

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
Temporary license application :  
Date of Event: September 17, 2016:  
Event: H Street Festival :  
Applicant: Patrick H. Oberman:  
(H Street Main Street) :  
Neighborhood: 1207 H Street NE:  
Portion of premises: Lot Auto Zone:  
75,000 attendees, 5 security guards:  
Kesia R. Minor :  
1002 H Street :  
2 security guards :  
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Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Whereupon, the abovereferenced matter  
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage  
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,  
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RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

WEI PING

PATRICK OBERMAN

KESIA MINOR

KOFI APRAKU

ANWAR SALEEM

## P R O C E E D I N G S

## FACT FINDING HEARING

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're going to move on in our calendar. Our next case is -- we have two fact finding hearings for September 17, 2016, the H Street Festival, applicant Patrick Oberman and Kesia Minor. Will the parties please approach and identify themselves for the record, please? There's a piece of paper on the table there I would like you to sign. You can pull up some chairs from the side and pull up there. Just pull the chairs up there. There's a piece of paper where I'd like you to identify yourself for the record. And when you're speaking I'd appreciate it if you'd pull the microphone close to you, there's a microphone on the table there.

MS. MINOR: Kesia Minor.

MR. OBERMAN: Patrick Oberman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I didn't hear you, sir.

MR. OBERMAN: Patrick Oberman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your name?

MS. PING: Wei Ping.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, ma'am?

MS. PING: Wei Ping.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, what I'm going to ask for you guys to do when -- if you're speaking, just pull the microphone closer to you and please just make sure. Yes?

MR. APRAKU: Kofi Apraku, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this first. I think we'll just have to interchange these. I'll start off where we can talk about the -- we'll have Mr. Oberman speak first about his portion of the event, provide us some -- tell us something about his event and the location that he's going to have his event that day.

MR. OBERMAN: The location is at 12 and 8th Street northeast which is a parking lot next to AutoZone. It's like basically just a parking lot. We're going to block that area off and have a variety of vendors inside of there along with a stage. That's pretty much what we're doing.

MS. PING: Chairman Anderson, my name is Wei Ping and what we want to actually do is our applicant is going to be the person who is managing the area. We want to give them the festival so these are actually the festival, the nonprofit is H Street, H Street Ministry, and we want to give you an idea of what we do overall and then back into the detail of how the gardens are being run.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think the concern more for the board was that we have gotten a lot of applications for the H Street Festival and we have approved the majority of them without having a fact finding hearing. I think one of the reasons why we have asked for a fact finding hearing on these two particular ones is based on the location and the attendees, and so that's one of the reasons why. And so, I think the board -- this is my first -- this is the first time I'm having to participate in a hearing on the H Street Festival. I have been at the H Street Festival so I am familiar with what it is, but I

just think that board members are a little concerned with these particular locations --

MS. PING: Okay --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- because we have approved the others --

MS. PING: -- yes --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- so that's one of the reasons why, so in this particular case you don't necessarily have to give us an overview of the H Street Festival, we're more concerned with these particular locations and the numbers.

MS. PING: Okay, so last time --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can -- I'm not stopping you from doing it, I'm just saying that's the reason why.

MS. PING: Okay, so we will see you this Saturday for sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is an event in D.C. and I will try to -- I always support D.C. events, so --

MS. PING: Thank you. So, for this particular AutoZone, it's not the first time that

a garden has been done. It's been done for many years. It just happens that we took over the garden and were the main organizer because we require -- it also requires a lot of monetary support and we're hoping that this will help get our festival, because the festival has grown a lot. So, this parking lot is very secure. It's actually not on the street at all. It's a parking lot. You also have -- you actually have to have an ID and wristband before you can walk into the location. You have security all around. If you see the diagram, there's only one entrance and one exit. Security is placed in every corner where it's porous. It has a stage just like a big block that we have where we have the entertainment, nothing too outrageous, it's just a regular -- it's a family friendly event. We do not impose an age limit that into the area. It's just a different area in the whole of the whole festival that people can go visit. We do have food in there. We have entertainment in there. We have, obviously, alcohol in there but we also

have non-alcoholic beverages. We also have giveaways like cups -- and we are managing it our first this year.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, how do you secure things -- you said that it's a contained area but anyone can come in the area.

