

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :

7 Georgene Thompson: Case #16-251-00251

8 t/a Player's Lounge :

9 2737 Martin Luth King Ave SE :

10 License #1271 :

11 Retailer CN :

12 ANC 8C :

13 Chief Police Hearing Request :

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15 Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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17 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
18 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
19 Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
20 N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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2 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

3 DONOVAN ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

4 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

5 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

6 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

7 JAKE PERRY, BOARD MEMBER

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9 ALSO PRESENT:

10 KOTI APRAKU

11 STEPHEN THOMPSON

12 GEORGENE THOMPSON

13 MICHAEL O' HARRAN

14 MARK BRASHEARS

15 SIDNEY PAUL

16 GERARD HICKMAN

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

2 FACT FINDING HEARING

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on our
4 calendar is a fact finding hearing on case #16-
5 251-00240, and case #16-251-00251, Players
6 Lounge, license #1271. Will the parties please
7 approach and identify themselves for the record,
8 please?

9 MR. BRASHEARS: Investigator Brashears, ABRA.

10 MR. APRAKU: Investigator Koti Apraku, ABRA.

11 LT. PAUL: Lieutenant Sidney Paul, Second
12 District MPD.

13 LT. HICKMAN: Lieutenant Gerard Hickman,
14 Second District MPD.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, this is supposed
16 to be a fact finding hearing and we don't have a
17 licensee here. So, I'm not quite sure how we can
18 have -- well, I guess I know how we can have one.
19 So, this is a fact finding hearing that was
20 requested by the chief of police because an
21 incident occurred, so who -- is it Mr. Brashears
22 or Mr. Apraku, who wants to?

1 MR. BRASHEARS: I think my case occurred
2 first.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I only have one --
4 I'm sorry, I forgot I called two cases and so I
5 do have two reports. All right. Mr. Brashears,
6 why don't you tell us about your -- which case is
7 yours?

8 MR. BRASHEARS: #00240.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: #240. Okay, fine, so
10 why don't you give us some background information
11 regarding your case.

12 MR. BRASHEARS: I received a --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one minute
14 please. Can you identify yourself for the
15 record, please, ma'am?

16 MS. THOMPSON: My name is Georgene Thompson
17 from Players Lounge.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you,
19 Ms. Thompson. Have a seat, please. Do you have
20 a copy of the reports, not you, no, could someone
21 give her a copy of the case reports of both
22 cases, please? Go ahead, Mr. Brashears.

1 MR. BRASHEARS: I received an MPD report on
2 Sunday, October 30, 2016, stating that a carrying
3 a pistol without a license incident occurred
4 outside Players Lounge, located at 2737 Martin
5 Luther King Junior Boulevard Southeast.
6 Specifically, officers were dispatched to assist
7 with crowd control and an officer overheard
8 individuals in a vehicle talking about shooting
9 someone. Subsequently, there were four people
10 arrested. During the arrest, what was described
11 in the MPD report, numerous individuals began to
12 fight and basically a request for assistance went
13 out and the bulk of 7D and some of 6D had to
14 respond to quell the incident.

15 My investigation into the establishment's
16 part in all of this: I basically was able to go
17 out and I was not able to ascertain as to whether
18 the individuals in the car had a direct nexus to
19 the establishment, if they were in the
20 establishment I wasn't able to substantiate any
21 of that. The establishment from what I could see
22 was operating within the established security

1 plan, basically detailing that they had various
2 five cameras that were requested. I did ask for
3 copies of the video at which time the individual
4 that handled the technical aspect of that, a Mr.
5 Gray, did get me copies of the video camera
6 footage. However, it turned out the date stamp
7 was off and it was not usable as far as, you
8 know, the investigation.

9 I conducted a neighborhood canvass at the
10 neighborhood carwash and the school to see if
11 there was any video footage that I could find
12 from there. There was none. I did do a
13 regulatory inspection at the establishment. The
14 establishment was operating within ABRA
15 regulations. I spoke with the ABC manager that
16 was on duty the night of the incident and was
17 basically told a Go Go band was playing and,
18 according to the individual, there was a minor
19 altercation between two females inside the
20 establishment that night. They were separated
21 and there were no further issues. When I asked
22 about the establishment let-out, I was instructed

1 that there was some type of previous agreement
2 with the MPD 7th District commander that the
3 establishment would notify the police within 15
4 to 30 minutes of closing and an officer would
5 respond and assist with the let-out. That night,
6 I was told by the ABC manager that she did not
7 call MPD, but stated that she looked outside the
8 establishment and there was a patrol already
9 outside. I did request and reviewed body footage
10 cameras -- footage from body worn cameras from
11 the MPD officers. Two distinct 1033 calls,
12 officer needing assistance, did go out. I did
13 review the video footage. There were numerous
14 police officers on scene but as far as a large
15 crowd, the video I reviewed, probably by the time
16 that the officer responded the crowd had been
17 dispersed somewhat. But as far as drawing a
18 nexus between the individuals in the car with a
19 gun and someone in the establishment, I was not
20 able to do that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we have
22 officers Paul and Hickman.

1 LT. PAUL: Lieutenant Paul.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lieutenant Paul, I
3 apologize. At least I got the name right, so I
4 wasn't trying to take away from Lieutenant Paul.
5 All right, Lieutenant Paul, which -- are you able
6 to speak about this event or the --

7 LIEUTENANT PAUL: Lieutenant Hickman was the
8 watch commander -- that's what I meant by -- he's
9 more familiar with --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
11 Lieutenant Hickman, can you tell us -- what can
12 you add regarding the first event?

13 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Good evening, everybody.
14 I was the watch commander on that night for the
15 7th District. A call for service did come out
16 for Players Lounge to assist with letting out the
17 club. I'm usually watch commander on every
18 Saturday night here and there, and that's a
19 normal call that we get from the Players Lounge
20 to assist with letting out -- it usually comes
21 out for a disorderly crowd in the parking lot.
22 So a unit responded. Shortly thereafter another

1 responded, maybe minutes after that an officer
2 came over the air for assistance with additional
3 units to the Players Lounge parking lot.

