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

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Pub Crawl :
Applicant: Eugene Craig : Fact Finding
Date of Event: Feb. 12, 2016 : Hearing
Event: Charity Events (All :
You Need is Love Bar Crawl) :
Neighborhood: Multiple :
Licensed Premises :
Size of Event: 2,600-2,900 :

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Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 RUTHANNE MILLER

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

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12 KEVIN PUENTE

13 ABRA Investigator

14 JEROME MERRILL,

15 Lieutenant, MPD

16 PAT POWELL,

17 Golden Triangle BID

18 EUGENE CRAIG,

19 Applicant

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[4:40 p.m.]

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3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. So, the,
4 um, fact finding hearing for a pub crawl, um,
5 applicant is Eugene Craig. Um, would the parties
6 please -- the interested parties please, um --
7 please, uh, approach? I'll have the --

8 [Audio Change]

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I need to see the, um
10 -- the application. Thank you.

11 [Off-mic speaking]

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Okay. All
13 right. So, Mr., um -- uh, Mr. Craig.

14 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Um, are you aware of
16 the new pub crawl, um, legislation that was
17 published by the Board, effective today?

18 MR. CRAIG: Uh, absolutely. Um, I, uh --
19 think you sent me a copy yesterday. Um, I very
20 thoroughly read through it. Um, I find very few,
21 uh, flaws with it. Um, I do think it's something
22 that protects all parties, um, and I -- I -- I

1 know there'll be a public comment period, and I
2 plan to submit both written and oral testimony
3 for it. But, um, I like it. Um, I think it's
4 something that, you know, you have an illegal pub
5 crawl, as we had on Halloween, um, you can go to
6 both the promoter or the establishment to hold
7 them responsible.

8 Um, but I -- I do think, um, you know,
9 we're at a point in time where, um, pub crawls
10 are, you know -- you've had some bad actors, um,
11 and I do think that, um, it's all of our
12 responsibility to, uh -- if we want to keep doing
13 this, that, um, you know, they go well, they go
14 responsibly. Um, and so, you know, to get up and
15 say I have read it, um, I like it, um, and I
16 don't find, um, any objection to it. I do think
17 there's maybe one word I'd probably add to it. Um
18 --

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Um, I'm
20 going to do -- do this a little bit different
21 today, just to start. Um, you had a -- an -- you
22 -- Yes. You came to us -- and I've only been on

1 this board since November.

2 MR. CRAIG: Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And your -- you've
4 been -- you -- you came before us, you had an
5 application for a pub crawl and -- which the
6 Board approved.

7 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Has that -- has that
9 pub crawl occurred?

10 MR. CRAIG: Yes. Um, it occurred --

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Can you tell me --
12 tell us about that -- about that pub crawl,
13 please.

14 MR. CRAIG: Um, it occurred December
15 26th. Um, we had, uh, zero incidents. Um, it was
16 a pretty clean pub crawl. There wasn't any
17 massive litter or trash, uh, left afterwards,
18 and, um, actually out of that, um, developed a
19 partnership with, uh, myself and my team and a
20 couple of the establishments on M Street.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And, um, what was the
22 total number of, um, tickets you sold for that

1 event?

2 MR. CRAIG: Um, it was a little over 300.
3 Yes, we ended up -- yes, due that, uh, uh, we
4 putting everything on hold until we got the
5 approval, the final approval. Um, it kind of
6 stymied our ticket sales.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: But -- uh, Mr.
8 Puente, um, can you, um, present to us, please?

9 MR. PUENTE: Yes. So, Mr. Craig has a
10 scheduled --

11 [Off-mic speaking]

12 MR. PUENTE: Uh, Kevin Puente, P-u-e-n-t-
13 e, investigator with ABRA.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And there's a --
15 there -- I think there should be a sign-in sheet
16 there. Can you sign -- Okay. Thanks.

17 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes.

19 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Uh, I would ask that we
20 simply ask Mr. Craig first if -- if everything on
21 the application is -- stands, or if you have any
22 changes you --

1 MR. CRAIG: Uh, actually, yes. I would
2 like to change my, um, number of attendees. Um,
3 I've spoke with a representative from the BID; I
4 also spoke with Mr. Puente earlier today. Um, I
5 would like to do a hard cap of 5,000 and a, uh,
6 soft cap of 3,500.

7 MR. ALBERTI: I -- I'm sorry. I'm --
8 May I just, real quickly -- What's the difference
9 between a hard cap and a soft cap?

10 MR. CRAIG: Um, I guess what the -- the
11 expected and the actual -- you know.

12 MR. ALBERTI: So, which -- what is the
13 expected?

14 MR. CRAIG: The expected would be 3,500,
15 um, and the hard, um, absolute -- you know, no
16 more tickets than 5,000.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. CRAIG: No problem.

19 MR. SILVERSTEIN: No change in time?

20 MR. CRAIG: Uh, no change in time. Um, I
21 think it's -- I think it's an appropriate time.
22 Um, unless the Board finds that, you know,

1 they're --

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Okay. Go ahead,
3 sir.

4 MR. PUENTE: Yes. Mr. Craig has a pub
5 crawl scheduled for February 13, 2016, a
6 Saturday, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., in the
7 Dupont Circle area, mainly on M Street, in the
8 1800 block, Connecticut. Um, there's one
9 registration location: 1831 Bar & Lounge. He has
10 approximately 10 establishments participating. He
11 will have a special police officer, a Leo
12 Fletcher [ph], to be his security person. He'll
13 be the point man for the security, and, um, Mr.,
14 uh, Craig, will you be able to explain that
15 security plan, operation plan, more in depth?

16 MR. CRAIG: Uh, yes. Um, so, you know,
17 it's my second event. Um, one thing I did learn
18 from the first event, um, is that a lot of the
19 establishments tend to, um, want to use their own
20 security individuals, um, so we're probably going
21 to be leaning more on them while still adding one
22 additional individual from our team.

1 Um, one thing that we did do with our
2 event is that, um, at our registration point, we
3 put in a three-point check, ID check -- a three-
4 point ID check, and at all the associate -- all
5 the establishment -- um, at all the
6 establishments, we have a two-point ID check. So,
7 um -- at -- at our registration point, we had our
8 guy check, um, their guy check, and then, when
9 they went to get their wristband, um, then the ID
10 was checked again. And then, at all the
11 establishments, uh, we our guy check and then
12 their guy check.

13 Um, so, um, you know, we didn't have any
14 incidents, um, you know, it went very, very
15 smoothly; it was very, very safe. Um, and, um,
16 you know, hope that, you know, we don't have any
17 incidents with this upcoming one. Um, I -- I can
18 --

19 MR. PUENTE: Um I -- I can -- Oh, go
20 ahead.

21 MR. CRAIG: Oh. Also, more particularly,
22 um, I did take into account Mr. Alberti's, uh,

1 questions in the last one, and, um, we took it a
2 step further than just a hotline. Um, within the
3 next, uh, 2 weeks or so, um, uh, we'll be
4 releasing a mobile device application that all of
5 our, uh, attendees can download to their devices,
6 um, all the managers of the establishments can
7 download to their devices, and all of our guys
8 will have on their devices, um, which will have
9 all the information about the crawl, but more
10 importantly, it has a, uh, help button, um, that,
11 um, when pressed, you know, goes directly to, uh,
12 the managers.

13 MR. PUENTE: I reviewed all
14 establishments participating. Um, there's three
15 current establishments: Sign of the Whale,
16 Cities, and Dirty Martini. Uh, Sign of the Whale,
17 they have, uh -- they had a sale to minor case on
18 August 13th, 2015, Case Number CC00108. That's
19 already been settled. On November 25th, 2015,
20 they had another sale to minor case that hasn't
21 gone before the Board yet, and on December 20th
22 during a pub crawl -- which I was out there --

1 uh, Case Number 15-CMP-00997, they had a
2 substantial change in operation with, uh, their
3 entertainment starting well ahead of time before
4 the pub crawl, and they weren't serving food
5 during the pub crawl.

6 Uh, Dirty Martini --

7 MR. ALBERTI: Wait. Just that last case,
8 has that come to the Board?

9 MR. PUENTE: Uh, not yet. It's
10 [inaudible].

11 MR. ALBERTI: Just make sure you're clear
12 about that when you're [inaudible]. Thank you.

13 MR. PUENTE: Then, uh, Dirty Martini,
14 they've had, uh, three primary violations in the
15 last two years. Um, on October 02nd, 2014, they
16 had a live entertainment noise and a settlement
17 agreement violation. That went before the Board.
18 December 05th, 2014, Case Number 14-251-00289,
19 sale to minor. That case went before the Board.
20 Then, on January 31st, 2013, another sale to
21 minor, Case Number 13-CC-00014. That went before
22 the Board.

1 MR. ALBERTI: And all of those cases have
2 been adjudicated?

3 MR. PUENTE: Uh, yes, sir. Then, uh,
4 Cities, they've had a, uh, sale to minor case on
5 September 19th, 2015, Case Number 15-CC-00016.
6 That hasn't gone before the Board yet. They had a
7 sale to minor settlement agreement and a security
8 plan violation, uh, on October 16th, 2014,
9 another sale to minor, Case Number 14-CC-00195,
10 that, uh, went before the Board. So, those are
11 the only three establishments that I saw I had,
12 uh, issues with.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, what -- what does
14 -- what -- based on what you just stated, what
15 does that state?