MS. PING: So, it's barricaded. It's completely barricaded, like all the patios in the festival itself. It's no different than anyone else. There's one entrance and one exit. There is security. The IDs are being checked. And you'll be banded, get wrist bands. If you do not have wrist bands obviously you will not be allowed to purchase any alcohol.

MR. OBERMAN: And we have a company.

MS. PING: We have a professional security company that is -- has like that.

MR. OBERMAN: Nine people.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But how do you prevent -- but how do you prevent someone from -- since you're going to have people under 21 in that area, so how do you plan to prevent underage

drinking?

MS. PING: We have wristbands, so if you -- people -- we check at the door, and then people will buy a wristband and come up and purchase alcohol.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, but I'm in the secure area but my friend can purchase alcohol and give it away.

MS. PING: Not only do we have security at the entrance and exit, we also have running security all throughout the area itself. All the gardens in the festival have the same thing. They do not prevent -- because there's activities in there -- they do not prevent under 21's from going in because most of the people have to go through the patio in order to get to the restaurants and out again, so what we have is running security volunteers, diligent bartenders.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to move on but here's what I want you to think about.

MS. PING: Mm hmm.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Normally when you say

you have a secured area you can say that only 21 and over are allowed in and so, therefore, you know, you have someone at the gate, they only allow folks 21 and over to be in, and we're fine because we know that everyone who's in the secured area will be 21 and over. So, what you're saying to me is that anyone can come in and so, therefore, just 21 and over will have wristbands. You're selling alcohol and you're selling non-alcoholic beverages. Okay, so here's my cup. I'm drinking. I'm 18. What's in it? Is it that -- okay -- is it that the 21 and over have a red cup and the underage have a blue cup? So, that's what I'm saying. How are you going to ensure that there's no underage drinking in the area.

MR. OBERMAN: It's a good question. We want to allow people to come in of all ages simply because for the first half of the day, if you know the H Street festival a lot of strollers are out, you know, and we don't want to tell mom and dad they can't come and have a Modelo because

they have a stroller. So, it's kind of like, you know, being open. What we're serving inside, fortunately for us it makes it very easy -- if you have a nonalcoholic beverage it's in a container, it's a Red Bull or it's a water. It's not in a cup. And if you have -- the only thing that's served in a cup is an alcoholic beverage, so we won't have people there with cups that can be moved around, and beer is in a can. So, it's pretty -- it's a very good question and honestly with the security around there we don't have the kind of passing of containers that would have something -- we'd know what was in it.

MS. PING: So if somebody --

MR. OBERMAN: So, if somebody had a plastic cup they'd better have a wristband on.

MS. PING: -- a mother or father having a cup then you do have -- or they have, you know, a juice box.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, let me. And I'm going -- let's talk about -- what's the timing of the event inside the AutoZone, inside

this particular area? So, what's the time, what's the time period?

MS. PING: The time period is just the same as the regular festival, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so, what happens at 7:00?

MS. PING: Actually, our last call will be either 6:00 or 6:30. At 7:00. We don't serve alcohol past 6:30. At 7:00 we close it up.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So folks will disperse and leave the area?

MS. PING: Right, we'll be moving people off the street, obviously without their cups or without their bottles, they cannot leave with anything, they have to leave but they have to dispose of their drink before that. Unless -- that applies to all the patios that we've approved in the past. The rule that we're sticking to very clearly this year is that they all know they can't stop serving at 7:00, they have to stop -- they have to close the bar -- everything has to be closed and dumped out by

7:00. So the timing has been moved up, and that's an internal rule that we've applied all across to all the businesses including ourselves.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, can you provide some information about the applicant where Ms. Minor, that event in that parking lot. Can you tell us something about that event?