4 I was always responding to the scene and
5 maybe minutes after that they came over the air
6 with a 1033 which is the police call for officer
7 needing immediate assistance. So, everybody that
8 was working in the 7th District on the midnight
9 tour left their assignments and went to the
10 Players Lounge.

11 By the time I got there it was a large crowd
12 in the parking lot. A lot of them were -- a lot
13 of pushing and shoving was going on and officers
14 secured a female and a male by Ford vehicle.
15 Shortly after that, one officer voiced 'we have a
16 weapon recovery on the scene.'

17 Prior to me getting there a sergeant
18 responded to the scene and the sergeant, before I
19 got there, said 'keep the units coming, we need
20 more units, we need more units.'

21 MR. SHORT: The sergeant said what now?

22 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: The sergeant, before I

1 got there, a night supervisor, a sergeant, came
2 on and said, gave us his call sign and said he
3 was on the scene and said, 'keep the units
4 coming, we need more units up here.' So, by the
5 time I got up there the crowd was starting to
6 disperse. It was still kind of unruly. Shortly
7 after that, units from the 6th District started
8 to show up, which is -- they're [inaudible
9 2:30:49] which directly borders the 7th District.
10 And then, maybe a few minutes after that, units,
11 officers that had already gotten duty had started
12 to show up.

13 After the scene was calm, through our
14 investigation we were able to ascertain that a
15 Ford vehicle was in the parking lot at the
16 Players Lounge while the crowds were letting out
17 of the club. The car speeded through the parking
18 lot and came to a screeching halt. The officer
19 told the operator of the vehicle to move the
20 vehicle. At that time the operator of the
21 vehicle got out of the vehicle and made a comment
22 to the passenger, stating, what someone's leg was

1 kind of pulled, but to the effect of let's go and
2 get those -- I'm gonna blast these.' And then
3 the passenger stated, 'well the police are right
4 here' and the operator of the vehicle said, 'I
5 don't care.' So, at that time the officer stops
6 both of them and in the vehicle in a gym bag was
7 a semi-automatic pistol. Both those individuals
8 were placed under arrest along with two other
9 individuals that were observed fighting and
10 shoving. [inaudible 2:32:09] were observed
11 fighting so they were placed under arrest for
12 disorderly conduct. It maybe took us probably 45
13 minutes to an hour to get that scene cleared and
14 get all the officers back in service.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, approximately how
16 many officers do you believe showed up that
17 night?

18 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Usually on a Saturday
19 night, it was midnight, so we'd count it as
20 Sunday, so it was Sunday in the 7th District it's
21 bringing those people, maybe one or two PSA are
22 all, so we had eight PSAs so between 45 and 50

1 officers in that 7th District alone Saturday
2 night, so that was every officer there and then
3 62nd 2, they're not as fully staffed as we are
4 because there are only three PSAs that cover the
5 section 2 side, but it was at least maybe 15
6 officers from the 62nd, their watch might have
7 actually came on the scene, and they [inaudible
8 2:33:06]. It was four officers that I knew that
9 were there from the SWAT team that just got off
10 work and they responded on their way home. And
11 then four to five officers plus a supervisor from
12 the [inaudible 2:33:18] that responded, and
13 responded before they went in [inaudible] so it
14 was a total of maybe about close to 70 officers
15 there.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, why did they
17 require -- what was going on that they required
18 70 officers?

19 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Well, as a police
20 officer when you hear the code 1033 that means
21 you stop what you're doing and you get to the
22 scene and you find out what's going on, maybe

1 there are people starting to leave after that,
2 but when an officer says 1033, that's a -- it's
3 an officer needs assistance call, that's a 1033,
4 but what it also means is it's not that the world
5 renowned code to stop what you're doing , I'll
6 come back to this later, I've got to get to the
7 Players Lounge. And so that's what happened.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, is it just this
9 night that you had to do this? Or what has it
10 been within the sense of the 7th District sending
11 officers to this location?

12 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Well usually we get the
13 call -- I won't say every weekend, but a lot of
14 weekends we do get the calls for response to
15 Players Lounge for assisting with a disorderly
16 crowd. This is the first night since I've been
17 in the 7th, I've been in the 7th D about two
18 months. I was there as an officer. This is my
19 first time I've been back as a lieutenant, since
20 I've been in Washington. That was the first
21 night we called a, we actually called a 1033,
22 where we needed multiple District response.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Lieutenant
2 Paul, what can you add?

3 LIEUTENANT PAUL: I can elaborate a little
4 bit more.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure.

6 LIEUTENANT PAUL: because I've been at the
7 7th District as a lieutenant since April of this
8 year, for the last almost eight months now. It's
9 pretty much every Friday and Saturday night we're
10 getting calls in reference to assist with closing
11 of a nightclub. We had about 113 calls for
12 service for that establishment alone. We
13 completed like 17 reports that I know of that I
14 was able to collect that show that we responded
15 out there for every single time they've called to
16 assist with closing the establishment. I mean,
17 as far -- I was not there for that incident, but
18 pretty much I've worked the Washington Manor for
19 the 7th District probably before he got there on
20 the weekends and it's almost like an all the
21 time. We don't have any officers out there, we
22 don't answer the assignment, like when they call

1 us up something's bound to happen. I've had
2 people getting stabbed, inside the club, across
3 the street. I've responded to United Medical
4 Center on many occasions with victims that said
5 they had left this nightclub establishment
6 earlier, so it's nonstop incidents, and you'll
7 see where we discuss this next additional case,
8 it's not -- it's not uncommon for us to get
9 sounds of gunshots within that block, recover
10 shell casings, recover weapons. Since I've been
11 there for the last 7 months I've been on at least
12 four scenes doing midnight tour, for the weekend
13 closing of the establishment when we have had
14 four weapons recovered and arrests for weapon
15 possessions and stuff. So, it's been an ongoing
16 issue as far as the other patrons, you know. As
17 far as the establishment, dealing with them, I've
18 never had any issues as far as they try to work
19 with us but I can tell you I've been on the
20 police department for 19 years, I've worked a
21 bunch of nightclubs, worked with a bunch of
22 nightclubs before in this district. My