16 MR. PUENTE: Uh, current to the pub crawl
17 emergency, uh, laws that went into effect
18 yesterday, 712-12, no establishment with more
19 than two primary tier violations within the two
20 years of the scheduled day of the event may
21 participate in a pub crawl event.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, you're saying

1 that's -- you're saying that these three
2 establishments have, what?

3 MR. PUENTE: Yes. Sign of the Whale, they
4 had one that's already been settled with the
5 Board, and they have two pending before the
6 Board.

7 [Off-mic speaking]

8 MR. PUENTE: Uh, Cities had, uh, one sale
9 to minor; they have another one pending with the
10 Board. Uh, Dirty Martini, they already had, uh,
11 two sale to minors and a settlement agreement;
12 that was all settled before the Board.

13 [Off-mic speaking]

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And without putting -
15 - putting -- putting ourselves in and -- and, um
16 -- Based on the regulations, then, if the
17 regulations say no establishment -- which I think
18 it's not necessarily even the emergency -- it's
19 not necessarily the emergency --

20 [Off-mic speaking]

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Regulation --

22 [Laughter]

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- that was installed
2 yesterday, but I think it was also part of the --
3 the old regulation that states that any
4 establishment that has more than two -- I -- I
5 guess, before, it was more than two, but it's now
6 clear to say more than -- more than two, meaning
7 that they cannot be a part of a pub crawl.

8 And so, I guess, based on the
9 regulations, since Dirty Martini has had three
10 primary regulations, based on the regulations,
11 they cannot, um, participate in -- in a pub
12 crawl. And, uh, my assumption is that none of the
13 other establishments have settlement agreements
14 that prohibit them from participating in pub --
15 pub crawls.

16 MR. PUENTE: Yes, sir. I -- I checked all
17 those. None of them had no, uh, clause saying
18 they can't participate.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. All right. All
20 right. Um -- okay.

21 [Off-mic speaking]

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Uh, you are also

1 aware that we -- that, um, we are requesting that
2 you have a litter plan.

3 MR. CRAIG: Yes. Um, I actually spoke
4 with, uh, Pat from the BID earlier today, um,
5 and, um, you know, I -- we have a team of five
6 folk that'll be, you know, walking around that
7 block, making sure it's clean, but, um, you know,
8 I spoke with, uh, the BID earlier, and, um, you
9 know, we can look into getting DPW to, uh -- you
10 know, contracting with them or another vendor,
11 um, if need be, if -- if that's, you know --

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, we require --
13 require you to have -- We're not going to tell
14 you to have it with, but you're required that
15 there's a contract.

16 [Off-mic speaking]

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And -- I'm not sure.

18 [Off-mic speaking]

19 MALE SPEAKER: When is the event?

20 MR. CRAIG: Thirteenth of February.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So within 10 days of
22 the event that we need to have --

1 MALE SPEAKER: A signed contract.

2 MR. CRAIG: A signed contract? Okay.

3 [Off-mic speaking]

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And, um -- and based
5 on the Halloween event that -- you know, the
6 Georgetown bid, they have some concerns, so, um,
7 it's good that you have had conversations, and if
8 you want to make -- if you want to sign some
9 agreement with them or with any other --

10 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- uh, with any other
12 organization to make sure that the trash is
13 cleaned up within 12 hours at the --

14 MR. CRAIG: After the event?

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- after the end of
16 the event, that is your prerogative. But we
17 require that you have --

18 MR. CRAIG: Oh, okay, I'll get that to --

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- a contract --

20 MR. CRAIG: -- you guys ASAP.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- and that it's
22 done. Um, I, um -- the -- Before, does anyone

1 have questions? Because I'm going to call --

2 [Off-mic speaking]

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Let me do
4 this. Um, I notice [inaudible] names that there's
5 a representative from the Georgetown BID --

6 [Off-mic speaking]

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry, Golden
8 Triangle BID. Can you please come up, sir, and,
9 um, state your name for the record?

10 MR. POWELL: My name is Patrick Powell.
11 I'm the director of operations and preparedness
12 for the BID.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes. And, um -- now,
14 this pub crawl is within the -- the -- the area.

15 MR. POWELL: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And, um, you have had
17 -- have you had an opportunity to -- to review
18 the emergency legislation --

19 MR. POWELL: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- that is in place?
21 Um, and I know that, um, you guys -- I'm sorry,
22 this BID is -- is very interested with litter in

1 the area. Um, what, um -- what's your -- what
2 recommendations, if any, or what opinions, if
3 any, do you have on this pub crawl, um,
4 application as presented?

5 MR. POWELL: We have three primary
6 concerns. The first concern is the size of the
7 event. Um, much of that block of M Street is, at
8 most, 5 feet wide. Um, the first travel lane is a
9 bike lane, and then there's a parking lane, and
10 then the remainder of the travel lanes.

11 Uh, also, the check-in bar location has
12 a, uh -- a permitted, uh, occupancy of 105
13 individuals, and I don't understand how 7,000
14 people are going to be checked in through a place
15 that can only occupy a hundred.

16 Um, finally, uh, the reliance on food
17 trucks to provide food to the establishments is
18 concerning to us, in that, uh, food trucks can't
19 lawfully -- permitted can't lawfully vend on that
20 block of M Street because they would be,
21 essentially, vending across the bike lane, which
22 is a -- which is a travel lane by DDOT standards.

1 Um, and finally, the -- the food trucks
2 are pretty much what contributed to much of the -
3 - the trash that we saw in the street. If people
4 eat inside an establishment, they leave their
5 trash there. If they eat out on the street, they
6 leave it out on the street. Um, so those are kind
7 of the three concerns that we have.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. All right.
9 Thank you. I see that there, um -- you can stay
10 up there, because board members might ask
11 questions. I just want to -- and we also have the
12 representative of, um, the MPD. Um, would he want
13 to approach and, um, identify yourself, and let
14 us know what concerns, if any do you have. You
15 can pull a chair up and sit.

16 OFFICER MERRILL: I'll stand. I have to
17 actually leave momentarily. But I've actually met
18 most of you [inaudible], and I actually saw Mr.
19 Silverstein on one of our most recent bar crawls.
20 Um, currently, I'm not in position to make
21 overall recommendations for the new legislation -
22 -

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No, not -- just
2 within the -- regarding this pub crawl.

3 OFFICER MERRILL: Um, we do -- I mean,
4 naturally, we have concerns, so I -- I am here.
5 That's what my purpose is for, is the high
6 concern for us, and that -- relating to how we
7 ran into other bar -- bar crawls. So I'm mostly
8 just here for observation at this point.

9 [Off-mic speaking]

10 OFFICER MERRILL: So, thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Thank you.
12 All right. We have --

13 [Off-mic speaking]

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
15 Silverstein, go ahead.

16 MR. SILVERSTEIN: The question is the,
17 uh, 4:30 to 12:30 time goes over two shifts. Do
18 you have any issues with that or with the size?

19 OFFICER MERRILL: Commander Reese said
20 that he [inaudible].

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry, you need
22 to identify yourself.

1 OFFICER MERRILL: Yes, I'm Lieutenant
2 Jerome Merrill. That's --

3 [Off-mic speaking]

4 MALE SPEAKER: Can you stand in front of
5 the witness booth, by the mic, Lieutenant?

6 OFFICER MERRILL: My name is Lieutenant
7 Jerome Merrill, J-e-r-o-m-e M-e-r-r-i-l-l. I am
8 the, uh, PSA manager for that area, for the
9 entire, uh, 208 area. Um, the size of the event
10 is -- was one of our concerns, just because of
11 safety issues. Um, you know, we can't -- we've
12 got to go with whatever you guys go with, but it
13 was a concern of ours, just the size of the
14 event.

15 MR. SHORT: What would be a -- what would
16 be a manageable size in your opinion,
17 professional opinion?

18 OFFICER MERRILL: I've only been a part
19 of one of these pub crawls. Um, I don't want to
20 give a specific number and try and hinder
21 anything. I just think, um -- like I said, it's
22 tough to give a specific number. I -- I don't

1 know. I just -- but the -- the size of that, like
2 -- like the, uh -- like Pat said, and it's --
3 it's a small area. It's just going to be tough,
4 um. I don't want to say that we're for or against
5 it, but that's just a concern of ours.

6 MR. SHORT: So, what about the time,
7 12:30?

8 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, we -- we should
9 have coverage for that. It -- it does overlap
10 evening into midnight [inaudible], but we also
11 have, uh, uh, club action team members that work
12 during that hour, and we also have power shift
13 members. So, um, I mean, there is -- I don't want
14 to say that's adequate coverage for 5,000 people,
15 but it's coverage, you know.

16 MR. SILVERSTEIN: One of the -- one of
17 the points --

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. -- hold on, hold
19 on, hold on, hold on. Mr. Silverstein, go ahead.

20 MR. SILVERSTEIN: One of the points that,
21 uh, Commander Reese brought up was the -- the
22 safety of the people involved in these pub crawls

1 as they go late into the night. Uh, they said
2 that often, these people are victims of crime
3 themselves. They've had too much to drink,
4 whatever, and they go back to their car or back
5 to whatever, and they are tired and out of, you
6 know -- they don't have their wits about them.
7 And this was a concern that he had is, does the
8 12:30 -- and we've not done 12:30 unless there's
9 been a specific reason.