MS. MINOR: Ours is actually 21 and over. It's a smaller area. It's on the 10th Street block. It's only one entrance and the size is maybe one fifth of the event --

MR. OBERMAN: -- yes, it's roughly a quarter--

MS. MINOR: It's 40 x 80, it's one entrance, one exit.

MR. OBERMAN: Because they can walk between --

MS. MINOR: Yeah --

MR. OBERMAN: -- between two buildings --

MS. MINOR: So it's a natural building wall, we only have at the back end, it's completely barricaded off. You only have one entrance and one exit. We also have professional security over there. For that particular one only 21 and

over is allowed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short.

MR. SHORT: Yeah. Some of the information that we received, your distributed information, was that your festival shut down that a lot of the persons, there were still persons at those parties. The MPD was confused about breaking up those parties and the parties kept going until [inaudible 5:55:22]. Bottom line, and I heard what you said, and you're going to shut everything down -- but it didn't work last year. What are you going to do different this year?

MS. PING: Here's what we'll do different. So, the people that didn't shut down were all the usual restaurants and bars where they had the substantial change where they were converted and were approved. And we were trying to shut them down because we are the festival organizers. We are responsible for the entire festival.

MR. SHORT: I'm not speaking about that, though, these are about lots.

MS. PING: Right. So am I. But last year

was not run by us last year. It was not our job. That is the issue.

MR. SHORT: Okay.

MS. PING: That's why we took ownership and control over the lots ourselves this year. We had issues and MPD, we all know the MPD because we're the festival organizers. If anything goes wrong, it's not only ABRA, it's the safety of the entire festival and upon us [inaudible 5:56:12]. So now we're on it ourselves, we're in [inaudible ] There is a deposit, security deposit, nonrefundable. If you close late, you violate. There's an internal mechanism on top of what I'm going to do for the festival. So, I believe that we have agreed to comply because we'll make sure to maintain the growth and the health of the festival. Otherwise, we will not have a festival. So, when we impose those kinds of rules on all our participants and businesses, we manage our own laws, we're obviously going to follow our own rules. We have to play by our own rules otherwise we are not able to pursue them.

MR. SHORT: My last question.

MS. PING: Yes sir?

MR. SHORT: Just with those businesses that own those lots, the lots are at the backs of peoples' homes. If the crowd decides they still want to party after 7:00 p.m. who is going to be held responsible? Somebody's got to be held responsible, because last year there was nobody in the leadership of the festival who would say that it was my responsibility. So, who does this board hold responsible for that?

MR. OBERMAN: I think what would be a really good idea is for us to communicate to you guys, because there's not just two lots on H Street. There's two lots that previously participated and we took those over. It would be probably good for us to communicate to you any space that's not a business and/or a general area that may contain something that shouldn't be there, or that we don't know about. In other words, what we know about is -- and what you know about which would be licensed -- in other words, we can share with

you every lot that's between 4th and 14th Street and what's happening on those lots, and that way we'll know who's responsible, number one, and number two, we know the lots that we're responsible for, and in other words, like a gallery over on H has an empty space next to a gallery and it's chained, it's locked in, you know, it's fenced in and everything, they may continue to do something but that's like a business within that area that just happens to have an empty lot with a fence around it. That's a different situation. But if anything happens on any lots that aren't what we send you, then we know that that's out of the purview of ourselves or whatever and anyway I think we can just get [inaudible 5:58:51].

MR. SHORT: That's what you're supposed to do. That's what we'd expect you to do.

MR. OBERMAN: You're saying, if somebody might have done something outside of our --

MR. SHORT: Somebody did.

MS. PING: If it is within our lots and our

fences, we have been very diligent for the past two years and from all the participants that have ABRA licenses.

MR. SHORT: Do you have our maps?

MS. PING: You have all the maps, you have all to yourselves, so any businesses that's not on that list that we submit, because they used to come -- we don't even know. So now, if they're not on our list they shouldn't be on your list.