1 recommendation is that it does need an RDO for
2 this establishment. I was surprised when I got
3 there after a couple of months being in the 7th
4 District being in Washington that on a midnight
5 tour that they didn't have an RDO program or you
6 need something because you've got individuals
7 coming out of that nightclub who live in the
8 area, and this is what we deal with in 7D, a lot
9 of times carry weapons and I don't think their
10 security personnel can handle any situation that
11 may stem from somebody wanting to go back in the
12 club. Like my colleague said, you know, people
13 want to go back, go deal with people that they
14 had issues with in that nightclub, and God help
15 us if we don't have MPD out there for those types
16 of incidents. So, we do make an effort, like I
17 said, regardless of the fact that we don't have a
18 reimbursable detail it'd be crazy for us not to
19 have somebody show up around closing time for
20 them or somebody's going to get hurt.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, if they require
22 reimbursable details, when should they have such

1 a detail then? For how long? What time -- when
2 would you recommend that they should have
3 reimbursable detail?

4 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Any time they have any
5 of these -- whatever type of, when they have
6 these events on Fridays and Saturday nights,
7 pretty much Friday and Saturday nights are when
8 we get the calls and when we have issues, so it's
9 Friday and Saturday nights. I guess after 8:30
10 is when they start having their events in that
11 establishment until 3:00 in the morning. That's
12 when it needs to be covered. That's my
13 recommendation.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what time?

15 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: Between -- I think, I'm
16 not sure -- 11:00? So, usually we won't get
17 calls until later, 1:00, so he says that it
18 starts at 11:00 so I don't know exactly the time.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm asking you
20 from your perspective --

21 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: From my perspective?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- what time -- if --

1 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: From 11:00 to 4:00.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: From 11:00 to 4:00?

3 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: That's based on my
4 experience dealing with -- because I'm the RDO
5 coordinator at my District. I'd say 11:00 to
6 4:00.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're saying that
8 you recommend that they have RDO 11:00 to 4:00
9 every Friday and Saturday?

10 LIEUTENANT HICKMAN: That's correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir. Can you
12 introduce yourself for the record, please, sir?

13 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, my name is Steve
14 Thompson.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you, sir?

16 MR. THOMPSON: The manager at Players Lounge.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, you're the what?

18 MR. THOMPSON: The manager.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the manager?
20 All right. Ma'am, what if any -- there are two
21 cases and so we're talking about the first case.
22 Are you familiar with this?

1 MS. THOMPSON: Actually not because I'm not
2 there on the weekends so I don't know.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, who's there on the
4 weekends?

5 MS. THOMPSON: My daughter on Friday nights
6 and then a friend of ours, she's there -- Tracy -
7 - is there to help the manager on Saturday
8 nights.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, he's not the ABC
10 manager during any of these nights?

11 MS. THOMPSON: During the weekdays I'm there,
12 but not the weekends.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, you're the owner
14 of the Players Lounge, ma'am, and we're hearing
15 about all of these events that are going on
16 Friday and Saturday nights. Do you have any idea
17 what's going on at your establishment Friday and
18 Saturday nights?

19 MS. THOMPSON: Now, but you know this
20 shooting thing out in the parking lot, you know,
21 I talked to the school because the lady over
22 there told me that somebody was coming and

1 shooting out there and they shot through the
2 building of the school and they had shell casings
3 inside of the school, you know. So, I don't know
4 who's doing that. I really don't. And then,
5 like he said, I guess --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lieutenant Paul.

7 MS. THOMPSON: -- that I didn't have
8 somebody, well I had asked the police what do I
9 do to get some police to work there? You know,
10 just like that, and he said he would find out for
11 me but he never got back to me to tell me.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, do you know
13 anything about the reimbursable detail?

14 MS. THOMPSON: [no audible response]

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So would you agree to
16 have reimbursable detail there on Friday night
17 and Saturday night between the hours of 11:00 and
18 4:00?

19 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. I'd do anything to keep
20 my business.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You know there's a
22 cost to it, there's a cost, but I'm saying though

1 would you agree Fridays and Saturdays to have
2 reimbursable detail between 11:00 and 4:00?

3 MR. THOMPSON: We as a club there, the only
4 time we've ever had any problems is basically at
5 closing time. I don't know how much it costs for
6 this reimbursable whatever it is, I don't know
7 how many officers we have to have, but we were
8 asked to call the 7th District every night when
9 we close so that's why we do call. That's why
10 they get so many calls. The personnel from the
11 7D asked us to call every night we were turning
12 out on Fridays and Saturdays. I don't know of
13 any incidents that's happened before midnight on
14 these Fridays and Saturday nights --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, you're not the
16 manager, she said she doesn't know what's going
17 on. We just heard a watch commander talk about
18 what is going on in the neighborhood and I mean,
19 I'll say this to you -- I mean, I can't believe
20 that you're saying that -- the cost. I mean you
21 hear the police officer talking about that one
22 night 70 police had to show up. What is going on

1 at your establishment? You're not leaving us
2 with a choice. You're not there so you have no
3 idea what is going on and how can you own an
4 establishment that you're hearing the police
5 saying that one night we had to send 70 police
6 officers that the police are saying to you, you
7 know what closing you need to call us. I mean
8 what type of establishment are you running that
9 the police are saying that we need to be there.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Because you know, okay the
11 security, okay? I have plenty security, you
12 understand what I'm saying? And they will go out
13 there in the parking lot to try to get the people
14 to clear the parking lot and they cuss them out
15 or call them names, you know they act like they
16 don't even care about the security. But, you
17 know, I don't mind getting -- you tell me what to
18 do, I'll do it.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Officer -- your name
20 again, please?

