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2 (10:05 a.m.)

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in  
4 the matter of Bistro on U Street please come  
5 forward?

6 This is Case Number 15-PRO-00062, Fast  
7 Trip, LLC trading as Bistro on U Street, 926-928  
8 U Street, Northwest, License Number ABRA-098081.  
9 This is a retailer Class CT, New Application.  
10 The protest issues are adverse impact on peace,  
11 order, and quiet.

12 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and I am  
13 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
14 agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1601.2.  
15 Introductions, beginning with the applicant  
16 please.

17 MR. ALHADA: Mohammed Alhada.

18 MS. FLETCHER: And would you spell  
19 that for the record?

20 MR. ALHADA: M-O-H-A-M-M-E-D, A-L-H-A-  
21 D-A.

22 MS. FLETCHER: A-L?

1 MR. ALHADA: H-A-D-A.

2 MS. FLETCHER: "D" like dog?

3 MR. ALHADA: Yes, A.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

5 MR. MATTHEWS: Jermaine Matthews on  
6 behalf of Fast Trip, LLC.

7 MS. FLETCHER: And, Mr. Matthews,  
8 would you spell your name for the record please?

9 MR. MATTHEWS: J-E-R-M-A-I-N-E, M-A-T-  
10 T-H-E-W-S.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And on  
12 behalf of ANC 1B?

13 MS. SULLIVAN: Hi. I am Commission  
14 Ellen Sullivan. I represent 1B-02, which is the  
15 single member district that Fast Trip Bistro on U  
16 is in.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ellen, and  
18 that's with an "E?"

19 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, Ellen with an "E,"  
20 E-L-L-E-N, and then Sullivan, S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 1B does  
22 have standing as a protestant. You need to set a

1 date for a mediation status hearing and the  
2 protest hearing.

3 I'll give you the dates of the status  
4 and protest hearings first. The date for the  
5 status hearing is August 12th at 9:30, August  
6 12th at 9:30. The date for the protest hearing  
7 is September 9th at 1:30.

8 I'll give you the next available date  
9 for mediation. The next available date is  
10 Thursday, July 23rd at 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00. Is  
11 that good for anyone?

12 MS. SULLIVAN: Could we -- Does 10:00  
13 or 11:00 work for either of you all?

14 MR. MATTHEWS: Ten o'clock will. Ten  
15 o'clock good.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Ten o'clock.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Ten is good?

18 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes. And the ANC has  
19 already negotiated a settlement agreement with  
20 the establishment for their stipulated license  
21 period, which, unfortunately, their stipulated  
22 license has not yet been approved by ABRA, which

1 the ANC wished we had had the time that we  
2 thought we would of a trial run basically with a  
3 24-hour establishment.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

5 MS. SULLIVAN: And because it will be  
6 serving food 24 hours, which this is the first  
7 ABC establishment to do that in the neighborhood.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Right.

9 MS. SULLIVAN: And so we expect after  
10 a meeting with the involved neighbors we expect  
11 to once again sign a settlement agreement. The  
12 applicants have worked with us since January  
13 trying to get this done and have met with us  
14 every time, have met with neighbors every time  
15 that they have been asked.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, yes.

17 MS. SULLIVAN: They have done tours of  
18 their establishment, they've put us in contact  
19 with their landlord about physical issues to the  
20 building that were outside of their control.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Right.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: So we feel that we will

1 get to a settlement agreement quickly with this  
2 applicant. It's just due to the dates of the ANC  
3 that we haven't been able to do so yet.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly.

5 MS. SULLIVAN: But we feel confident  
6 we will.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Well then -- So then,  
8 Ms. Sullivan, if the matter gets resolved before  
9 this mediation I know we'll just cancel it. I  
10 just made a note that that's pending.

11 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay.

12 MS. FLETCHER: And the stipulated  
13 agreement, the settlement agreement, I'll set the  
14 date for mediation for July 23rd at 10:00. If  
15 anything changes you can just let me know.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: So mediation is set for  
18 Thursday, July 23rd at 10:00 and if anything  
19 changes just let me know. And, Ms. Sullivan, did  
20 you put your contact information on that sheet?

21 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, ma'am, I did.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Okay, any

1 questions at all?

2 MR. MATTHEWS: No, no.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well thank you  
4 for coming. The role call hearing is concluded.  
5 Ms. Sullivan, are you going to be representing  
6 the ANC in the next case as well, for All Souls?

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Commissioner Footer is  
8 also here, so we'll both be representing.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

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

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