

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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Matthias, Inc., :
t/a Sylvia Liquors, :
1818 Benning Road, N.E. :
License #ABRA-104606 :
Retailer A - License :
Renewal :
Case #18-PRO-00042 :

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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.

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

2 10:37 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Are the parties
4 present in the matter of Sylvia Liquors? This is
5 Case No. 18-PRO-00042, Matthias, Inc., 1818
6 Benning Road, N.E., License No. ABRA-104606.
7 This is a Retailer Class A License renewal.

8 The protest issues are adverse impact
9 on peace, order and quiet.

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

13 Introductions beginning with the
14 applicant, please.

15 MR. RYU: My name is Seung Ryu. First
16 name is S-E-U-N-G.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm sorry. Did it --
18 did you say F, like Frank?

19 MR. RYU: S-E-U-N-G, Seung.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

21 MR. RYU: And last name is R-Y-U.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: R-Y?

1 MR. RYU: U.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: U. Thank you, Mr.
3 Ryu. Would you put your contact information on
4 that sheet for me? On the sign-in sheet? Thank
5 you. And present on behalf of the Langston Civic
6 Association?

7 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am. My name is
8 Sydelle Moore. S, as in Sam, Y, as in yellow, D,
9 as in dog, E-L-L-E last name Moore, M-O-O-R-E.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Moore.
11 And your name?

12 MS. DIGGS: My name is Juanita Diggs.
13 The spelling J-U-A-N-I-T-A D-I-G-G-S.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: What's the first
15 letter of the last name?

16 MS. DIGGS: Diggs, D, as in darling.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh. And what was
18 it?

19 MS. DIGGS: D-I-G-G-S.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Oh, Diggs.

21 MS. DIGGS: Yes, ma'am.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Diggs, are you

1 with the Langston Civic Association?

2 MS. DIGGS: Yes, ma'am.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. I
4 have a couple of questions for you, Ms. Moore.

5 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: I read your Protest
7 Letter. I know you are incorporated in D.C.

8 MS. MOORE: Yes.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: What I did not see in
10 your Protest Letter is that you held a meeting.
11 You held a meeting?

12 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am, we did.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Regarding the
14 application?

15 MS. MOORE: Yes.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: And I see that you
17 had quite a few votes from residents who were
18 also opposed?

19 MS. MOORE: Um-hum.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: But I did not see
21 where you had invited the applicant to attend
22 that meeting at least 7 days prior to the

1 meeting.

2 MS. MOORE: Yes, the applicant was
3 invited 7 days prior to the meeting and also did
4 attend the meeting.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: So do you -- Mr. Ryu,
6 did you attend the meeting?

7 MR. RYU: Actually --

8 AGENT FLETCHER: A meeting at the
9 Langston Civic Association?

10 MR. RYU: -- my president, Jason, he
11 is in Korea, he was there, but I am not.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And was it --

13 MR. RYU: He come back on June 13th.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. And so you
15 received -- you were invited to the meeting?

16 MR. RYU: Yeah, he went, yes.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And you were
18 invited to the meeting and one of your colleagues
19 attended the meeting?

20 MR. RYU: Um-hum.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: And so, Ms. Moore,
22 just so you know, that must be in the letter.

1 MS. MOORE: Okay.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: For the future.

3 MS. MOORE: Okay.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: That is a determining
5 factor. So what I'm going to do, I'm going to --
6 because you have stated that you gave the
7 applicant at least 7 days notice of the meeting,
8 and he confirmed that he received notice and
9 attended, I'm going to go ahead and grant
10 standing to the Langston Civic Association.

11 But next time, put that in the letter.

12 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am, definitely.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Now, let me ask you
14 something else. The -- so how was the notice
15 given to the applicant? Did you call him? Write
16 him? What did you do?

17 MS. MOORE: I both called him --

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum.

19 MS. MOORE: -- as well as delivered a
20 letter in person.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Good. So what
22 you can do for the record, the letter that you

1 delivered in person --

2 MS. MOORE: Okay.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: -- if you could scan
4 that over to --

5 MS. MOORE: Okay.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: -- my card is on that
7 table. If you scan that over to me, I'll include
8 it in the record. Okay. Thank you.

9 We need to set a date for a Status
10 Hearing, a Protest Hearing and a mediation. I'm
11 going to give you the date for the Status and
12 Protest Hearing first.

13 The Status Hearing is scheduled for
14 July 11, July 11 at 9:30.

15 The Protest Hearing is set for August
16 the 1st at 1:30.

17 I'll give you the next available day
18 for mediation. That is Thursday, June 21 at
19 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 11:30 or 1:00. So in the
20 morning or --

21 MS. MOORE: 1:00 p.m. would be better.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: What time?

1 MS. MOORE: 1:00 p.m.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: 1:00. Mediation is
3 set for 1:00 on Thursday, January 21st.

4 MR. RYU: June 21st?

5 MS. MOORE: June 21st?

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Yeah, June 21st. Did
7 I say something different?

8 MS. MOORE: Yes, January.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: What did I say? It's
10 June. I didn't even hear myself say January.
11 Thank you.

12 Any questions at all?

13 MS. MOORE: No, ma'am.

14 MS. DIGGS: No.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you for coming.

16 The Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

17 MS. MOORE: Thank you.

18 MS. DIGGS: Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was
20 concluded at 10:43 a.m.)
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