

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Gebri, Inc.
t/a Cedar Hill Bar and Grill
2200 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Retailer CT
License No. 91887
Case No. 14-PRO-00023
ANC 8A
Substantial Change (Change of
Hours, Entertainment
Endorsement)

Protest
Hearing
(Status)

JUNE 25, 2014

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
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

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9:45 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Next protest status hearing is Case No. 14-PRO-00023, Cedar Hill Bar and Grill, located at 2200 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., License No. 91887.

Is anybody here that case, Cedar Hill Bar and Grill?

(No audible response)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay. The case was scheduled for 9:30, as are all the statuses, and it's 9:46. And what we do in these circumstances is pass the case and come back to it at the end in the event the party is running late.

MS. FULLER: Did you just call Cedar Hill?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I did.

MS. FULLER: Oh, don't I count?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, yes, come take a seat at the table and identify

1 yourself.

2 MS. FULLER: Okay. Sorry about
3 that.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's okay.

5 MS. FULLER: My name is Greta
6 Fuller. I'm the ANC commissioner for 8A-06,
7 which is historic -- where this property is.
8 I spoke to Cedar Hill last night actually and
9 we have a voluntary agreement. I think he's
10 running late. He's trying to park the car.
11 So we came to a conclusion. We went to
12 mediation with LaVerne and we came up with a
13 voluntary agreement. And I wanted to present
14 it to you today. It's already signed on our
15 behalf, but he needs to sign.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So
17 what I'm going to ask you to do then -- if
18 he's very nearby by parking his car or
19 something, if you would take a seat again in
20 the audience and then --

21 MS. FULLER: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- we'll call

1 your case when he gets here.

2 MS. FULLER: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Or right
4 after the case we're on before he gets here.

5 MS. FULLER: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Then we can
7 get you both on the record.

8 MS. FULLER: All right. Thank
9 you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

11 MS. FULLER: Okay.

12 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you,
13 commissioner.

14 MS. FULLER: Yes.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
16 matter went off the record at 9:47 a.m. and
17 resumed at 10:00 a.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Cedar Hill
19 Bar and Grill. Both parties are here?

20 MR. GEBRE: Yes.

21 MS. FULLER: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Why

1 don't you come forward and we'll go back to
2 that case?

3 MS. FULLER: Okay. Again my --

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I'm
5 going to call the case again and then ask you
6 to identify yourselves for the record before
7 we start.

8 MS. FULLER: Okay. This is Cedar
9 Hill Bar and Grill, Case No. 14-PRO-00023,
10 located at 2200 Martin Luther King, Jr.
11 Avenue, S.E., License No. 91887 in ANC 8A.

12 Okay. If you would identify
13 yourselves for the record?

14 MR. GEBRE: My name is Melake
15 Gebre. I'm the owner of the Cedar Hill Bar
16 and Grill.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good
18 morning.

19 MR. GEBRE: Good morning.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And?

21 MS. FULLER: Okay. My name is
22 Greta Fuller. I am the commissioner

1 representing ANC 8A.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. You're
3 the Single Member District commissioner?

4 MS. FULLER: Yes, this is my
5 Single Member District, 8A-06.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Did
7 you say you wanted to bring some matter to our
8 attention?

9 MS. FULLER: Well, yes. The
10 permit, the license the hours that they ask
11 for to be extended for entertainment, we
12 actually came to mediation and we determined
13 that those hours -- that we wanted to change
14 what they originally submitted. So I they
15 submitted hours to have live entertainment
16 until 2:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and
17 3:00 a.m. --

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We
19 don't need to get into --

20 MS. FULLER: Oh, okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- the merits
22 too much.

1 MS. FULLER: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: This is like
3 status.

4 MS. FULLER: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Like anybody
6 can tell us that --

7 MS. FULLER: So anyway, we came to
8 the conclusion that we came up with some hours
9 that both parties were in agreement with and
10 we signed a voluntary agreement between the
11 community and the establishment. And that's
12 all --

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So you have a
14 signed agreement?

15 MS. FULLER: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you're
17 submitting to the Board? It's ready to be
18 submitted?

19 MS. FULLER: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

21 MS. FULLER: Okay. There you are.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

1 MS. FULLER: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. It's
3 good to hear that. So the Board will review
4 the settlement agreement later and then get
5 back to you with respect to whether we approve
6 it as is or whether we see any issue that we
7 might need you to reexamine. But that's good.
8 So we'll get back to you on that. I'm not
9 going to give you instructions for a hearing
10 because it doesn't sound like there's going to
11 be a hearing since you've signed a settlement
12 agreement. Okay. Any questions?

13 MR. GEBRE: How soon --

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: How soon?

15 MR. GEBRE: Or how late?

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Today.

17 Today. My general counsel says today. Okay.
18 Great.

19 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you
20 both for your efforts. Thank you,
21 Commissioner for your service to the
22 community.

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MS. FULLER: All right. Thank
you.

MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you
very much. Have a good day.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled
matter went off the record at 10:04 a.m.)

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