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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Sledge, Inc. :
t/a 930 Club :
815 V Street, NW : Fact Finding
Retailer CX : Hearing
License No. 21837 :
ANC 1B :
One-Day Substantial Change :
Application :
Date of Event: May 20, 2012 :
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MAY 2, 2012

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th

Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member
DONALD BROOKS, Member

HERMAN JONES, Member
JEANNETTE MOBLEY, Member
CALVIN NOPHLIN, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

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3:31 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

The next case on our calendar is a fact finding hearing for the 930 Club, 815 V Street, N.W., License No. 21837 in ANC 1B.

And if the parties would come forward? And if you would sign in and then give your names for the record?

MR. KLINE: Yes, Andrew Kline on behalf of the Applicant.

MS. REINERT: My name is Liz Reinert. I work for D.C. Central Kitchen.

MS. HOMZA: Jean Homza, 930 Club.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Great. Mr. Kline for the 930 Club?

MR. KLINE: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And I'm sorry, I want to get your names again. I know D.C. Central Kitchen. What's your name again?

MS. REINERT: It's Liz.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Liz?

2 MS. REINERT: Last name R-E-I-N-E-
3 R-T.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Liz
5 Reinert.

6 MS. REINERT: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: D.C. Central
8 Kitchen.

9 MS. REINERT: And Jean, J-E-A-N,
10 Homza, H-O-M-Z-A, 930 Club.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 930 Club?
12 Okay. You're together.

13 Okay.

14 MEMBER MOBLEY: Excuse me. Can we
15 establish his relationship to the 930 Club?

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Kline's?

17 MEMBER MOBLEY: No, Mr. Homza.

18 PARTICIPANT: Ms. Homza.

19 MEMBER MOBLEY: I'm sorry. I was
20 looking down. Could we establish your
21 relationship?

22 MS. HOMZA: I'm the bar manager

1 and community liaison for the company.

2 MEMBER MOBLEY: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. KLINE: Longstanding.

4 MEMBER MOBLEY: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So

6 this is a one-day substantial change

7 application for an event on May 20th. Okay.

8 Do you want to -- who's going to tell us --

9 MR. KLINE: I'll give you a brief
10 overview --

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

12 MR. KLINE: -- and then we'll deal
13 with any concerns that the Board has.

14 This is the second year -- not the
15 second year of the Sounds Bites event, but the
16 second year that it's involved alcohol. It's
17 actually been going for a number of years, and
18 it is a charitable event to benefit D.C.
19 Central Kitchen, one of our well-known
20 important charities in town.

21 And the hours are limited. It's
22 going to involve a street closing. This has

1 all been vetted by the Mayor's Task Force, so
2 much of what we do here is probably redundant,
3 but we're certainly happy to be here and
4 answer any concerns that the Board has.

5 The Board did approve it last
6 year. There were no incidents. There were no
7 problems. The 930 Club has a long history of
8 operating an alcohol establishment in this
9 town and I can say that they're one of the
10 better, if not one of the best operators in
11 terms of being responsible with alcohol, those
12 that might be underage and those who might
13 have consumed too much alcohol. They're one
14 of the best in the business. Jean conducts
15 training all over town with respect to these
16 issues, has been doing it for a number of
17 years.

18 With that overview, happy to
19 address whatever specific concerns that the
20 Board might have.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I
22 don't have too many questions. The Mayor's

1 Special Events Task Force, did they review it
2 last year as well?

3 MR. KLINE: Liz?

4 MS. REINERT: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

6 MS. REINERT: And they have
7 reviewed it this year and are probably going
8 to issue a permit today.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That's
10 great.

11 MS. HOMZA: And I have a packet
12 here that I did not submit with the
13 application, the packet that we actually
14 submitted to the task force. Oh, you have it?

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We just got
16 this. Yes, so it looks like the same thing,
17 but I haven't had a chance to go all through
18 it yet.

19 MS. HOMZA: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And
21 they asked you all the questions about the
22 service of alcohol, the security, all that

1 stuff, saying it's the same?

2 MS. REINERT: I've obtained all of
3 the signatures from all of the people and now
4 it is in the hands of DCRA, who is going to
5 issue the permit probably today. I have
6 already met and been invoiced from the police
7 department for the services that they're going
8 to provide for that day. So I met with them.
9 We contracted for what they recommended and
10 they're invoicing me.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

12 MR. KLINE: The question is you
13 made a presentation to the Mayor's Task Force
14 on all aspects --

15 MS. REINERT: Oh, yes.

16 MR. KLINE: -- of the event,
17 correct?

18 MS. REINERT: And then after that,
19 went to visit each agency.

20 MR. KLINE: Okay. Great.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And is your
22 security the same this year as it was last

1 year?