10 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, are you saying you
11 think 12:30 is too late, or --

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Too late, yes. Where
13 normally, pub crawls, uh, often are -- are done
14 at 10:00, 10:30. So --

15 OFFICER MERRILL: Well, yes, that's --
16 that's -- those -- you start getting into the
17 nightlife hours when you start getting to 12:30,
18 uh, so that's always a concern of ours as far as
19 people being intoxicated, uh, walking through --
20 walking back to their cars, walking to the bus
21 stops or anything like that. They -- I mean,
22 anyone that's intoxicated can be taken advantage

1 of. I mean, that can happen.

2 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you, Lieutenant.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Do we have any other
4 questions by any of the Board members? Yes, Ms.
5 Miller.

6 MS. MILLER: Well, further, Lieutenant, I
7 -- I would, uh, just like to get your opinion
8 about the food trucks issue that Mr. -- Mr.
9 Powell -- is that your name? -- Mr. Powell
10 raised. That seemed like, um, a -- a concern with
11 respect to safety and -- for -- for pedestrians
12 and -- I think pedestrians, as well as the
13 patrons going through this pub crawl.

14 OFFICER MERRILL: With the -- with the
15 food trucks, I haven't really, you know, heard of
16 a safety issue, per se. It's -- it's more of the
17 littering that they have --

18 MS. MILLER: It's littering.

19 OFFICER MERRILL: -- that they have an
20 issue with.

21 MS. MILLER: Okay. There aren't a lot of
22 bikes going down that way at that hour?

1 OFFICER MERRILL: A lot of bikes?

2 MS. MILLER: Yes. A conflict -- well,
3 they said it was going to have to be -- I -- as I
4 understood what Mr. Powell was saying was that
5 food trucks couldn't go up to the curb, that
6 there's a bike lane there?

7 OFFICER MERRILL: Well, yes, there --
8 there is bike travel. I mean, there's -- that's
9 definitely going to occur at all times.

10 MS. MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. SILVERSTEIN: If I may --

12 MS. MILLER: Go ahead, yes.

13 MR. SILVERSTEIN: If I may clarify that
14 for members of the Board?

15 MS. MILLER: Yes.

16 MR. SILVERSTEIN: There is a bike lane
17 against the curb, and then there is parking
18 outside of the bike lane. It's protected --

19 MALE SPEAKER: On which -- on which
20 street?

21 MR. SILVERSTEIN: On M Street.

22 MALE SPEAKER: On M Street.

1 MR. SILVERSTEIN: There is a protected
2 bike lane, so if anybody were to try to access a
3 food truck, they would have to stand in the bike
4 lane or stand in the street. That is the safety
5 concern.

6 MS. MILLER: Right. Right.

7 MR. SHORT: Do you want to address that?

8 MR. CRAIG: Is it possible I could
9 address that, um --

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. --

11 MR. CRAIG: -- question?

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Craig.

13 MR. CRAIG: Um, well, so, the -- our bar
14 crawl pretty much covers three streets: um, I
15 believe M, 19th, and I want to say L -- um, L
16 Street. Um, you know, we haven't, you know --

17 MR. ALBERTI: Just FYI, you have K, also,
18 on here.

19 MR. CRAIG: K, yes.

20 MR. ALBERTI: And Connecticut Avenue.

21 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

22 [Laughter]

1 MR. CRAIG: Um, but primarily, you know
2 that -- you know --

3 MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

4 MR. CRAIG: -- that box.

5 MR. ALBERTI: Just to be clear.

6 MR. CRAIG: Um, we're fine with
7 positioning the food trucks, um, on 19th, um,
8 where, I -- I believe, there isn't a bike lane
9 there, um, uh, which -- which would be, I guess,
10 where Rumors is positioned, um, or -- or one of
11 the other, uh, adjacent, uh, streets.

12 MR. SHORT: Can I make a suggestion, Mr.
13 Chair?

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

15 MR. SHORT: Maybe you should talk with
16 the police department to find out the best place
17 or if -- if it's going to be, uh, prohibitive for
18 public safety.

19 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

20 MR. SHORT: That should be a part of your
21 plan that you submit to us when you give us your
22 information about the, uh, trash, because all

1 that's -- the street, the trash, all that's tied
2 in together, and -- and again, um, hopefully
3 we'll get DPW involved in it sooner or later, but
4 if the police department, DPW, and the BID work
5 together, we'll -- we'll -- we -- we can avoid
6 what happened to us on Halloween.

7 MR. CRAIG: Halloween -- absolutely.

8 MR. SHORT: And, um, if -- if I can take
9 just a little more --

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr. Short.

11 MR. SHORT: Um, I -- I would -- I would
12 strongly suggest to you that you move the hours
13 in a little bit. I think 12:30 is -- is kind of,
14 uh --

15 MR. CRAIG: Kind of out there.

16 MR. SHORT: Yes.

17 MR. CRAIG: May I ask, Lieutenant
18 Merrill, do you think 11:30 would be appropriate?
19 Move it forward -- back an hour?

20 OFFICER MERRILL: I mean, it would be
21 helpful. I don't want --

22 MR. CRAIG: Helpful.

1 OFFICER MERRILL: -- to say whether it's
2 appropriate --

3 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

4 OFFICER MERRILL: --or not, but --

5 MR. CRAIG: Am I -- can I still -- can I
6 change that? Is that possible?

7 MR. SHORT: Oh, you can change it.

8 [Simultaneous speaking]

9 MR. CRAIG: Okay. So --

10 MR. SHORT: [Inaudible]

11 MR. CRAIG: -- could we move that to --
12 the 12:30 to 11:30?

13 MR. SHORT: And what about your numbers?

14 MR. CRAIG: Um --

15 [Off-mic speaking]

16 MR. SHORT: We're trying to work with you
17 --

18 [Simultaneous speaking]

19 MR. ALBERTI: So I'm going to ask a
20 question of the Chair. Chairman Anderson, I have
21 an opinion on it, but I don't know how -- how we
22 want to discuss the hours, discuss -- discuss the

1 size. Do we want to do it here, or do we want a -
2 -

3 MS. MILLER: Well, I want to ask some
4 questions about it.

5 MR. ALBERTI: -- closed meeting? But I --
6 [Simultaneous speaking]

7 MR. ALBERTI: I mean, so we're getting
8 into it, and I mean, you can ask questions, but,
9 um --

10 MR. CRAIG: I was going to say that we
11 want --

12 MR. ALBERTI: So I just want to know
13 where we're going, because I -- I have -- I have
14 a strong opinion.

15 MR. SHORT: And -- and I know you do, but
16 here's the bottom line: Before we discuss it, we
17 have to find out what the applicant thinks is
18 very manageable. That doesn't -- that doesn't
19 mean -- that doesn't say -- that's not saying --

20 MR. ALBERTI: Well, Mr. Short, I mean,
21 it's not fair to him to -- to -- to start
22 throwing out numbers if he doesn't know which --

1 which -- where we're going. So if we have -- if
2 we can tell him that, you know, we're concerned
3 about numbers over X, then he can react to that.
4 So I think it's better having him react to a
5 number that we throw out, rather than him just
6 throwing back numbers at us just to -- Because
7 then -- it's just going to get chaos if --

8 [Simultaneous speaking]

9 MR. SHORT: Mr. Alberti --

10 MR. ALBERTI: -- [inaudible].

11 MR. SHORT: Board Member Alberti, what --
12 what I'm saying is, let's let them express
13 themselves, and then we'll talk about it. We can,
14 as a board -- we're going to make the last
15 decision, but at least find out how willing they
16 are to work with us.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

18 MR. SHORT: And so we won't have to have
19 this debate when we come back.

20 MR. ALBERTI: Fine. So -- so to help
21 everyone out, I'm going to -- just going to put
22 it right out there. I am -- feel strongly that

1 the limit should be 2,500, and I will not vote
2 for anything that has anything more than that.

3 [Simultaneous speaking]

4 MR. ALBERTI: Just so everybody knows.

5 [Simultaneous speaking]

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. We --
7 we'll discuss this.

8 MR. ALBERTI: And I can explain why
9 later.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: We'll discuss this.

11 MR. CRAIG: Well, Mr. Chair, um, with
12 that being taken into consideration, um, I would
13 like to, uh, change my --

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Let me --
15 let me say this to you. Mr. Alberti is one member
16 of the Board. Um, so you have your business plan.
17 You have heard -- you can let us know what it is
18 that you believe is an appropriate number, and
19 the Board, in its deliberation, will make a
20 statement. But as Mr. Alberti has told you what
21 his votes are, I have not made a --

22 MR. ALBERTI: And I am only one board

1 member.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I have not made a
3 decision, and I -- um, to be fair to you, I don't
4 want you to be --

5 [Off-mic speaking]

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- just giving
7 answers. So think about it and --

8 MR. CRAIG: I -- I -- I've been -- I've
9 been thinking about it. You know, I -- I've been
10 thinking about it for a while. Um, one thing
11 that, um -- You know, I know this is a very
12 sensitive time for pub crawls and bar crawls.

13 MR. SHORT: It is.

14 MR. CRAIG: I know this is a very
15 developing time. I know -- I mean, I'm pretty
16 sure, you know, you guys had the emergency
17 legislation, but I'm 99% sure there'll probably
18 be more legislation coming down. Um, you know,
19 the last time -- as I said, you know, I'm
20 completely willing to work with the Board.

