSAIN: Yes, sir.

5 MR. MADAAN: That's the reason we
6 bought it. We wanted to use the license.

7 MR. HOSSAIN: Right.

8 MR. MADAAN: And we are -- we are
9 working tirelessly to get that.

10 CHAIRPERSON: All right. I make a
11 motion that we grant the request through
12 September 30, 2018, 2019. Is there a second?

13 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein
15 has seconded the motion. All those in favor say
16 aye.

17 (Chorus of ayes)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

19 (No response)

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter
21 passes four, zero, zero. So therefore we will
22 grant the extension.

1 But, I hope it works out. And if you
2 have to -- but, we need something concrete if
3 this store is not opened by September 30.

4 MR. MADAAN: You'll see something
5 concrete if there is nothing there. We'll
6 definitely present what we have done.

7 But you'll be able to see like what we
8 are prepared for this.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

10 MR. MADAAN: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MR. MADAAN: Great. Thank you very
13 much.

14 MR. HOSSAIN: Thank you, sir.

15 MR. MADAAN: Appreciate it.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, bye,
17 bye.

18 MR. MADAAN: Are you going to email us
19 the --

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You'll get
21 something. Yeah, he did sign it. Yeah. You
22 will get the -- you'll get a letter from the

1 Agency. And it was approved.

2 MR. MADAAN: Thank you very much.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. So
4 you'll pay whatever fees if you haven't paid the
5 fees.

6 MR. MADAAN: You've got papers?

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?

8 We're off the record.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
10 went off the record at 11:16 a.m.)
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