

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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Sami Restaurant, LLC :

t/a Bistro 18 :

2420 18th Street NW :

License #ABRA-086876 :

Retailer CR :

License Renewal :

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JUNE 10, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room Suite 400S, at 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

2 10:18 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties
4 in the matter of Bistro 18 please come
5 forward.

6 This is Case #13-PRO-00077, Sami
7 Restaurant, LLC, trading as Bistro 18, 2420
8 18th Street, NW, License #ABRA-086876. This
9 is a Retailer CR License Renewal.

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

12 My name is LaVerne Fletcher, and
13 I'll be conducting the roll call hearing as
14 the Board's Agent pursuant to D.C. Official
15 Code 1601.2.

16 Introductions beginning with the
17 Applicant.

18 MR. KARAMBELAS: I'm here
19 representing the landlord. I don't represent
20 the holder of the Sami's Restaurant. I
21 expected to see the Applicant here.

22 My name is Nick Karambelas. The

1 only thing I cold ask on behalf of the
2 landlord is that we continue the application
3 to some other date.

4 MS. FLETCHER: And could you spell
5 your name for the record, please?

6 MR. KARAMBELAS: First name is
7 Nick -- N-I-C-K; the last name Karambelas --
8 K-A-R-A-M-B-E-L-A-S.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Is anyone
10 here from the Kalorama Citizens Association?
11 Is anyone here from the Kalorama Citizens
12 Association?

13 (No audible response.)

14 PARTICIPANT: One of them just
15 stepped outside.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. I know that
17 Denis James is representing the KCA, and I did
18 see him a moment ago. So thank you.

19 Mr. Karambelas, what I'm going to
20 do is I'm actually going to dismiss the
21 license renewal application because the
22 Applicant is not present.

1 I will note for the record that he
2 did call the office to ask whether or not
3 there was a roll call hearing for today. And
4 I told him that there would be. But he will
5 have an opportunity to seek reinstatement of
6 his application. If he shows up before we're
7 done then I'll re-open the case and we'll
8 start over.

9 MR. KARAMBELAS: Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

11 I'm going to close the record on
12 this case for just a moment because I'm aware
13 that Denis James from the Kalorama Citizens
14 Association is present but he stepped out of
15 the room.

16 Oh, here he comes.

17 I'm not closing the record because
18 Mr. James just appeared. And he's on his way
19 to the front.

20 Present on behalf of the Kalorama
21 Citizens Association?

22 MR. JAMES: Thank you. I'm sorry.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Introductions from
2 the KCA?

3 MR. JAMES: This is Bistro 18,
4 correct?

5 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

6 MR. GHULAIS: Sami Ghulais.

7 MS. FLETCHER: You're present on
8 behalf of Bistro 18?

9 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You're the
11 Applicant?

12 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And could
14 you please state your name one more time and
15 spell it for the court reporter?

16 MR. GHULAIS: Sami Ghulais -- S-A-
17 M-I -- Ghulais -- G-H-U-L-A-I-S.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

19 Just before you arrived -- just so
20 that you know -- the renewal application was
21 dismissed. But it's not dismissed any longer
22 because you did appear. So you got here just

1 in time. So that's perfect. Thank you.

2 And for the KCA?

3 MR. JAMES: Denis James,
4 president, Kalorama Citizens Association.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
6 James.

7 And Mr. James, I received your
8 email that you gave Bistro 18 the seven-day
9 notice of the KCA meeting.

10 Kalorama Citizens Association does
11 have standing as a protestant.

12 We need to set a date for a status
13 hearing and a protest hearing and a mediation.
14 I'll give you the dates for the status and
15 protest hearings first.

16 The status hearing is set for July
17 24 at 9:30 a.m. The protest hearing is set
18 for October 2 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

19 We need to set a date for
20 mediation to occur prior to July 24. The next
21 available date for a mediation is Wednesday,
22 June 26 at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00. If that's

1 not good, we can move to --

2 MR. JAMES: I'd like to move into
3 July, please.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. All right.

5 MR. JAMES: After July 4th.

6 MS. FLETCHER: What day, Denis?

7 MR. JAMES: After July 4th.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

9 MR. JAMES: If that's all right
10 with the Applicant.

11 MR. GHULAIS: All right.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

13 So we're down now to the week of
14 July 15. So we have Tuesday, July 16 at 9:00,
15 10:00, 11:00 or 1:00.

16 MR. JAMES: The week of -- is that
17 around on the week of the 8th through the 12th
18 of July? I just said after July 4th.

19 MS. FLETCHER: I know. I'm
20 looking at what's available on the calendar.

21 MR. JAMES: I see. You've already

22 --

1 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

2 MR. JAMES: You're busy then.

3 Sorry.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

5 Well, I could actually squeeze you
6 in at 1:00 o'clock on Monday the 8th.

7 MR. JAMES: No, that's okay. I
8 mean, why don't you do it -- I apologize. I
9 just figured that far out you might not have
10 a lot of bookings.

11 Let's go to the week of the 15th.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Tuesday,
13 July 16 at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 or 1:00?

14 MR. JAMES: Either 11:00 or 1:00
15 would work with me.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

17 MR. GHULAIS: Okay. I'm okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: 1:00?

19 MR. GHULAIS: 11:00.

20 MS. FLETCHER: 11:00?

21 MR. GHULAIS: 1:00.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say 1:00 or

1 11:00?

2 MR. GHULAIS: 1:00.

3 MS. FLETCHER: 1:00. Okay. So
4 the mediation is set for 1:00 o'clock on July
5 6 --

6 MR. JAMES: July 16th?

7 MS. FLETCHER: July 16th. Yes.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. JAMES: Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Ghulais, did
11 you put your contact information --

12 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, I did.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

14 Okay. Well, then thank you. The
15 roll call hearing is concluded.

16 MR. JAMES: Thank you.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, at 10:25 a.m., the
19 hearing was concluded.)

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