21 MR. SHORT: Good. That's a good answer.

22 MR. CRAIG: Um, you know, also, um, you

1 know, my day job, I count votes and look at vote
2 counts, um, and I -- you know, if -- if members
3 of the Board or a member of the Board, um, feels,
4 though, that, you know, a cap of 2,500, um, is
5 something where, first public safety, um, can be
6 kept at -- at -- at utmost, uh, responsibility,
7 um, where things can be contained, where, you
8 know, we don't -- there's a limit of incidences -
9 - I'm willing to work with that.

10 Um, you know, this is only my second
11 event. I'm here to build a relationship with you
12 guys, um, you know, so I'm -- I'm willing -- I'm
13 willing to -- to engage in the give-and-take on
14 this. Um, and so, um, you know -- so I -- I'm
15 fine with, you know, lowering my numbers. Um, it
16 -- does it -- does it -- does it affect my
17 projected, um, revenue? Absolutely.

18 MR. SHORT: But you have many more to
19 come.

20 MR. CRAIG: Say that again?

21 MR. SHORT: You have many more to come.

22 MR. CRAIG: Oh, many more to come, and I

1 would much rather, you know -- I -- I'm here to
2 build the relationship with you guys. Um, so if I
3 can, um -- Investigator Puente, um, can I change
4 my expected to 2,000, a hard cap at 2,500?

5 MS. MILLER: You might -- that -- that --
6 that might not be the number. You might want to -
7 -

8 [Simultaneous speaking]

9 MR. CRAIG: [Inaudible].

10 MS. MILLER: -- [inaudible] -- Why?
11 Because -- for me, for one, 2,500 seems very high
12 still. You've gone from 300 to 2,500. So, I want
13 to be confident --

14 MR. CRAIG: Well, I would -- um, if I
15 could address your --

16 MS. MILLER: Okay.

17 MR. CRAIG: Um, one thing that I did --
18 one thing that happened with my last crawl -- Um,
19 you know, I try my best to take the -- After I
20 was fortunate to get a license, I tried, at that
21 point, to take my, um -- take the law into
22 consideration as much as possible, um, and part

1 of that was keeping sales -- you know, I
2 completely shut down sales at, like, 198, um,
3 because it was under that 200 benchmark where you
4 -- it mandates that you have to have a license.
5 Um, at the point where my crawl was approved by
6 the Board, um, you know, against most of our
7 efforts, you know, we just couldn't boost sales
8 after that point, to be quite -- quite honest
9 about it.

10 Um, but one thing I have done with this
11 one is that, you know, I took Mr. Short's
12 comments into consideration. You know, we haven't
13 sold a single ticket yet until we got our
14 approval of our license.

15 MR. SHORT: Thank you very much.

16 MR. CRAIG: Um, you know, so that -- that
17 was what, you know -- that, you know -- little
18 over 300, you know, that -- that's what affected
19 that. Um, you know, our license was approved
20 pretty much the week before the crawl. Um, and it
21 would have been -- you know, I believe, you know,
22 there -- we need rules, you know. I believe in

1 rules to engagement, rules to business. You know,
2 that's the only way you can guarantee people are
3 treated fairly and, you know, things have
4 happened properly.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, you're -- um, are
6 you -- and again, they're different -- not --
7 they're different members of the Board who will
8 have different --

9 MR. CRAIG: Opinions.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- opinions, um, so.
11 I need your letter -- We have, on your
12 application, it says -- and I can't -- it's 5,000
13 anticipated, and I don't know what the other
14 number is, the maximum. Was that 70 --

15 MR. CRAIG: Seventy-five. Um --

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Seventy-five? All
17 right.

18 MR. CRAIG: -- there will be 2,000, um,
19 anticipated, 2,500 hard cap.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So -- so you're --
21 you're amending your application, then --

22 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- for 2,500 --

2 MR. CRAIG: Mm-hmm.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- maximum. All
4 right. And -- and the hours are from when?

5 MR. CRAIG: Uh, 4:30 to 11:30.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Does the Board want
7 to, um -- want to make a decision here on this,
8 or should we --

9 [Simultaneous speaking]

10 MR. ALBERTI: Well, I think that --

11 MS. MILLER: I have more question --

12 MR. ALBERTI: At the end we'll --

13 MS. MILLER: Yes. I'm sorry, whenever
14 it's appropriate, I --

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well -- uh, go ahead,
16 Miss.

17 MS. MILLER: Okay. So, you know, with our
18 concerns about the food truck aspect of this --
19 And I -- I don't recall -- maybe I did and I
20 didn't know it, but I don't recall us, um,
21 approving pub crawls that had food trucks
22 involved. Usually, the pub crawls have the food

1 served at the bars and establishments that the --
2 that the participants go to, so --

3 MR. CRAIG: A number --

4 MS. MILLER: -- can you address that?

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes. A number of our
6 establishments will be serving food. Um, you
7 know, 1831 has a full kitchen, um, Sign of the
8 Whale has a kitchen, Sessions had a kitchen,
9 Rumors has a kitchen. Now, all these kitchens
10 will be operable during this event. Um, those are
11 the kitchens that will be operable during this
12 event.

13 Um -- um, you know, we thought it'd be
14 something interesting, um, to involve the food
15 trucks. Um, you know, I don't know the history
16 on, uh, the relationship between food trucks and
17 bar crawls, but I do know that, um, you know, the
18 food truck industry in the District of Columbia,
19 um, has a very unique culture to itself; it has a
20 very unique, um, economic footprint to itself.
21 And, um, you know, I do think there are ways that
22 we can partner with each other on this.

1 [Simultaneous speaking]

2 MS. MILLER: Wait, uh -- Can I ask
3 another question?

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Go ahead, Ms. Miller.

5 MS. MILLER: So, the size issue -- So, my
6 point was that, you know, the last -- you're not
7 an experienced pub crawl organizer. I'm glad the
8 last one was successful, and that's great, but it
9 was of a much smaller scale: 300. So, now even
10 for you to say that you -- you'll go down from
11 7,000 to 2,500 -- or 2,000 to 2,500 -- I'm -- I'm
12 still not -- I'm still concerned. So, can you
13 address how you feel you can make that leap to,
14 uh, 2,000, and why that's --

15 MR. CRAIG: Well -- well --

16 MS. MILLER: -- important to your plan?

17 MR. CRAIG: I would say while this -- you
18 know, while it is, you know, on paper, a big
19 leap, um, you know, good operations are good
20 operations. Um, you know -- you know, I've --
21 I've produced large-scale events. Um, you know,
22 um, I'm vice-chair of a state political party.

1 Um, producing a large-scale event, you know, a
2 thousand more people -- what's -- what's a
3 quarter of it, essentially.

4 Um, you know, this may be my, you know,
5 second pub crawl, and, you know, we're partnered
6 with a lot of the establishments on this pub
7 crawl particularly. Um, you know, but, uh, you
8 know, we had -- we had a good operation, and, you
9 know, scalability, you know, if you can -- you
10 know, we scale our operations properly, you know,
11 I -- I don't see any, um, major public safety
12 issues or, uh, uh, trash alert issues, um, for
13 this event.

14 MS. MILLER: So -- and you haven't -- you
15 haven't discussed this event with MPD at all,
16 yet, though, have you?

17 MR. CRAIG: Um, yes, I have had
18 discussion with, uh, Commander Gresham --

19 MS. MILLER: Okay.

20 MR. CRAIG: -- um, and, you know, I told
21 him we'll have, you know, more discussions as,
22 uh, we get closer to the event. Um, you know, one

1 of my goals is try to, uh, include as many, uh,
2 agencies and operations that have a, uh, intake
3 in part of this as possible.

4 MS. MILLER: Okay. My only -- well, I
5 think my last question is, um -- is it Lieutenant
6 Merrill?

7 OFFICER MERRILL: Yes.

8 MS. MILLER: Okay. So, I -- I know that
9 you may not want to come up with a number, but I
10 don't know if I can ask you scale-wise, do you
11 have a concern, you know, between 2,000 and
12 1,000? I mean, do you -- do you -- I think you
13 came in when it -- saying that the number that
14 they presented earlier was, you thought, too high
15 for safety reasons.

16 OFFICER MERRILL: Oh, no, I said it was a
17 concern.

18 MS. MILLER: Was a concern.

19 OFFICER MERRILL: Correct.

20 MS. MILLER: Is -- is 2,000 a concern to
21 you?

22 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, yes.

1 MS. MILLER: Okay. Is 1,000 a concern to
2 you?

3 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, all -- yes.

4 [Laughter]

5 MS. MILLER: Yes. Because -- wait. I do
6 want to say that we do have some pub crawls, you
7 know, in the nature of, like, hundreds, like, you
8 know, 500 people or -- Is that something that's
9 much more manageable for the police?

10 OFFICER MERRILL: Five hundred is much
11 more manageable than 2,500, definitely.

12 MS. MILLER: Yes. All right. Okay. Thank
13 you very much, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein.

15 MR. SILVERSTEIN: All right. I would like
16 to ask you, Lieutenant, the -- the events are
17 compact, in a small area, essentially three
18 blocks along M Street and two others beyond that.
19 Um, these blocks are -- the sidewalks are very
20 small in this area.