2 MS. HOMZA: Yes, we have an in-
3 house security agency, and we will anticipate
4 having 30 staff, so --

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you
6 anticipate having the same amount of people as
7 you had last year?

8 MS. HOMZA: We absolutely hope to
9 get 700.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you get
11 700 last year?

12 MS. REINERT: No.

13 MS. HOMZA: No.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. But
15 you're prepared for 700?

16 MS. HOMZA: But we're building.
17 We're building, yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.
19 Do other Board members have specific
20 questions?

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Just real quick
22 just for the record, the area that you're

1 closing off is?

2 MS. HOMZA: Right in front of the
3 club, the 800 block of V Street.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: The entire block
5 there.

6 MS. HOMZA: Yeah.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

8 MS. HOMZA: Yes, sir.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: And your security
10 procedures will be the same as you use at your
11 club?

12 MS. HOMZA: Yes.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Great.

14 MS. HOMZA: It'll be bicycle
15 barricaded. And entrance, just like a normal
16 entrance if you're coming to the show, and ID
17 checking right then and there.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: The same ID
19 checking --

20 MS. HOMZA: Exactly.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- procedures you
22 use in your club?

1 MS. HOMZA: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr.

4 Silverstein, yes?

5 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I just want
6 to say that Ms. Homza is no stranger to us,
7 that whenever there are events where we are
8 trying to get the community involved, whenever
9 there's involvement in things such as how to
10 improve security and how to perhaps improve
11 our dealings with promoters or the community
12 or things like that, she has always stepped
13 forward. She's offered training of new
14 people. They are good players and they are
15 trusted great players. And maybe I'm going
16 beyond the impartiality, but whenever we've
17 put to a call for folks in the community,
18 she's always been the first to come and step
19 forward and offer her good offices and her
20 services.

21 MS. HOMZA: Thank you very much.

22 I appreciate that.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Anybody else?
2 Mr. Jones?

3 MEMBER JONES: Just for
4 clarification purposes, what's the -- I guess
5 the process by which you're going to be using
6 to secure -- just creating a secure
7 environment for the sale of alcohol for this
8 event?

9 MS. HOMZA: Well, the areas are
10 bicycle barricaded off along with police and
11 the required water barricades, so the area is
12 contained. And obviously we'll have security
13 and MPD there. They will be entering
14 literally through our normal doors and we will
15 do the ID checking there like we always do.

16 MEMBER JONES: So basically the
17 security isn't going to be significantly that
18 much different than what you would normally --

19 MS. HOMZA: We will run it on the
20 street just like we run inside the club.

21 MEMBER JONES: Just like -- okay.
22 Thank you for that.

1 MS. HOMZA: No problem.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

3 Anybody else?

4 MEMBER NOPHLIN: One quick
5 question. And again, I know the Board is very
6 proud of the event. You've done this many
7 times. Is this your third or fourth time
8 you've done this event?

9 MS. HOMZA: This is the second
10 time we've gone in and closed the street down,
11 and it's the third time we've actually done
12 this specific event with D.C. Central Kitchen,
13 but the first time did not involve alcohol.
14 It's like a Taste of D.C.. So all these
15 restaurants come and pay one price for the
16 food tastings and the music, and then they
17 have to purchase their own alcohol.

18 MEMBER NOPHLIN: Well, how will
19 you --

20 MS. HOMZA: Sort of interacting
21 with each person.

22 MEMBER NOPHLIN: How will you

1 raise money?

2 MS. HOMZA: Through that ticket --

3 MEMBER NOPHLIN: Through the
4 tickets?

5 MS. HOMZA: The ticket proceeds go
6 to the D.C. Central Kitchen and then the only
7 thing the club makes is going to be whatever
8 we sell in beverages.

9 MEMBER NOPHLIN: I certainly wish
10 you a lot of luck.

11 MS. HOMZA: Well, come down.

12 MEMBER NOPHLIN: Okay.

13 MS. HOMZA: It's going to be
14 great.

15 MEMBER NOPHLIN: Thank you.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're
18 welcome. Any other questions?

19 MEMBER MOBLEY: No, Madam Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I
21 think it's the consensus of the Board to
22 approve this event. I'm just going to see if

1 there's something we need to sign off on for
2 you.

3 MS. HOMZA: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: While the
5 Board's signing off, I just want to thank you
6 for your patience. I'm sorry we're running a
7 little bit late.

8 MS. HOMZA: That's all right.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And it sounds
10 like a great event. Are we your last stop?

11 MS. REINERT: Pardon me?

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are we your
13 last stop?

14 MS. REINERT: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good. Okay.
16 She's going to bring it to you and best of
17 luck.

18 MS. REINERT: Thank you.

19 MS. HOMZA: Thank you.

20 (Whereupon, the hearing was
21 concluded at 3:34 p.m.)

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