MR. SHORT: Do you have a map that shows where -- if you have something like that it would be great because it would be helpful to our investigators and there, Mr. Apraku's going to talk about this. If you have a contact and you let our investigators know that 'there's something going on in this space and it's not sanctioned by H Street' I am sure what we've approved, I've looked at the list, and what we've approved, and it's sanctioned by H and Main, Street then our investigators will go in immediately.

MS. PING: Absolutely. That's what we've

been doing and we've been there for two years and  
--

MR. SHORT: Absolutely.

MS. PING: -- they will be going around us so  
we don't know what they're doing.

MR. SHORT: It sounds like a great plan, so  
if you can provide a map to our investigators and  
so they know.

MR. OBERMAN: We'll [inaudible 6:15:15 ]  
also.

MS. PING: They all have our maps because  
when we do our special events [inaudible ] unless  
it's on there.

MR. SHORT: Okay [inaudible 6:00:30].

MR. APRAKU: Can I ask you a question?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Identify yourself for  
the record, please, sir.

MR. SALEEM: I'm Anwar Saleem, executive  
director for H Street Main Street and if  
something goes wrong it's basically on us,  
because we are the community organizer, that we  
would make the call in person coming to you guys

and with the special task force and in the past if something goes wrong, if we saw something that was going wrong, we always reported it to MPD, or whoever is in control. We actually had a bond on investigators last year to record incidents that were going on, so I think that we are responsible on our end. I mean, we're not going to sit down and act like nothing happened. We are very responsible and we're going to take responsibility when we have the event this Saturday.

That's our job, that's our duty, that's our responsibility, as simple as that. And we would like to have to have direct contact with investigators and they need to answer their phone when something goes wrong so we can report incidents. And we did have an incident last year that something went on that we couldn't get an investigator to pick the phone up, we couldn't find an investigator, so we'll do just that. We have no problem with that.

MR. SHORT: Can we get direct lines?

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Not really, I mean

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you identify yourself for the record, please?

MR. APRAKU: Investigator Kofi Apraku, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. I covered the festival last time and a lot of the concerns that you guys have voiced were apparent. People weren't closing on time, people didn't understand the concept of sales, service and consumption which meant that at 7:00 they still had alcohol in their hands. There was a lot of that where we were having to go to people and say, 'hey, you guys should shut down now,' you know, so I have a few questions and I'll make it quick, is that all right?

MR. SALEEM: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Take your time.

MR. APRAKU: Well, the first thing I wanted to ask is I know that the AutoZone area is a big area and the event itself is supposed to have about 75,000 people. Is there a limit as to how many people are allowed inside each rear building

area?

MR. SALEEM: We have the rules that the fire department sent out to us. I forget what those numbers are but we do have some --

MR. APRAKU: I can find those out too.

MR. APRAKU: If you will.

MR. SALEEM: Okay. Lieutenant Hayes has given us those numbers so I can provide those numbers for you.

MS. PING: Like the total, and how many people can be in there at one time.

MR. SALEEM: We do it by the last year, they sit down with you sure but he will tell you, Lieutenant Hayes about [inaudible 6:03:06].

MR. SHORT: Okay, you will have provided us with one to our investigator?

MR. APRAKU: Yes.

MR. SHORT: Okay.

MR. APRAKU: And then how many ice bags? It may be a hot day and a lot of people showing up, so there's going to be a lot people going in, how will you guys keep up with checking to see if you

guys have reached that capacity? I don't know what the number is now.

MR. OBERMAN: That's a security thing -- that's what security's for and by the number of tickets.

MR. APRAKU: Okay. And then can you speak to the board about how intoxicated customers will be handled?

MR. SALEEM: That's a great question.

MR. OBERMAN: I mean, it's a standard procedure for if someone -- bartenders are not volunteers, first of all. Because a lot of them have been TIPS trained and had a variety of other training, and I did go and find people who know what they're doing, so obviously we'll have them making sure that they're not serving intoxicated people. That's number one. If somebody looks or acts intoxicated, don't serve them any more alcohol. We have several roaming security guards so if anybody questions that we can easily access them and politely let the person know.