21 OFFICER MERRILL: Correct.

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: And is -- it would seem

1 as though a large number of people there, and
2 food trucks, and -- and just the normal business
3 there -- it -- it simply wouldn't accommodate it,
4 the sidewalks wouldn't. I -- I mean, I'm speaking
5 --

6 OFFICER MERRILL: I mean, I've been
7 amazed --

8 MR. SILVERSTEIN: -- not of politics
9 here, but of physics or geometry. It's a tough
10 question.

11 OFFICER MERRILL: I've -- I've -- Yes, it
12 is. Uh, I've been -- there's been many events, uh
13 -- I've been surprised at, you know, the large
14 numbers being -- I mean, sometimes they work out,
15 sometimes they don't. I mean, it's, um -- it's
16 kind of more dependent on the patrons, uh, so
17 it's -- it's, uh -- it can be tricky. I mean, I -
18 - I really don't -- It's --

19 MR. SILVERSTEIN: And the -- the other
20 thing is that 19th Street --

21 OFFICER MERRILL: I believe that's the
22 one.

1 MR. SILVERSTEIN: -- put the -- put the
2 food trucks on 19th Street --

3 OFFICER MERRILL: That would be tough.

4 MR. SILVERSTEIN: There's no parking on
5 19th Street, is there? Anywhere.

6 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, yes, there --

7 [Simultaneous speaking]

8 MR. SILVERSTEIN: [Inaudible] from M
9 Street, and from N Street down to K Street --

10 OFFICER MERRILL: Maybe from N Street,
11 but I know, from M, there's --

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes.

13 OFFICER MERRILL: It's a one-way if I'm
14 not mistaken.

15 MR. CRAIG: Yes, sir.

16 [Simultaneous speaking]

17 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes, it is one way, but
18 there's no parking.

19 MALE SPEAKER: No, there's parking.

20 OFFICER MERRILL: Uh, there -- there's
21 parking on both sides of the street.

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Powell, is there

1 parking?

2 MR. POWELL: Uh, I believe most of the
3 block between M and L are loading zones.

4 MR. SILVERSTEIN: There's no parking?

5 MR. CRAIG: On Saturday --

6 MALE SPEAKER: I live a block from there,
7 sir.

8 OFFICER MERRILL: Are you saying from M to
9 N or from L to M? Uh, I'm 90% sure from L to M,
10 it's a one-way going south.

11 [Simultaneous speaking]

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: It is one way, but it's
13 --

14 MALE SPEAKER: And I believe there is
15 parking on both sides.

16 MR. SILVERSTEIN: But they're both
17 loading zones. There are loading zones on both
18 sides.

19 MR. PUENTE: I think you're talking about
20 19th Street.

21 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Pardon?

22 MR. PUENTE: Nineteenth Street has the

1 loading zones.

2 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Exactly.

3 MR. PUENTE: M Street's got the parking
4 on both sides.

5 [Off-mic speaking]

6 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Pardon?

7 [Simultaneous speaking]

8 MR. PUENTE: M Street has the parking on
9 both sides.

10 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Parking only for
11 loading, though, correct?

12 MR. PUENTE: No, that's on 19th Street.

13 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Powell?

14 MR. POWELL: On -- I believe most of 19th
15 Street, if not all of it, is loading zones. M
16 Street has parking on both sides -- at least the
17 block between M and L Street. They're all loading
18 zones.

19 [Simultaneous speaking]

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Hold on. The -- the
21 event is 4:00 to 11:30, and even if it's loading
22 zone, it's -- anyone can park there at 6:30. So,

1 anyone -- even if it's a loading zone, those
2 meters expires at 6:30.

3 MALE SPEAKER: That is correct, I
4 believe, yes.

5 OFFICER MERRILL: Maybe that's why I'm
6 under the impression, because I mostly see it at
7 nighttime.

8 [Simultaneous speaking]

9 OFFICER MERRILL: Right, right, right, so
10 maybe that's why I'm under the impression that
11 there's parking on both sides.

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I also just have a -- a
13 gut thing about people who don't live in a city
14 or live in a neighborhood, uh, and don't pay
15 taxes in that neighborhood, as some food trucks
16 don't, uh, coming in there while there are
17 establishments that are there that pay rent, that
18 pay taxes, that are stakeholders there, and they
19 end up having trash thrown all over their place
20 while people aren't using it.

21 MR. CRAIG: Well, to address, um, your
22 concern, um, you know, we have a litter plan, and

1 we'll be refining that litter plan and submitting
2 it to this body. Um, you know, I would, you know,
3 take it a step further to say, you know, I think
4 if, um, an individual or a business owner or an
5 establishment, you know, is willing to bring
6 economic activity to a particular area, um, I
7 think there's argument to be made that the person
8 is somewhat of a stakeholder, um -- you know,
9 providing that, you know, they aren't damaging
10 the area, trashing the area. Um, you know, I
11 don't know, um -- you know, I'm not -- now, I'm
12 not a food truck owner, um, you know, but, you
13 know, I think that they do bring a particular
14 jolt of industry, a particular jolt of business,
15 to the District of Columbia. Um, if not, they
16 wouldn't exist.

17 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Well, the same can be
18 said for drug dealers, sir.

19 MALE SPEAKER: Uh-oh.

20 [Laughter]

21 MR. CRAIG: Well, I, uh, um --

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: You know, everybody

1 brings industry.

2 MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

3 MR. CRAIG: Well --

4 MR. SILVERSTEIN: The question is -- and
5 I'm -- I'm -- you know, I'm sorry for the
6 hyperbole, but the question is, what is -- what
7 are the advantages to the neighborhood itself of
8 -- of a food truck, or anything else, coming in
9 vis-a-vis the brick-and-mortar restaurants?

10 MR. CRAIG: Well, with all due respect,
11 Mr. Silverstein, I'm not here to discuss drug
12 dealers.

13 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I know that. I -- I
14 know that --

15 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

16 MR. SILVERSTEIN: -- and I apologize --

17 MR. CRAIG: But -- but I will -- but what
18 I will say is that, um, you know, is there a
19 impact to, uh, the brick and mortar? Maybe so.
20 Um, will there be an impact to the brick and
21 mortar these days? Probably not. Um, you know --
22 well, this particular day of this bar crawl?

1 Probably not. Um, but I do think that, um, the
2 city of -- the District -- the city of the
3 District of Columbia, um, is -- is quite
4 welcoming to, uh, the food truck industry.

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Sure.

6 MR. CRAIG: And, you know, I do think if
7 there is a way that we can provide economic
8 activity and multiply our economic activity in a
9 particular area by adding them to an event, I'm
10 all for it, you know. I'm all for it. And -- and,
11 you know, more particularly, if any of -- you
12 know, if I -- uh, if it were an issue of having
13 these food trucks, I think -- I do believe, you
14 know, any of the folk that are participating with
15 us, um, would have probably raised those
16 objections. Sorry, my voice is getting a little
17 hoarse, there.

18 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I apologize.

19 MR. CRAIG: No problem.

20 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Hyperbole, but I was
21 trying to make a point.

22 MR. SHORT: Mr. Chair?

1 MR. CRAIG: No problem, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

3 MR. SHORT: Can we -- can we rejoin
4 [sic] to the back now and discuss this?

5 MS. MILLER: I have a couple more
6 questions.

7 MR. ALBERTI: Oh, I have a -- I have a
8 bunch more questions. I have a whole boatload of
9 questions.

10 [Simultaneous speaking]

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What -- what -- this
12 is -- this is -- this is I want this to occur,
13 okay? We're not going to make a decision on
14 [inaudible], okay? We'll ask the questions. We'll
15 make a decision today. All right? So, board
16 members can ask all of the questions, but we'll
17 discuss it around back. But -- but -- so, ask all
18 the questions that you guys want to know, want to
19 ask. Um, just before -- do we have two other
20 applicants, or is it just one?

21 FEMALE SPEAKER: Looks like --

22 MALE SPEAKER: Just one.

1 MALE SPEAKER: They're together.

2 MALE SPEAKER: They're together.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No, but I -- I guess
4 -- because on the agenda, we have two other pub
5 crawls, and, um -- Michael Bramson and Alex
6 Lopez, and --

7 MALE SPEAKER: And then the Cupid Pub
8 Crawl?

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Uh -- right. No, and
10 then the -- no, then we have -- we have the
11 Cupid, and then we have the --

12 MALE SPEAKER: Valentine's.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Annual Fat Valentine
14 Pub Crawl. There's no one here from that one,
15 right? Okay, so we only have one other matter on
16 the agenda. Okay, fine, just wanted to make sure
17 that I, um -- Okay. Go ahead, please.

18 MR. ALBERTI: So, first of all, I just
19 want to -- with respect to the size --

20 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

21 MR. ALBERTI: This is a small area. I
22 mean, we're talking -- I mean, they're large

1 blocks, but we're talking about a 4-square-block
2 area? That's a lot of people. So, that's where my
3 concern on your original proposal for size comes
4 from. All right? It's also a very busy area.

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

6 MR. ALBERTI: I will listen very closely
7 to the opinion of my fellow board members on
8 size. You've heard my recommendation, but I just
9 wanted to explain where -- why I have those
10 concerns about size. The size of the area and --
11 and the fact that it's a very busy area --

12 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

13 MR. ALBERTI: -- and the fact that it's
14 the weekend before Saint Patrick's Day. All
15 right? People are primed to go out.

