

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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The Fireplace Restaurant, :

Inc., :

t/a The Fireplace :

2161 P Street NW : Protest

Retailer CT - ANC 2B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 14419 :

Case #19-PRO-00140 :

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(Application to Renew the:

License) :

Wednesday
 March 11, 2020

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
 JENI HANSEN, Member
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
 RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
 REMA WAHABZADAH, Member
 EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Counsel for Applicant
 DANIEL WARWICK, ANC 2B
 GLENN ENGELMANN, Protestant
 ROBERT OAKS, Protestant

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

2 10:12 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case
4 is Protest Case No. 19-PRO-00140, The Fireplace,
5 License No. 14419.

6 Will the parties please approach and
7 identify themselves for the record, please?

8 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes, on
9 behalf of the Applicant.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
11 Ms. Yohannes.

12 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning.

13 MR. WARWICK: Daniel Warwick on behalf
14 of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B.

15 Congratulations, Mr. Grandis.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
17 Mr. Warwick.

18 MR. ENGELMANN: Glenn Engelmann, on
19 behalf of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Engelmann.

21 MR. OAKS: Robert Oaks on behalf of
22 the group of five or more protestants. I'm the
23 lead representative of that.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
25 Mr. Oaks.

1 Are there preliminary matters that
2 needs to be brought to the Board's attention?

3 MS. YOHANNES: No, there are not.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this
5 matter is scheduled for a Protest Hearing on
6 April 8 at 4:30 p.m.

7 MR. ENGELMANN: No, the date's been
8 moved to --

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well --

10 MR. ENGELMANN: -- what was it, May 6?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- if the date
12 has been moved, then the agency has not told me
13 that the date has been moved.

14 (Laughter.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'm --

16 MR. ENGELMANN: Well, they did tell us.

17 MS. YOHANNES: We hope not to be here,
18 so.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, say
20 what?

21 MS. YOHANNES: I said we hope not to
22 be here.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Right, absolutely.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
25 the -- April what?

1 MEMBER CROCKETT: May something.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: May 6.

3 PARTICIPANT: May 6.

4 MR. ENGELMANN: At 1:30.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I stand
6 corrected. It's my understanding that this
7 matter is scheduled for a Protest Hearing on May
8 6 at 1:30 p.m.

9 Are all parties familiar with the
10 protest process?

11 MR. OAKS: Yes.

12 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. As
14 I've always stated, if the parties can settle
15 this matter, I prefer a settlement agreement
16 because at the end of the day, this is where the
17 establishment is. You live in the neighborhood
18 and you have to deal with each other.

19 If not, I will see you at the Protest
20 Hearing on May 6 at 1:30 p.m.

21 Have a good day. Thank you.

22 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

23 MR. ENGELMANN: Thank you, you too.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:14 a.m.)

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