21 MR. O'HARRAN: Sir, sergeant O'Harran.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sergeant O'Harran, can

1 you just explain to us what the process is and
2 we'll try to figure out how to connect --

3 MR. O'HARRAN: Absolutely. So, on September
4 12, 2014, Players Club contacted me in reference
5 to meeting criteria on how to obtain an RDO. I
6 went ahead and I have the e-mail and I sent it to
7 them, and I even gave them the prices on what
8 it's going to cost, and there's a subsidy rate
9 that you're aware of, of which I informed them in
10 the e-mail and how it was only \$27 and change at
11 the time and is now even since increasing the
12 subsidy to 50%, 70% dropped even cheaper, it's
13 about \$20.83 an hour per officer and there's a
14 minimum of two officers. I sent them the
15 contract and all this information. They
16 acknowledge it in this e-mail that I have and
17 they said, 'okay we'll look into it and get back
18 to you.' That was 2014. Never got back to us.
19 I have an ABRA fact finding history of the
20 location that goes back to 2009 and it shows a
21 pattern of history with this establishment that
22 talks about multiple disorderly conducts,

1 multiple ADW stabbings and assault with other
2 weapons. Then I also have fact finding sheets
3 over the past year from August of 2016 for a fact
4 finding for a stabbing, August 27th for a fact
5 finding for a stabbing, and now the current one
6 for October 31st for the gun arrests and then the
7 addendum on November 7th. So, we've given them
8 this information. I'm more than happy to go
9 ahead and give this to them again and with the
10 unique layout of that location whereas most
11 establishments are paired up with businesses on
12 either end, a two RDO minimum at the front door
13 usually isn't an issue. However, with the unique
14 location of this one, it has a wide open parking
15 lot and then a rear alley, very easy when people
16 are spilling out into the front side of MLK
17 through the front and then that draws attention;
18 however, a lot of fights spill out the back door
19 and into the alley. So, if you have two officers
20 that are going to stand together for officer
21 safety on one end, they're going to miss the
22 other end, and the action happens on both sides.

1 I would recommend two on each side, one in the
2 front and one in the back for officer safety,
3 especially in light of the history of this
4 location.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, who did you send
6 the e-mail to?

7 MR. O'HARRAN: Angela Gray.

8 MS. THOMPSON: That's my daughter. See, I
9 don't have e-mail, so that's -- she never gave it
10 to me.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Brashears.

12 MR. BRASHEARS: To kind of further explain
13 the situation, the establishment is licensed as a
14 nightclub and it's been my experience that she is
15 there during the day. During the daytime it
16 pretty much operates as a restaurant, food is
17 served, and things of that nature. At a given
18 point in the evening the food service is cut off,
19 the nightclub engages and the night of the
20 incident, that my incident occurred that I
21 investigated, it was a Go Go band. So, that's
22 kind of the uniqueness and, although the parking

1 lot that's nearby that's referenced in the
2 report, is not Players Lounge parking lot, it is
3 the most accessible parking in the area and a lot
4 of the patrons go there.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. I do live
6 in Southeast D.C. so I am very familiar with the
7 establishment and I've been to the establishment
8 and so --

9 MS. THOMPSON: And as far as --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am?

11 MS. THOMPSON: -- as far as out back nobody
12 even goes out back, right? It's fenced all in
13 and it's a real high fence with barbed wire.
14 Nobody ever goes out there like that.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, ma'am, I've been
16 --

17 MS. THOMPSON: But if I have to have it, I
18 will get it.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- ma'am. I've been
20 on this board one year --

21 MS. THOMPSON: Mm hmm.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and I think this is

1 the second fact finding hearing that you have had
2 in front of me regarding the same thing. We had
3 a hearing before, but you need to have cameras,
4 so we went through --

5 MS. THOMPSON: I have cameras --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know, but I'm just
7 saying I don't want you to act like you're not
8 aware. You cannot say you don't know what's
9 going on with your club. You are the owner. You
10 can't say that I own it in the day and I'm gone
11 in the night.

12 MS. THOMPSON: Well it's just that my
13 daughter don't tell me but it is --

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you need to go
15 there one night to see what's going on, because
16 part of the problem, if you continue this, you're
17 going to put the board in a position that you're
18 not going to have a license to operate in the
19 day.

20 MS. THOMPSON: I understand. I understand
21 everything you're telling me.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you need to know.

1 It's my understanding, it's actually one of the
2 only few sit-down restaurants in southeast D.C.

3 MS. THOMPSON: I understand.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so, therefore, if
5 you don't know what's going on in your
6 establishment in the night you might not have the
7 privilege of owning an establishment there. And
8 so you can't come here and say, 'my daughter, my
9 son, and I don't know what's going on.' There's
10 some serious things going on here and you have to
11 take responsibility, and maybe, I know that the
12 last time you were here I think your son was here
13 --

14 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- but I mean, if
16 you're saying that these folks are the ones, they
17 need to be here to see what's going on and you
18 have to stand up and take more responsibility of
19 what's going on in your establishment. I'm not
20 here to preach but --

21 MS. THOMPSON: I understand what you're
22 saying, every bit of it.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

2 MR. THOMPSON: I just also want the board to
3 consider that we are the only place that's open
4 up there and the block is a known drug place
5 where people go in and out of it all the time, so
6 they've got to park, plenty of parking lots and
7 people go in and out of it all the time, people
8 come past Players like it's a parking lot, they
9 just pull in, they don't care if the bullies are
10 there, they've got a beef with somebody, those
11 generally do not start at Players Lounge. You
12 talk about a stabbing, we have had maybe a
13 stabbing in the parking lot that related to
14 somebody [inaudible 2:50:40]. A lot of these
15 incidents that are there are up the street from
16 the Players Lounge, you've got other people that
17 are selling drugs there on the street, and that's
18 the only place where there's light and people at
19 night and that's why they gather. I mean, you
20 know, like our security asks our patrons to move
21 over but they don't have the authority to move
22 people that are not associated in and out of the

1 club, all of those folks in the parking lot, are
2 not, you know what I'm saying --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I hear what
4 you're saying --

5 MR. THOMPSON: And we've been there since
6 1972 and we've not had the problems that we are
7 having now, but you know, we just cannot control
8 the folks that come up from the community and
9 gather in the lot. They're not all our patrons
10 that are causing this problem.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I'm familiar with
12 the area. However, what I'm hearing from the
13 police, whatever the incident occurred there,
14 people say, 'I was in the Players Lounge,' that's
15 what the police are saying. So, yes, I'm
16 familiar with the area and I'm not going to blame
17 your establishment for all the events; however,
18 what the police are saying, anytime something
19 happens, someone is saying, 'I was at the Players
20 Lounge.' Okay?