16 MR. CRAIG: Well, it's, uh --

17 MALE SPEAKER: Valentine's.

18 MR. CRAIG: -- Valentine's Day weekend.

19 MR. ALBERTI: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought
20 this was March. Okay. So, I'll take that back,
21 all right? But all the other comments stand. All
22 right.

1 MR. CRAIG: Yes, sir.

2 MR. ALBERTI: Now, um, with respect to
3 the food trucks, I'm -- I've got more questions,
4 but -- but with respect to the food trucks, does
5 any -- do any of my board members know who
6 regulates food trucks and the parking for food
7 trucks?

8 MR. SHORT: DCRA.

9 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So --

10 MR. SHORT: In public -- public space,
11 DDOT.

12 MR. ALBERTI: So, Mr. Craig, have you
13 talked to, um -- and -- and DDOT?

14 MR. SHORT: DDOT, yes.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Have you talked to, uh,
16 DCRA and DDOT to know whether your food trucks
17 will be allowed?

18 MR. CRAIG: Um, I -- I have not.

19 MR. ALBERTI: Well, then, unless you can
20 come in and convince this board in some written
21 document that it's okay with those two agencies,
22 that your plan is okay, I will not -- I will not

1 recommend approval of that aspect of your plan.

2 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

3 MR. ALBERTI: You came to us and expect
4 you -- I mean, there's been all kinds of
5 controversies about where these food trucks park.

6 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

7 MR. ALBERTI: You know that. All right?
8 And you come to us and just say, "Oh, trust me,
9 they can park there." I'm not buying it. I need
10 to know -- I need to know from the experts, all
11 right?

12 MR. CRAIG: That -- that -- that's a
13 completely, you know, legitimate --

14 MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

15 MR. CRAIG: -- concern.

16 MR. ALBERTI: Um, so, we --

17 MR. CRAIG: I have a question.

18 MR. ALBERTI: I'll talk with the Board
19 about how we want to manage that, but -- but
20 unless I'm convinced otherwise, I'm not going to
21 approve that aspect of it.

22 MR. CRAIG: Can I --

1 MR. ALBERTI: And there's nothing you can
2 say today, because you don't have the
3 information.

4 MR. CRAIG: I actually have a question.

5 MR. ALBERTI: All right. Go ahead.

6 MR. CRAIG: Um, if I were to strike that
7 from our plan, is it possible, you know, I could
8 -- if -- if --

9 MR. ALBERTI: I'm not guaranteeing
10 anything.

11 [Simultaneous speaking]

12 MR. CRAIG: Well, no, no, no, I'm asking
13 --

14 [Off-mic speaking]

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right, let's hold
16 on, hold on, hold on one minute. Um, I thought
17 that we -- our goal here is to, um, regulate --
18 whether or not to provide you a license to have a
19 pub crawl, and I think our role is to look at the
20 establishment that you're having, um, make sure
21 that they are comply with our rules and
22 regulation. I don't think it's our role to tell

1 you whether or not you should -- uh, you want to
2 -- whether or not you -- you want to have food
3 trucks, because we don't regulate food trucks.

4 And so, that's not a part that -- it's
5 wonderful that you want to have food trucks, but
6 I don't think that should be a part of our --
7 that's a -- because I don't think that's -- we
8 can't regulate that, so because we can't regulate
9 that, we -- I don't think we are approving. I
10 think your -- at least the way I would look at
11 it, you send your application out, and you're
12 saying that, "Oh, as part of my application, I'm
13 going to have food trucks." But I don't think we
14 should be even having conversations about the
15 food trucks as part of our discussion because we
16 can't -- we can't regulate that.

17 MR. ALBERTI: We can -- we can discuss
18 that in our deliberations.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: We can. All right.
20 But anyway. But, uh --

21 MR. ALBERTI: Well, there's obviously not
22 agreement there.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What I'm --

2 MR. ALBERTI: All right.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What -- what I'm
4 asking Mr. Craig to do is to amend his
5 application -- um, because he has to sign off to
6 change the hours, with which he has agreed, and
7 to also change the numbers that he is, um,
8 comfortable with. The Board will then have our
9 deliberations and make a decision whether or not
10 we're going to approve it or we're going to make
11 changes.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So I have additional
13 questions.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Fine.

15 MR. ALBERTI: But also a statement before
16 he asks any questions. Um, just for clarity --

17 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

18 MR. ALBERTI: -- for you and people in
19 the back. So, the -- the -- the Chair indicated
20 that we want a security -- we want a litter plan
21 within 10 days of this event.

22 MR. CRAIG: Mm-hmm.

1 MR. ALBERTI: That is only for this
2 round.

3 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

4 MR. ALBERTI: Because these -- these
5 rules, these emergency rules, just went into
6 effect --

7 MR. CRAIG: Yes, sir.

8 MR. ALBERTI: -- and they're -- but
9 they're brand new. So -- and we know that this --
10 this is coming up real soon, that you have to
11 have time to get them in place. That is not going
12 to be the policy going forward.

13 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

14 MR. ALBERTI: I don't -- not sure exactly
15 what the policy will be going forward, but you're
16 going to have to have it -- I can guarantee
17 you're going to have to have it much more in
18 advance of the event. But -- so --

19 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

20 MR. ALBERTI: Not to mislead anybody. So,
21 but it's 10 days this time. All right? Um -- Mr.
22 Craig, so your security plan, here, is this one

1 paragraph and one sentence?

2 MR. CRAIG: Yes, sir. Um, we will be --
3 so one thing that I've experienced, uh --

4 MR. ALBERTI: Well, all right, no, no,
5 no, no, no. You gave me my answer. The paucity of
6 information here is just astounding. You know, I
7 -- and I don't want to take time asking you
8 questions about this, but I am just extremely
9 disappointed that you take this very seriously --
10 We ask for a security plan and get one paragraph?
11 And it's just the basics?

12 I mean, you know, there -- there no --
13 there's no description of the duties of -- of the
14 people that you're going to assign to each
15 establishment. Yes, you can assign them to the
16 establishment; there's no -- there's no
17 description of what they're going to be doing.
18 You know, I -- you're -- you're a professional.
19 You wouldn't accept this -- you wouldn't accept
20 this from -- from -- from a senior college
21 student. Anyways.

22 So I'm disappointed in your security

1 plan, all right? And -- and it -- and I don't
2 have time to ask you a bunch of questions about
3 it. Um, have you shown this application to MPD?

4 MR. CRAIG: Uh, I believe we did forward
5 a copy to Commander Gresham.

6 MR. ALBERTI: Well, you believe you did?

7 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

8 MR. ALBERTI: Lieutenant, do you know if

9 --

10 OFFICER MERRILL: I --

11 MR. ALBERTI: -- Commander Gresham has
12 copies?

13 OFFICER MERRILL: I haven't seen it. I
14 don't know if the Commander has it.

15 MR. ALBERTI: He better have copies.

16 MR. CRAIG: Okay. Yes.

17 MR. ALBERTI: We're going to check.

18 MR. CRAIG: Will do.

19 MR. ALBERTI: Because it says, 712.5, "no
20 later than 45 days," and we're, you know -- we're
21 just -- we're springing this on you now, but I
22 expected, before you get here, that you'd provide

1 all of this information to -- to -- to Lieutenant
2 Grissom [sic], because you said you read this,
3 and --

4 [Simultaneous speaking]

5 MR. CRAIG: Well, with -- well, with --

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: He got it -- he got
7 it last night, so --

8 MR. CRAIG: Well, with -- with all due
9 respect, I received the new --

10 MR. ALBERTI: All right. Okay.

11 MR. CRAIG: -- rules last night, and, you
12 know, I actually did take your --

13 MR. ALBERTI: Your -- you better be --
14 you better be giving this to -- to Lieutenant --

15 MR. CRAIG: Well, I was going to say, I -
16 - I -- you know, to --

17 MR. ALBERTI: So you know you're on
18 notice that he gets all of it. I would just give
19 him your entire application.

20 MR. CRAIG: I will -- I'll do that also,
21 but to comment to your comment --

22 MR. ALBERTI: Right.

1 MR. CRAIG: -- um, I actually took your
2 words at my last hearing into heart and made sure
3 I got it in 6 weeks and -- you know --

4 MR. ALBERTI: I understand. I understand
5 --

6 MR. CRAIG: -- [inaudible].

7 MR. ALBERTI: -- but -- I guess I'm
8 reacting to your security plan.

9 MR. CRAIG: Understood.

10 MR. ALBERTI: You know, I'm wondering
11 what you're giving MPD if you're giving me such -
12 - such a, uh, uh -- a basic and very non-detailed
13 security plan. So -- forgive me but --

14 MR. CRAIG: I understand.

15 MR. ALBERTI: -- you know --

16 MR. CRAIG: Understood.

17 MR. ALBERTI: -- it's -- I'm basing it on
18 what you've given me. All right. So, are you -- I
19 want to -- I want to point out a couple things in
20 this -- in -- in the -- in the -- in the
21 rulemaking --

22 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

1 MR. ALBERTI: -- all right? 712.22: A
2 licensed establishment shall not participate in
3 an unlicensed pub crawl. I'd like you to remind
4 your participants, your partners, that, um, going
5 forward, if they participate in an unlicensed pub
6 crawl, they are liable.