MR. SHORT: How many?

MR. OBERMAN: We have nine security guards at this one location.

MR. SHORT: For 75,000 people?

MR. OBERMAN: No, no, no, no. Just in this lot.

MR. SHORT: Oh.

MR. OBERMAN: We literally just allocated for that lot, there's nine security guards.

MR. SHORT: Okay, perfect.

MR. OBERMAN: So, we'll have adequate backup to make sure that if somebody doesn't want to abide by that we can handle it. So, and the number one thing is not to serve. If somebody obviously -- I worked the H Street Festival off and on for many years in different capacities, and yes some people are foolish and by the end of the day they're intoxicated so that's something that we educate everybody about making sure that they're being very aware of that, and so from our standpoint it's education and just being very proactive.

MR. SHORT: [inaudible 6:05:20]

MR. OBERMAN: Well, I mean every crowd or bar may have their own ID process, so.

MR. SHORT: -- get to everybody -- you couldn't tell [inaudible ]

MR. OBERMAN: I mean you may want to examine them closely. I mean just because you have 10 wrist bands on doesn't mean you've been drinking ten times. You've been in an establishment ten times but it's up to the trained establishment bartenders to look at that person and look at their actions and determine if something is wrong. If you look in the eyes and determine something is wrong you have the right not to sell to them. It's as simple as that.

MR. SHORT: Correct. Right. It is usually like if someone is being unruly or -- you --

MR. OBERMAN: That's correct.

MR. SHORT: You put them --

MS. PING: So we will clarify with the commander, city's commander, I will be out there all day long with them, I'm sitting on the bus, we have walkie-talkies, we will work with

Metropolitan Police Department -- yes, all of that. We can back up because we'll always back up.

MR. SHORT: I understand.

MS. PING: So, we welcome you to the bus, you can come up to the event bus and get one of the walkie talkies to be on the stage and [inaudible 6:06:50] have one at the command center with special events bus. They have one. I am on their channel and I talk to my team, so you should probably get one of theirs so you're on the same channel when we have a problem with alcohol we would tell -- ask for help because as much as I want to control them it's not going to happen, so that way we're on the same page.

MR. APRAKU: I see.

MS. PING: Does that work?

MR. OBERMAN: She's the controller because she was at the last event, you were here.

MR. SHORT: I understand the -- people were asking and I was -- because I was in the fire department 33 years. I used to work the street

events, a lot of these events in the city. I ran [inaudible 6:07:22] the cities.

MR. OBERMAN: Okay.

MR. SHORT: So, I understand. And I do note that you have the controls in place to avoid a lot of issues.

MR. OBERMAN: That's correct.

MR. SHORT: Well, when you have these things that are dropped off, who's counting the people - - that counting, so that you don't go over the numbers the fire marshal gave you. It's not enough just having the numbers, how many people - - you've got to count them out.

MR. OBERMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. SHORT: Do you have counters?

MR. OBERMAN: We have counters and we set them -- you check them and you check in and you check out. There is a transmitter at the opposite security.

MR. SHORT: That answers my question, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's your call, sir,

when you're done. You can ask what you want until you're done.

MR. APRAKU: That's what I'll do. The other thing that -- and this is more like a statement to the board in regards to letting in the underage kids into the beer garden area, from what you guys said, yes that you guys have outside, roaming security, but from my understanding there's going to be a lot of people. I just see -- and I'm just saying this to the board that I see this as a potential situation where there could be underage drinking because it's that many people in a very large space. And I get it. If they have something to say that will mitigate that apart from, you know, that it's cans. I mean, somebody can buy a can. I think what I'm -- just one of the issues that we've found, for those of us who have been to a lot of these festivals, especially is serving, like somebody will come to a bar and say 'hey, let me buy three drinks' and buy three drinks and go. Like there's not -- people are not buying

one drink and getting one drink and drinking it and then coming to like throw the can away in front of them, it's more like, 'give me four drinks,' buy four drinks, carry the four drinks to who knows who and then distribute some to their friends. So, I mean a lot of times at these things you'll see somebody carrying three drinks, or you'll see somebody carrying two drinks. I mean, if that person is so inclined to give alcohol to somebody else, there's really nobody to --

MR. OBERMAN: But that's a beer park.