21 MR. THOMPSON: I'm sure the person with the
22 gun did not say that though.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Lieutenant.

2 LIEUTENANT PAUL: Just real quick, in 2001, I
3 started as an officer in 7D and just coming back
4 there now, I think it's the overnight clientele
5 that's causing these problems. When I started in
6 --

7 MR. SHORT: What do you mean by overnight
8 clientele?

9 LIEUTENANT PAUL: There's a younger crowd.
10 Because when I was last on 7D, the Players Lounge
11 the older people called it Georgene's, the
12 younger people called it The Players Lounge, and
13 on the evenings, when I was young I would go
14 there in the evenings and get something to eat,
15 they had good food. But when -- it looks like
16 when -- to use better words -- 'when mom is away
17 the kids will play' and the younger crowds get in
18 there and that's when we have all these problems.
19 When I got back to 7D and somebody said Players
20 Lounge, I'm like, 'when did this happen?' I was
21 there and it was an older crowd, and there was no
22 problems. I was at midnight also in 7D and I can

1 speak from -- I was there as an officer at
2 midnights and now I'm back as a lieutenant at
3 midnights -- at midnights all the younger ones
4 are at the Players Lounge because even if it was
5 closed, older people there were just having
6 dinner. Now, when I get back there as a
7 lieutenant it's all these young people coming up
8 and it's like out of control crowds where I think
9 if you have to call the police -- if you have to
10 call the police you're expecting something bad is
11 going to happen, that's my personal opinion. And
12 when I went down there that night for that 1033,
13 it was, it had to be nobody there was over 30, it
14 was all the younger crowd. I think it's the
15 younger crowd they bring in after hours that's
16 causing the problems.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. Short.

18 MR. SHORT: Good afternoon. I am quite
19 familiar with the neighborhood too. I bought a
20 house on Raleigh Street Southeast in 1971, and I
21 worked in the fire department at St. Ives for
22 many years, and I used to also eat there at the

1 restaurant on occasion. When we start talking
2 about the RDO two in the front and two in the
3 back I think you're going to see a big difference
4 in the way your business functions. It's not
5 going to hurt you. It's going to help you.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Keep the security too?

7 MR. SHORT: You have to inside. The police
8 can't come in. The RDO will be stationed at the
9 front door --

10 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

11 MR. SHORT: -- and they'll be stationed at
12 the back. They will not come in your business
13 unless you call them in or they hear fighting
14 going on. They are going to be outside, very
15 visible, probably with a lot of lighting and
16 everything else. And when sometimes, you know
17 when you go in the kitchen and -- I hope you
18 don't have roaches but -- you cut the light on
19 and the roaches begin to run. So, I'll just say
20 this: We're going to monitor this very closely
21 and try to work with you. You've been there for
22 a lot of years, since 1972. We know that the

1 community has changed. We know that a lot of the
2 people that were pushed northwest, they didn't
3 know where to go so they're all in there
4 southeast at the park, right at the corner of
5 Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. They're there
6 24 hours. It used to be a playground, the kids
7 can't even go to the playground.

8 MS. THOMPSON: That's right.

9 MR. SHORT: But anyway, what your place needs
10 directly is the help of these two lieutenants,
11 Lt. Paul and Lt. Hickman. Follow their
12 instructions, stay close with them, get this RDO
13 and I can almost -- I'm not going to say
14 guarantee, but I can say to you things will
15 change. You'll notice a change the first month
16 you have those officers there. In fact, I'm
17 going to bet you you'll be more than happy to
18 make sure they're there more than the MPD
19 officers would be because it's going to be a
20 protection for you and a protection for the
21 community. It's going to make your business a
22 safer place and you'll find your food sales will

1 probably go up again at night. But, again, as
2 the chairman was saying to you and I don't want
3 to preach to you, your daughter should be here at
4 this hearing with you. There's no way in the
5 world that the person who's running that night
6 activity is not here with these incidents that
7 are going on. And I would strongly suggest and I
8 will be looking forward to next time you're here
9 about anything your daughter comes here with you.

10 MS. THOMPSON: All right.

11 MR. SHORT: Like yourself, I have my own
12 daughters, and I'll just say this, sometimes mom
13 has got to put her foot down, sometimes dad has
14 got to put his foot down. You can't expect to
15 keep your ABC license, and nobody wants to take
16 it from you, but you can't keep it with the
17 record that's going on now and you saying, 'I
18 have nothing to do with it.' So, you're
19 [inaudible 2:56:19] you say you don't go there at
20 night because you're afraid. Well, if you're
21 afraid what do you think about the police
22 officers and the people in the community?

1 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, I'm just too old to go
2 there.

3 MR. SHORT: I understand. But at any rate,
4 can I ask you if you will bring your daughter the
5 next time?

6 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, I will. And the other
7 girl, too.

8 MR. SHORT: Please do -- Gretel --

9 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

10 MR. SHORT: -- Gretel. So they can get some
11 of the same medicine that you're getting, because
12 this is medicine. RDO is going to be --

13 MS. THOMPSON: She was supposed to be here
14 but I don't know if she's in the traffic or not
15 because I got stuck in the traffic.

16 MR. SHORT: Okay. I do understand. Thank
17 you, but here's the bottom line, put the RDO on
18 over there and this will help you out a little
19 bit. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein.