7 MR. CRAIG: Understood.

8 MR. ALBERTI: All right? Um, license --
9 um, the licensed establishments shall post in a
10 conspicuous place a copy of your license. We
11 expect that at each one of your partners --

12 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

13 MR. ALBERTI: -- to have their license
14 posted. And the licensed establishment will be
15 permitted to participate in only one pub crawl at
16 a time for any given day. So, if any of your
17 partners decide that they want to sign on with
18 somebody else for that day, you'd better tell
19 them --

20 MR. CRAIG: [Inaudible].

21 MR. ALBERTI: -- they've got to choose
22 between you and somebody else. All right? Or

1 they're liable. Um -- All right. I have no
2 further questions. Thank you.

3 MR. SHORT: I do have one question.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

5 MR. SHORT: You were here for the hearing
6 when they had the -- all the commotion about, uh,
7 Halloween?

8 MR. CRAIG: Halloween? Yes. I came at the
9 tail end of that.

10 MR. SHORT: And we had -- we had a lot of
11 -- and I -- I think everybody is having pub
12 crawls now. We had some illegal people having pub
13 crawls without getting a license or anything from
14 the city. And they mooched in on people who had
15 got a license.

16 MR. CRAIG: License, yes.

17 MR. SHORT: Nobody reported it. What
18 would you do if somebody started selling tickets
19 to the same -- What would you do? Who would you
20 report it to? What would you do?

21 MR. CRAIG: I mean, if I got a license, I
22 probably would, you know, report to you guys. I -

1 - um, I can say one thing I did with this
2 particular crawl: Um, I watched very intently,
3 uh, the agenda to see if anybody else, um, had
4 submitted -- or -- or had hearings, fact finding
5 hearings, coming up, um, for pub crawls the same
6 day as mine. Um, you know, I wasn't involved with
7 the Halloween, you know, you know, crawl. Um,
8 when I found out I didn't have a license, I
9 actually cancelled my first event and rescheduled
10 it, um, uh, for the previous event. Um, but I
11 probably -- probably would have reported it. I'm
12 not going to lie to you. Um, you know, it's a --

13 MR. SHORT: But, um -- what -- what's the
14 answer again?

15 MR. CRAIG: I probably would have
16 reported it.

17 MR. SHORT: You would report it.

18 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

19 MR. SHORT: And who would you report it
20 to?

21 MR. CRAIG: Um, if I'm getting a license
22 from you guys, report it to you guys.

1 MR. SHORT: Thank you. The same night.

2 MR. CRAIG: Same night.

3 MR. SHORT: Thank you very much. That's
4 all I have, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any other members?

6 MS. MILLER: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Ms. Miller.

8 MS. MILLER: Okay. Um, Investigator
9 Fuentes [sic], um, I just want to ask your
10 opinion on a few things. I'm not sure we have it
11 for the record. Um, sometimes we hear
12 investigators talk about the capacity of the
13 establishments to absorb the number of
14 participants that are being asked for, so I want
15 to ask you whether, um -- say, given the number
16 2,000, is that -- is -- is that too many people
17 for just the establishments to absorb, or -- or -
18 - do you have an opinion on the number in
19 general?

20 MR. PUENTE: You know, from my experience
21 over the last month, if the pub crawl was on -- I
22 know some establishments, like -- some of the

1 more popular establishments had lines waiting to
2 get into the establishment with their popularity
3 --

4 MS. MILLER: Mm-hmm.

5 MR. PUENTE: I mean, my concern with, uh,
6 this one, especially 1831 Bar -- it's a basement
7 bar, so, I mean, like, uh, Mr. Powell said, its
8 capacity is at 105, and that's going to be -- I
9 mean, when we go out there, that's going to be
10 something we're going to look at, see if they can
11 handle that.

12 MS. MILLER: Did you want to respond to
13 him?

14 MR. CRAIG: Oh, yes. One thing that we
15 are going to be doing this particular time, um,
16 is, we looked at some of the other models of, uh,
17 large-scale events, and particularly marathons,
18 and, um -- and how, uh, registration sometimes
19 may take place, um, you know, 48 hours in
20 advance, uh, like a pre-registration, uh, where
21 individuals can pick up their packet and, um, you
22 know, come to the day of the event, and, um --

1 and be, you know -- be solid to participate in
2 the event.

3 And, um, we're actually going to -- we
4 were actually going to implement a similar model
5 here, uh, for this particular event, where the 2
6 days before the event, um, they can come to 1831
7 and, uh, pre -- uh, if they -- they've already
8 registered, they can pre pick up their packets so
9 the day of the event, um, they get to the event
10 and not have to worry about the registration
11 process.

12 MS. MILLER: Okay. Um, going back to --
13 Thank you, Mr. Fuentes [sic]. I can't remember --
14 maybe you can -- like, what the size of the pub
15 crawls have been in this area.

16 MR. PUENTE: Um, the ones in December,
17 they were around, uh, 2,000 or 3,000.

18 MS. MILLER: Okay. How did that work out?

19 MR. PUENTE: Um, I went out to the one,
20 um, we're going to hear next, um, that was a busy
21 night and there was a long line then. Me and, uh,
22 Investigator Townsend went out to the more recent

1 one, and that's where we had -- we violated four
2 establishments because of, uh, some of the
3 violations you observed.

4 MR. ALBERTI: That was Halloween.

5 MR. PUENTE: No, this was in December.

6 MR. ALBERTI: December?

7 MR. PUENTE: December, uh, 19th and 20th.

8 [Simultaneous speaking]

9 MR. ALBERTI: December 19th --

10 MR. PUENTE: Nineteenth.

11 MS. MILLER: So there were about 2,000 at
12 that one, or --

13 MR. PUENTE: Uh, yes, about 2,000.

14 MS. MILLER: And that -- there were
15 problems.

16 MR. PUENTE: Oh, yes.

17 MS. MILLER: Okay. Um, and Mr. Powell, do
18 you have a comment on that, on the size?

19 MR. POWELL: No, ma'am, not directly. Uh,
20 I mean, we don't want to try to dictate what
21 size. I'm not really an expert on that. I just
22 wanted to -- I just -- I just knew when I saw

1 that -- the first number that given the width of
2 the sidewalks and the area -- the area's
3 popularity on a normal night, um, you know, that
4 area is definitely a concern to us. We've
5 purchased, uh, CCTV cameras for MPD, uh, to use.
6 I mean, we've -- it's been a focus area of ours
7 for many years.

8 MS. MILLER: Okay. Um, how about the
9 hours? I think it's now gone from -- The later
10 hours are the concern, not the earlier hours. So
11 it's gone from 12:30 to 11:30. Do you have an
12 opinion on that?

13 MR. POWELL: No, ma'am. I mean, I would -
14 - I would see to MPD on -- on -- on what the --
15 the hours that would be best for their shifts of
16 officers.

17 MS. MILLER: Okay. Do you, Mr. Fuentes
18 [sic]?

19 MR. PUENTE: I feel the same as Mr.
20 Powell about that.

21 MS. MILLER: Okay. I think you already
22 gave your opinion on the hours, right?

1 MR. PUENTE: Yes, I did.

2 MS. MILLER: Um, okay. I just wanted to
3 also say to Mr. Craig, I mean --

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Hold on -- hold on a
5 minute, please. You can step down, you know,
6 unless you are very comfortable there.

7 MR. PUENTE: Oh, no, I'm -- thank you
8 very much, Mr. Chair.

9 [Laughter]

10 [Off-mic speaking]

11 MS. MILLER: I've got one more thing.

12 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Oh, I'm sorry.

13 MS. MILLER: That's it, and then I think
14 that I'm done.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No, no, no, I was
16 just telling him he could step down. I wasn't
17 trying to --

18 MS. MILLER: Oh, yes, yes, yes.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- cut your time off.

20 MS. MILLER: I know Mr. Silverstein wants
21 to ask a question, too. This is -- this is kind
22 of more like a comment, though, like a -- I've

1 been saying that, you know, you're going from 300
2 to 2,000, and when you go -- start doing things
3 like that, then issues like security plans, et
4 cetera, become more important. So, I personally
5 don't expect you to know how all of this works,
6 per se, like that, so, um, that's why I -- I may
7 be leaning more -- to a more conservative number
8 or whatever. But also, I just want to advise you
9 that there are other -- there are experienced,
10 um, pub crawl organizers that you might, um, you
11 know, confer with about how to go about some of
12 these things like -- like security plans and
13 stuff. Okay.

14 MR. CRAIG: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. SILVERSTEIN: My -- my question --
16 I'm sorry. Question, Mr. Craig. How many people
17 do you expect to be, at a -- at a maximum time,
18 attending?

19 MR. CRAIG: Um --

20 MR. SILVERSTEIN: You know, you're --
21 you're saying this is going to be 8 -- or 7 hours
22 or, you know, do -- do you intend, now that

1 you've cut it back at the -- at the backend,
2 would you want to extend it in the front? And --
3 and start it an hour earlier or --

4 MR. CRAIG: That's -- I think that's
5 fair. Um, we could do a 3:30, a 3:30 -- you know,
6 we cut that extra hour on the backend.

7 MS. MILLER: Mm-hmm.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Uh, Mr. Craig, each
9 time you change your hours we'll give you the
10 application back ---

11 MR. CRAIG: I know. I think I still have
12 it, though.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: You -- you it --

14 MR. SILVERSTEIN: But -- now, if you
15 wanted to do that -- my -- my question -- really,
16 the key to it -- this -- this deals with the
17 security plan --

18 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

19 MR. SILVERSTEIN: -- is, how many people,
20 do you think, would be the max attending the
21 event at any one, single time?