MR. APRAKU: -- and I think that is the concern I would like to make to the board about being inside an enclosure like that and not everybody being 21.

MR. OBERMAN: I think one thing you could do actually that would be quite easy, the festival is from 12:00 to 7:00, the strollers typically start going home at 4:00. We could always do a 21 and over starting at 4:00, just to mitigate any additional people coming in, because that's

when -- between 4:00 and 7:00 it generally -- you have more of the adult, the more that sort of that kind of problem. So, I would have no problem doing something like that around, at 4:00 specifically saying 'okay from this point forward it's 21 and over only.' We know that the strollers go home around that time, and when I say strollers, you know -- you understand what I'm saying. Festivals bring out families and I think it's pretty easy for our security guys to kind of keep an eye on those potential age groups that are there without wrist bands and I think it may help a lot, so I mean I think we could do that.

MS. PING: Beyond the [inaudible 6:10:24].

MR. APRAKU: One other thing. There's -- on the temple for parking lot --

MS. PING: The little one.

MR. APRAKU: -- the little one, there's an alley that runs on the 800 block of 10th Street northeast that could be accessed in order to get into that beer garden. How are you guys --

MS. PING: Barricading --

MR. OBERMAN: We're barricading it off.

MS. PING: -- because it's actually a private driveway to somebody's garage.

MR. OBERMAN: Yeah.

MR. APRAKU: Okay.

MS. PING: So, they will not be happy that everybody's walking in and out all day long.

MR. OBERMAN: The sponsors actually --

MR. APRAKU: The thing that I had with it is that there's -- from when the space was on the application it may have changed, that there's only two security guards, so if there's two security guards are you guys gonna have somebody on that end to man that barricade? Or --

MR. SALEEM: We have volunteers. We have those volunteers.

MR. OBERMAN: Yeah. We have over 100 volunteers.

MR. APRAKU: Okay, that's it.

MR. SHORT: You going to volunteer?

MR. APRAKU: No.

MR. SHORT: You sure?

MS. PING: Not on the job, you can't drink on the job.

MR. SHORT: I'm holding you to that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Alberti.

MR. ALBERTI: No volunteers -- they can drink when they're a volunteer.

MS. PING: After they can, not during when they're volunteering.

MR. APRAKU: At the risk of beating a dead horse, on the AutoZone lot, I think you've already, you told us, I'm not sure we understand. If -- if -- if someone's carrying a cup and they don't have a wristband, they need to be checked.

MR. OBERMAN: That's exactly right because the only thing served in cups is alcohol. Nonalcoholic beverages are in containers and the beers in cans.

MR. ALBERTI: So, beers are in cans, water's in bottles --

MR. OBERMAN: Yep.

MR. ALBERTI: -- other beverages.

MR. OBERMAN: The drinks are in bottles -- I mean cans, like Red Bull is in cans.

MR. ALBERTI: Very good.

MR. APRAKU: What are you serving? What alcoholic beverages are you serving in the AutoZone lot?

MS. PING: Just beer and liquor.

MR. APRAKU: Beer and no wine?

MS. PING: No wine.

MR. OBERMAN: No wine.

MS. PING: But we will keep one bottle.

MR. ALBERTI: I don't even know why I asked that.

MS. PING: If you thought there'd be enough to go by.

MR. ALBERTI: Okay, okay. What was I going to say? Oh, so are you going to have music in the AutoZone lot?

MR. APRAKU: We'll have as usual -- what time will the music end? Because I know the neighbors are concerned.

MR. OBERMAN: 7:00.

MS. PING: 7:00.

MR. OBERMAN: But if there's a question we can --

MS. PING: 6:45

MR. APRAKU: Getting people out.

MS. PING: Because we are running the zone ourselves this year, I literally can pull the plug.