21 MR. ALBERTI: Can I just ask a question?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Alberti?

1 MR. ALBERTI: Ms. Thompson?

2 MS. THOMPSON: Yes?

3 MR. ALBERTI: Can you make sure that your
4 daughter communicates with the lieutenants and
5 with the person in charge of RDO because she and
6 the other woman appear to be really the people in
7 charge at night and so they need to be talking to
8 the police officers.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, they have been
10 talking to the police officers. He's met with
11 them --

12 MR. ALBERTI: I know but that was back in
13 2014, so --

14 MR. O'HARRAN: Here is my card with my e-mail
15 and contact information.

16 MR. ALBERTI: Ms. Thompson needs to make sure
17 that they are, as Mr. Short said, you've got to
18 come down on them to make sure that they're
19 communicating with the police officers.

20 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

21 MR. ALBERTI: It's gonna be better if they're
22 talking directly with the police officers.

1 MS. THOMPSON: He's the person I call to get
2 the --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The RDO. Yes, Mr.
4 Silverstein?

5 MR. THOMPSON: You've got to understand we --
6 that something that we over 70 people, we don't
7 do e-mail.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, all we're saying
9 is you have the contact information.

10 MR. THOMPSON: You tell us where to meet you
11 or whatever and we'll be there, but no e-mail.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold on, all
13 right. You don't do e-mails, your daughters do
14 the e-mails. Okay, this is what's going to
15 happen. You need to stay on top of them. They
16 have the information. You ask them to e-mail him
17 the information and then you tell them, okay, you
18 give them four or five days, 'okay, where is the
19 information?' So you need to hold them
20 accountable. Unfortunately, this world is moving
21 in to e-mail and people don't do the way things
22 used to operate. Your daughter has contacted him

1 before, she received the information. What we
2 need you to do is that you need to say to your
3 daughter, 'where is that information regarding
4 the RDO? Here is information, and I'm told, I
5 have agreed' -- this is what you need to do, you
6 tell your daughter or whoever, the two people who
7 are running it, 'that I went down to the ABC
8 board and I've assured the ABC board that I will
9 have RDO Friday and Saturday. Here is
10 information. I need you to tell me so therefore
11 we can start the RDO program.'

12 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Simple as that.

14 MS. THOMPSON: I can't call them, talk to
15 them and get it myself?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Maybe he can figure
17 out some other way -- so, lieutenant if there's
18 some way since clearly she's the owner, she's
19 accountable. She's not an e-mail person so is
20 there any other way we can work on to get her in
21 contact with you?

22 MR. O'HARRAN: Sure I can work with the

1 lieutenants and maybe we can do it -- and then we
2 can work it out between us. I'm not at 7D but
3 they are. We can work it out.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I know that
5 7D wants you to have RDO, and Lt. Hickman and Lt.
6 Paul -- well let's ask Hickman -- because you
7 said you -- officer Paul -- you said you're the
8 one who coordinated the RDO, is that correct?

9 LIEUTENANT PAUL: That's correct.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Lt. Paul, Ms.
11 Thompson has agreed, and we're -- I'm not sure
12 what the board is going to do regarding this fact
13 finding, but one thing that is going to come out
14 of the fact finding is we can order this once she
15 has agreed. She has agreed to have RDO Friday
16 and Saturday. Can you do whatever you can do to
17 work with her to get it in place? Unfortunately,
18 we have a show cause hearing coming up shortly
19 regarding some other issues, so I'm not sure if
20 it's before the year is over, but I would hope
21 that when you come to that show cause hearing
22 then you can -- the representation is that we

1 have RDO. So, the lieutenant will work with you
2 to make sure that it happens, okay?

3 MR. ALBERTI: May I also make suggestions?
4 Can somebody work with Director _____ to keep him
5 informed as to the progress? Or Ms. _____.
6 Please, can someone work with Director _____ or
7 Ms. Jenkins to keep him informed on the progress
8 they're making with the establishment with
9 respect to RDO?

10 MR. O'HARRAN: We can do that with respect to
11 the RDO.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Just let us know how the
13 communication is going.

14 MR. O'HARRAN: Sure.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Because if it isn't going then
16 we can send them an investigator to talk to them
17 again, because Ms. Thompson I'm not getting a
18 whole lot of confidence from you.

19 MS. THOMPSON: I'm sorry?

20 MR. ALBERTI: I don't hear a commitment from
21 you to tell your daughter that she needs to get
22 in touch with them. And that's what's missing

1 here. I'm going to be quite honest with you.

2 I'm just not confident this is going to happen.

3 MS. THOMPSON: I'm going to take care of it
4 myself.

5 MR. ALBERTI: All right.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alberti. That's
7 one of the reasons why -- she said she doesn't do
8 e-mails and that's one of the reasons.

9 MR. ALBERTI: Her daughter does and she can
10 have her daughter -- she speaks with her
11 daughter. Her daughter's running the place on
12 Friday. She can have her daughter talk to them.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I was trying.
14 That clearly is not working so now she wants to
15 do it and we can't hold her daughter accountable
16 but we can hold Ms. Thompson accountable.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Absolutely.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And she and the
19 lieutenant will work it out because I think the
20 police want it to happen and she wants it to
21 happen and so we have an agreement that it will
22 happen. All right, let's -- let me do this. Can

1 we do the second case and then you can ask the
2 questions?

3 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I just wanted to --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Silverstein?

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I just wanted to say, Ms.
6 Thompson, that what your manager said struck home
7 for me. We understand. All of us have been to
8 Players Lounge. We know it. We know what a
9 special place it has in your community, and what
10 is happening outside isn't because you're bad
11 people, it isn't because you've been running a
12 bad place for all these years because you
13 haven't. But, I think every one of us here is
14 also concerned for the safety of the people who
15 go there as they come and go and the safety also
16 of your daughter which I'm sure is of paramount
17 concern to you -- the safety of your family. And
18 to have an RDO out there to head things off
19 before they happen, before they become bad and
20 also, please remember, they'll be out there an
21 hour after you close so when your daughter locks
22 that door and goes to her car and goes home

1 she'll be safe.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

3 MR. SILVERSTEIN: That in itself I would
4 think as a mother would be worth all the money in
5 the world. Please do it because the safety and
6 the lives of all your people matter greatly to
7 us.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr. -- I've
9 been here a year, I should know that, so Mr.
10 Apraku. Can you tell us about the second case?

