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OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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M Street Management Group :

t/a 1819 Club :

1819 M Street, NW :

License #ABRA-71088 :

Retailer CN :

License Renewal :

Case # 14-PRO-00032 :

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April 28, 2014

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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. La Verne

Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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(10:06 a.m.)

MS. FLETCHER: This is case --
would the parties in the matter of Club --
1819 Club please come forward?

This is Case Number 14-PRO-00032,
M Street Management Group, trading as 1819
Club, 1819 M Street, Northwest, License Number
ABRA-71088. This is a Retailer CN License
Renewal.

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

My name is Laverne Fletcher, and I
am conducting the roll call hearing as the
Board's agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code
1601.2.

Introductions, beginning with the
applicant, please?

MR. BLANCHARD: Good morning, Ms.
Fletcher. On behalf of the applicant, my name
is Lyle Blanchard of Greenstein, Delorme, &
Luchs.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Blanchard,
2 would you spell your name for the court
3 reporter, please?

4 MR. BLANCHARD: I certainly will.
5 That's, first name is Lyle, L-Y-L-E, last name
6 is Blanchard, B-L-A-N-C-H-A-R-D.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And,
8 Mr. Blanchard, do you by chance have one of
9 your business cards?

10 MR. BLANCHARD: Of course.

11 MS. FLETCHER: And then the court
12 reporter can get the name of the firm from the
13 card.

14 MR. BLANCHARD: Okay.

15 MS. FLETCHER: And, Mr. Blanchard,
16 have you been in communication with ANC 2B?

17 MR. BLANCHARD: Yes, I have, Ms.
18 Fletcher. Let me see. I attended their April
19 monthly meeting and made a presentation. The
20 ANC had a couple of issues, and they said they
21 just needed to go through the process of
22 filing a protest to get those issues resolved,

1 and I believe that once we've addressed them
2 that they indicated they will withdraw their
3 protest prior to the hearing.

4 So I have to give them a couple of
5 documents. They were concerned about the
6 occupancy load of the premises because there's
7 -- this establishment went through several
8 years of being in safekeeping while the
9 property was being renovated.

10 It was a gut rehab of the entire
11 building, so the occupancy -- I assured them
12 that the occupancy will still be just 139
13 persons, seats, in the establishment, but they
14 wanted some proof of that, so what I was going
15 to do is -- I hope to be at a point where
16 final inspections are ready with DCRA and file
17 the C of O application form.

18 And they indicated that -- one of
19 the commissioners indicated that once I
20 provide them with that stamped, received
21 application form that we file with DCRA, and
22 also a letter of intent or some agreement with

1 a parking establishment in the neighborhood.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. BLANCHARD: My client has --
4 is in negotiations currently with a parking
5 company, and so I hope to get all those
6 matters resolved in the next week or two.

7 MS. FLETCHER: And those may be
8 the reasons that they didn't appear today,
9 because the process today, because they're not
10 here, is that we dismiss the protest.

11 MR. BLANCHARD: Right, I
12 understand.

13 MS. FLETCHER: So the protest is
14 dismissed, and -- because ANC 2B is not
15 present, and they'll get the order --

16 MR. BLANCHARD: Right.

17 MS. FLETCHER: -- dismissing it.
18 They'll have ten days to seek reinstatement of
19 the protest. Based on what you're saying, I
20 know that's not something -- they may not
21 intend to pursue that, but that's what happens
22 next, and so the protest filed by ANC 2B is

1 dismissed because they're not present today.

2 And, Mr. Blanchard, did you put
3 your contact information on that sheet?

4 MR. BLANCHARD: I did. And I will
5 give my card to the court reporter.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Then the roll call
7 hearing is concluded.

8 MR. BLANCHARD: Thank you.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you for
10 coming.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
12 matter went off the record at 10:13 a.m.)

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