MR. ALBERTI: Okay, great, very good.

MR. OBERMAN: And I will aid her.

MR. ALBERTI: So, I know H Street Main Street is telling me you're responsible and I believe you are, but I just sort of, this is sort of an administrative question, Mr. Oberman, sir, what's your association with H Street Main Street?

MR. OBERMAN: I'm kind of what you call a festival junkie. So, last --

MR. ALBERTI: That's okay.

MR. OBERMAN: -- since 2013 --

MR. ALBERTI: We all have our weaknesses.

MR. OBERMAN: -- yeah. I organized large scale festivals. If you've heard of Argomatic --

MR. ALBERTI: Oh yeah.

MR. OBERMAN: I've worked with Capitol Parades a few years. I've worked with H Street on and off.

MS. PING: He comes back.

MR. OBERMAN: Yeah, and they've taken me on because they understood that the scale of this particular zone is larger than they've done in the past and they need a professional person. Last year, I actually ran a small margarita garden and so I have a lot of experience with these types of events and that's why they brought me in. But I also love H Street because it's the best festival in the city.

MR. ALBERTI: We all do.

MR. OBERMAN: I volunteered for anywhere a few years, you know mostly on logistics.

MR. ALBERTI: I just asked because, you know, H Street Main Street is an applicant.

MR. OBERMAN: Yeah, yeah.

MR. ALBERTI: And, Ms. Minor, your association with H Street Main Street?

MS. MINOR: I am an office assistant.

MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

MS. PING: She works in the office.

MR. ALBERTI: Okay, I was just curious. This is totally off topic but I remember throughout my life there were two whole [inaudible 6:14:26] of buildings that are no longer there on H Street. It's really sad that all those buildings are getting torn down, but anyways --

MS. PING: That's why you need to come to the festival it's still here.

MR. ALBERTI: And that's why I thought there was an owner change.

MS. PING: It's just [inaudible 6:15:00] us.

MR. ALBERTI: What?

MR. OBERMAN: A new juice company that's going to be on 8th Street is in there, too. What's it called?

MS. PING: Turning Natural.

MR. OBERMAN: Turning Natural.

MR. ALBERTI: You're going to [inaudible ].

MR. OBERMAN: Yeah.

MR. ALBERTI: Okay, very good, I wish you the best of luck. Maybe you'll see me there.

MS. PING: You said it, now you must do it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have any other questions by any other board members? Hearing none, I make a motion that these two festivals, these two sites, be approved. Is there a second?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein has seconded the motion. Those in favor say aye. (Chorus of ayes.) Those opposed? (No audible response.) The matter passed 5-zero-zero. When is it --

MR. SHORT: This is with the understanding that we're going to get those occupancies.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know about the occupancies. That's -- we're approving to do this. When will you provide us the map and occupancies for these?

MS. PING: I can send them to you by fax or send e-mail. The thing is that eventually with that long of a plan, I'll e-mail that to you but

you might want to come on site and get one of these that we will have.

MR. APRAKU: Absolutely.

MR. ALBERTI: Wait a minute, you couldn't deliver it [inaudible 6:16:15]?

MS. PING: No, we have other things that we want to fix before we go with it, so that we have a better one.

MR. SHORT: We have a good map up here on the wall and I can tell -- we don't have, we don't mean that.

MS. PING: Yeah.

MR. SHORT: We need something or we can't let you leave -- it's contingent on getting those numbers and getting that map.

MR. OBERMAN: I can get it from DCI, the [inaudible 6:16:18].

MR. SHORT: When can you provide the map?

MR. OBERMAN: I'm going to pick up --

MS. PING: We'll e-mail it -- it's an 11 x 17 sheet.

MR. SHORT: Okay. It's contingent on that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the office is closed so you can't pick up your license today.

MS. PING: Can we contact you tomorrow morning?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have to come back.

MR. SHORT: Bring the map with you when you come back and the occupancy notice.

[Cross talk by multiple participants]

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was concluded.)