11 MR. APRAKU: On Saturday, November 5th, at
12 approximately 3:45 a.m. I responded to a call for
13 sounds of gunshots that had happened at
14 approximately 2:40 a.m. at the -- in the parking
15 lot of the Dr. King's Brushless Carwash which is
16 next to Players Lounge. It's located at 2737
17 Martin Luther King Junior Ave. Southeast. Upon
18 arrival, I saw the parking lot area of the
19 Brushless Carwash was cordoned off with caution
20 tape. There were a large amount of shell casings
21 on the ground -- about -- the officer can correct
22 me if I'm wrong -- about 17 shell casings on the

1 ground in the parking lot and some of them were
2 also in the street. I spoke with Officer Miles
3 who stated that he was a reporting officer, that
4 he was in the 2500 block of MLK Avenue when he
5 heard what sounded like gunshots. He said he
6 arrived on the scene and he heard additional
7 shots coming from the parking lot area. He said
8 he stayed put and called for backup and when
9 backup arrived he entered the parking lot area at
10 which point he says that the assailants, or the
11 individuals -- the perpetrators -- had left the
12 area. As of the time that I took this report
13 there was no indication that there was any
14 victims or anybody injured from that event,
15 injured in that incident. I then proceeded to
16 enter Players Lounge and speak with -- and
17 identified myself as an ABRA investigator and
18 asked to speak with an ABC manager on. I spoke
19 with Steven Gray who identified himself as the
20 ABC manager for the establishment. After that I
21 asked who was present and who understood the
22 nature of the situation and I spoke with what

1 would be her daughter, Angela Thompson, who
2 stated that essentially there had been no
3 incident within the establishment during the
4 course of the night. They stated that right
5 approximately around the time that the incident -
6 - the gunshot incident had occurred -- they had
7 called MPD to inform them that they were closing.
8 This was around approximately 2:30 a.m. They had
9 called them to tell them that they were closing
10 and they should send somebody down. They said
11 that this was an agreement between them and Chief
12 Groomes who had assured them that she would send
13 an officer to them if they called 15 to 20
14 minutes before they closed each night. At that
15 point, she said that she called. After she
16 called, maybe a few minutes after, people were
17 standing out -- who had left the establishment,
18 were standing outside the establishment, came
19 running back in stating that there were people
20 outside who were shooting. She said one of the
21 individuals stated that the people were shooting
22 in the air. She said the security immediately

1 went to the door and closed the door and
2 basically they sheltered in place until the
3 police arrived on the scene.

4 I reviewed the -- they provided me with
5 camera footage on the incident. Based on what
6 they told me, it matches. Now, again, because of
7 the nature of the camera you can't really see the
8 parking lot area because it's for another
9 business, so I wasn't able to see what happened
10 in that parking lot, but just from the front of
11 the establishment you can see a large amount of
12 people. It wasn't even that many, it was four or
13 five people running from the direction of the
14 parking lot area back into Players Lounge. So,
15 you can see them running across and running in to
16 Players Lounge. For maybe less than a minute and
17 then before the actual shooting, before people
18 started actually coming back outside.

19 Similarly to his case, again there's no way
20 for me to establish a nexus between people inside
21 and the shooting that occurred outside,
22 especially since there's no camera footage that

1 provides me with who actually did the shooting in
2 the parking lot area. The one thing that did
3 come up as a possible violation was that when I
4 reviewed their cameras, their cameras showed me
5 four operational cameras. Their security plan
6 states that the operational cameras are supposed
7 to be five, so I listed that as a security plan
8 violation, but that was the only thing that I was
9 able to determine as a result of that incident.
10 Again, there was a lot of shell casings outside.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lieutenant?

12 LIEUTENANT PAUL: In reference to that, my
13 question, I was the watch commander on duty at
14 the time, if he had received a call from the
15 dispatcher, CIC, advising that shots fired and
16 they had multiple sounds of gunshots right there
17 in the block in front of the location of the
18 parking lot next to where the car wash is.
19 Separate from the sounds of gunshots, units
20 responded to the location to canvass if they
21 could find any possible suspects but bomb street
22 is like a block, if you're going towards one

1 block, you know, next to block 27 -- 1227 before
2 you get to the 2600 block Officers saw an SUV
3 pulling out from Lebaum Street out into the 27th
4 Martin Luther King and subsequently stopped and
5 it had ammunition in it. We canvassed the area
6 where the vehicle was coming from which was the
7 alleyway that leads to the rear strip of the
8 establishment to include Players Lounge at the
9 entrance way of the alleyway, a semi-automatic
10 handgun was found. Without saying -- you know,
11 having no ballistics tests or anything saying
12 that those were bullets that belonged out of
13 that, but that was recovered from shell casings,
14 but that's what I have in reference to that. We
15 did speak to Bob Bennett because I was there on
16 scene, I did have them at least ask him where was
17 he coming from, the one that we arrested for the
18 unregistered gun, unregistered ammo. Because he
19 had ammunition in the car but he did not have a
20 weapon in the car and advised that he just came
21 from the Players Lounge. Outside of that, we
22 didn't get anything that said there was an

1 incident that started off within the club
2 establishment.

3 MR. APRAKU: I forgot to add one thing.
4 There was an unrelated incident of a patron being
5 ejected from the establishment but this was after
6 the shooting had already occurred and police were
7 already on the scene. So, I just wanted to add
8 that. It wasn't related to the shooting, but
9 they did eject the patron. Security was seen on
10 camera ejecting a patron after the incident.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Lieutenant, in
12 your view is it just folks just hang out there
13 because things are going on or folks -- I know
14 what she's saying, well, I mean, all right, maybe
15 it's a place to hang out for folks that just
16 happen to be there or -- I mean what's your view
17 of what is going on?

18 LIEUTENANT PAUL: Like I said, I've been here
19 since April during the summertimes, God knows how
20 many times I've been to the hospital or a
21 stabbing. I went to one of the ADWs and the
22 victim came from Players Lounge, so I'm not, you

1 know have an issue where you've got a nice club
2 and everybody wants to hang out in the front and
3 this and that, but what I'm finding when I'm
4 working and I'm asking my officers, my sergeants
5 to find out, there's always somebody that just
6 came out of that nightclub. There was one
7 incident that occurred where an individual got
8 shot down the street and they came parked up in
9 the parking lot but they weren't associated with
10 the nightclub so I'm not -- you know, MPD is not
11 in the business of trying to put things on an
12 establishment. I understand that you have a
13 younger crowd between those times and the types
14 of groups that play bring in that type of crowd,
15 unfortunately some of them folks that show up,
16 you know, they don't want to be in the streets
17 outside, they want to have a good time, they want
18 to, you know, once they get a little alcohol in
19 them and they come outside in their parking lot
20 and things escalate from there, so. But no, it's
21 not where you've got a whole lot of people
22 congregating in that parking lot and then not

1 trying -- they're not patronizing the nightclub.
2 You have the 600 block of Mellon which is the
3 corner that you guys talk about where all the
4 people hang out in the park, those usually aren't
5 the people that's over there at Players Lounge.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you guys maybe
7 had a conversation with the parking lot owner to
8 see if there's a way they can secure that parking
9 lot?

10 LIEUTENANT PAUL: I personally, because I've
11 been working midnight tour, but usually when I'm
12 working a different tour I get more involved in
13 that but as far as I know we have not spoken to
14 anybody in reference to that, but let me tell you
15 something. I even said this to myself because
16 I've done it before in the past together with
17 nightclubs that had issues similar to that, when
18 the people used the parking lots, I would not
19 find it beneficial for us to have them secure
20 that place because all it's going to do is it's
21 going to move the mess out in the residential
22 neighborhoods and that's something that we don't

1 want. I'd rather have the stuff -- if it's going
2 to happen, let it happen in a parking lot right
3 there on MLK, away from the residential areas.

4 LIEUTENANT PAUL: It's sad to say that, but
5 that's been my experience.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short?

7 MR. SHORT: Mr. Apraku, investigator, thank
8 you for your report. What is the capacity of
9 Players Lounge?

10 MR. APRAKU: 75 I think. The seating is 75
11 patrons.

12 MR. BRASHEARS: This goes back, it's 87.
13 There's a slight discrepancy. The original CFO
14 listed 75. There's a newer certificate of
15 occupancy hanging in the establishment that says
16 87.

17 MR. SHORT: Okay, this question is for the
18 manager. How do you count the number of people
19 you have in and out of the club?

20 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, let me explain, on the
21 security they count the people as they come in
22 and they are supposed to stop them when we get at

1 capacity and then --

2 MR. SHORT: Are you sure that you only have
3 80 people in there when all those people are out
4 front and the club's crowded inside? Are you
5 positive of that?

6 MS. THOMPSON: It's not that big.

7 MR. SHORT: I understand, that's why I'm
8 saying -- 80 seems to be an awful lot. I know
9 that club quite well, and 80 seems an awful lot.
10 That means nobody's moving anywhere.

11 MR. THOMPSON: I mean we open the back side,
12 you know, we only had one side before.

13 MR. SHORT: I'll leave that alone for right
14 now.

15 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. You know you're
16 supposed to count them and she said --

17 MR. SHORT: I can say to you that I think
18 that the RDO is going to help with that, too.
19 The RDO is going to help with that, too, and I
20 think that maybe a little closer monitoring with
21 the ABC and ABRA investigators while the RDO is
22 going on. So we have the ABRA investigators

1 there and maybe the fire department. Maybe it
2 can help you get some control over those things
3 over there and I'm quite sure with two officers
4 in the front and two officers in the rear and
5 your security working. Do you have trained
6 security? Do they have any training?

7 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

8 MR. SHORT: Who trained them?

9 MR. THOMPSON: The company, we're going --
10 not only I think a couple of them, we've got
11 certificates from the program that they have
12 attended and finished to show that they have been
13 instructed and, you know, what they should --

14 MR. SHORT: That sounds good, but it sounds
15 like that's not working well so the RDO is going
16 to step that up a couple of steps and I want to
17 thank both of the investigators, you did a great
18 job. Thank you, officers, for your service.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Silverstein,
20 do you have a question?

21 MR. SILVERSTEIN: No.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Both investigators, do

1 you have any final comments to make?

2 MR. BRASHEARS: No sir.

3 MR. APRAKU: No sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lieutenants?

5 MR. ALBERTI: I guess I do have a question.

6 Can we have a commitment as to when we would have
7 RDO? When we would -- by what point would we
8 have a commitment to have scheduled RDO? It
9 apparently depends on how soon MPD -- when will
10 we have an arrangement with MPD to have RDO, when
11 will that happen? I'm asking the owners. Do we
12 have -- and I'm asking the board, do we have a
13 commitment?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we have a
15 commitment --

16 MR. ALBERTI: Will it happen in a week, will
17 it happen in two months?

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't think it's
19 going to happen in a week because of the way --
20 what about 30 days?

21 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you agree that --

1 based on availability that you will have within
2 the next 30 days, you will have an agreement
3 regarding RDO? So, we'll have that by 30 days
4 that there'll be some agreement, you'll have some
5 written agreement with the police regarding RDO.
6 All right?

7 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Thompson, could you
8 make it by Christmas? Between Christmas and New
9 Years is a big nightclub area.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, 30 days is --

11 MR. SILVERSTEIN: That takes us to December
12 30th.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, but I'm hoping
14 that it'll be done before that, so.

15 MS. THOMPSON: My birthday falls on the 31st
16 to 1st, so.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, you
18 probably want to have a nice New Year's Eve
19 party, so therefore when we need to have RDO we
20 know what happens December 31st, generally, not
21 necessarily in your club, but generally people
22 get excited.

1 MS. THOMPSON: It'll be an older crowd there
2 because I'll have an older band.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, do you have
4 any final comments you want to make? Anything
5 you want to state before I close the record?
6 Okay. We -- the board will take this under
7 advisement. Thank you very much, Lieutenant and
8 investigators.

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

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