22 MR. CRAIG: On a fantastic day, you know,

1 we'd love to have 2,500. Um --

2 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

3 MR. CRAIG: Now, on a bad day, you know,
4 it may draw a couple hundred. Um, you know --

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

6 MR. CRAIG: Um, to be honest about it,
7 you know.

8 MR. SILVERSTEIN: And you're going to do
9 that with six security?

10 MR. ALBERTI: No. He says he's going to
11 have security at every -- at every station, but
12 we don't know --

13 [Simultaneous speaking]

14 MR. CRAIG: [Inaudible].

15 MR. ALBERTI: Let me -- may I finish? But
16 he hasn't specified what their duties are at each
17 establishment.

18 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

19 MR. ALBERTI: I read this. He said --
20 well, I'm pretty sure it's at each participating
21 establishment. So that's more than six.

22 MR. SILVERSTEIN: But we haven't seen --

1 MR. ALBERTI: But I have no idea what
2 their duties are and where -- where they'll be
3 stationed, or how many.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Let me --
5 let me ask Mr. --

6 MR. ALBERTI: You know, I've got
7 questions.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Uh, Mr. Craig.

9 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: You have done this
11 pub crawl before. You said you had about 300
12 people. What was the security like, and what else
13 --

14 MR. CRAIG: Um, so our security, um --

15 [Off-mic speaking]

16 MR. CRAIG: -- we have, uh, a three-check
17 -- three-point check at the registration point
18 and a two-point check at the --

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No, I don't think we
20 want to know about the security about checking in
21 [inaudible]. I think it was more overall
22 security.

1 MR. CRAIG: Um, we didn't have any
2 issues. We had zero issues.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What was the -- what
4 type of security was provided?

5 MR. CRAIG: Uh, we had a, uh -- a, uh,
6 SPL. Um, that was our point person. And, uh, we
7 had our staff members staffed at each bar.

8 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
10 Silverstein.

11 MR. ALBERTI: Well, since we opened the
12 door -- The staff that will be at each
13 establishment, how will they be -- what are they
14 trained in? What are they -- with regards to
15 security, what's their training?

16 MR. CRAIG: Well, I mean -- so -- so,
17 this is the issue that we particularly came
18 across. The majority of the establishments prefer
19 to have their own security.

20 MS. MILLER: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. ALBERTI: But we know that.

22 MR. CRAIG: They -- they preferred to

1 have their own security folk. They didn't want,
2 you know -- they didn't want our guys there, you
3 know, some establishments. I'm not going to name
4 them, but they didn't even want our guys there.
5 Um, in regards to -- in regards to particular
6 security training, I would liken my guys, um, as
7 the equivalent of, uh, let's say, a security
8 guard at -- at a -- at a mall. It's the -- it's
9 the presence there. It's the -- the presence
10 there as a deterrent.

11 MR. ALBERTI: Great. So, what's their
12 training?

13 MR. CRAIG: Um, you know, diffusing
14 situations, situational --

15 MR. ALBERTI: Who trains them?

16 MR. CRAIG: Um, you know, most have not,
17 you know -- they either, you know, deal with our
18 particular SPL, uh, but most aren't -- haven't
19 gone through any kind of police academy or
20 anything.

21 MR. ALBERTI: All right. I'm not hearing
22 very comforting words from you. I'm not hearing a

1 lot of planning on --

2 MR. CRAIG: Well, with -- with -- with
3 all --

4 MR. ALBERTI: -- what they're supposed to
5 do. What are their duties at each -- each
6 establishment? What are their duties at each
7 establishment?

8 MR. CRAIG: Their -- their duties at the
9 particular establishment's largely ID check, to
10 be honest about it. Um, you know, we -- we're --
11 as I previously stated, most of the
12 establishments, um, prefer to use their own
13 security teams, prefer to use their own security
14 folk. Um, and we -- you know, we're working with
15 -- you know, same way I'm working with you guys,
16 I'm working with those guys. Um, and, you know,
17 I'm -- you know, my job here is to do, you know,
18 my best, you know, to keep everyone happy. Um,
19 now, to be honest about it, um, you know, the
20 security plan that's been presented here is very
21 similar to the plan that -- that we presented,
22 um, with the last crawl.

1 MR. ALBERTI: Yes, so consider yourself
2 lucky.

3 MR. CRAIG: Well, appreciate -- Um,
4 appreciate it. Um, but, you know, we -- we -- we
5 haven't had -- we -- we haven't had any -- and we
6 didn't have any -- any -- any issues or incidents
7 in our last crawl.

8 MR. ALBERTI: So, Mr. Craig, here's my
9 problem.

10 MR. CRAIG: Mm-hmm.

11 MR. ALBERTI: Just put it -- put it right
12 out there. You offered this. I didn't ask. I
13 didn't ask you to put -- wait, wait. I didn't ask
14 you to put one person at every establishment. You
15 offered it. You are offering to this as your
16 guaranteed to -- to -- way of guaranteeing there
17 are no problems. This is your plan. And when I
18 ask you, you don't have -- really have much
19 planning -- There's not much behind your plan.
20 And so, you know, I don't like people just giving
21 me --

22 MR. CRAIG: Well, it's --

1 MR. ALBERTI: I'm being very -- We're on
2 the record, so I'm not -- I -- I don't like
3 people -- and -- and this is --

4 MR. CRAIG: I understand.

5 MR. ALBERTI: -- going to be very harsh,
6 but I don't like people giving me BS, just window
7 dressing. And that's what I'm hearing from you:
8 "Oh, I can have one -- one security person at
9 each place," but you don't -- they're not
10 trained; you really can't -- I mean, you're
11 really vague about their duties, because we know
12 the establishments are going to want to do the ID
13 checking since they're responsible. It just
14 doesn't wash.

15 MR. CRAIG: So -- so --

16 MR. ALBERTI: All right?

17 MR. CRAIG: So -- so to address your
18 concern, Mr. Alberti, um, the issue that, um --
19 that myself and, I'm pretty sure, other, you
20 know, promoters come into contact with is because
21 -- if something were to happen at that
22 establishment, the establishment is held fully

1 liable, fully responsible. They want their team.
2 You know, myself as a -- as a pub crawl promoter,
3 um, providing some kind of presence from our end
4 is to fulfill some -- is to fulfill whatever gap
5 that may -- that may arise there. Um, you know,
6 that -- that may arise there.

7 MR. ALBERTI: But you haven't told me how
8 you're going to fill that gap.

9 MR. CRAIG: Well, I --

10 MR. ALBERTI: That's my problem.

11 MR. CRAIG: Well -- well, I -- I -- I'm --
12 -- a lot of the establishments prefer not to have
13 our guys there. You know -- you know, they --
14 they prefer not to have our guys there, to be --
15 I'm being -- I'm being as frank and honest as I
16 possibly can be.

17 MR. ALBERTI: And I'm being honest with
18 you.

19 MR. CRAIG: And -- and my providing, you
20 know, an individual, um -- a -- a staff -- a
21 person with our staff there, is, you know, is --
22 is -- I was trying to find that medium in the

1 middle there, you know, where -- where we're, you
2 know, keeping both sides happy.

3 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. I'm going to switch
4 gears. You mentioned this pre-registration --

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

6 MR. ALBERTI: -- plan. Very specifically,
7 how's that going to work, up until the day they
8 arrive? Tell me very -- the steps that -- that
9 happen, you know, to the point we're getting
10 there, and they -- they -- they're starting to
11 participate. How's it work?

12 MR. CRAIG: So, um, let's say you were to
13 register for our event.

14 MR. ALBERTI: All right.

15 MR. CRAIG: Um, if you were to come the
16 Thursday before, um, you know, come to 1831,
17 there'll be a individual, um, at a desk, a table,
18 um, at the entrance. Um, we will have a database
19 of everyone that registered. We'll simply, you
20 know, grab your name, um, cross-verify, check
21 your ID, um, make sure you are who you are and
22 that you're, you know, above 21, um, and you'll

1 be given a packet with, uh, the materials for the
2 crawl.

3 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. And?

4 MR. CRAIG: And, um, the day of the
5 event, uh, you'll be able to come and
6 participate.

7 MR. ALBERTI: Who puts the -- who puts
8 the -- Are we using bands?

9 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

10 MR. ALBERTI: Are we using bands? How are
11 -- how are we ID'ing people --

12 MR. CRAIG: Um, we'll have --

13 MR. ALBERTI: -- who've been -- who've
14 been pre-ID'd? How are we identifying that
15 someone's been pre-ID'd?

16 MR. CRAIG: Well -- well, first and
17 foremost, they'll be ID'd at every single stop
18 that --

19 MR. ALBERTI: Uh, uh, uh, uh --

20 MR. CRAIG: Look --

21 MR. ALBERTI: No, no, no.

22 MR. CRAIG: [Inaudible].

1 MR. ALBERTI: No, no, no, no, no -- Wait,
2 wait, stop right there. We expect everyone who
3 shows up to have been ID'd by you --

4 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

5 MR. ALBERTI: You -- you tell me this in
6 here.

7 MR. CRAIG: I'm telling you -- we -- Let
8 me finish my statement before you --

9 MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

10 MR. CRAIG: -- jump down me. They will be
11 ID'd. They'll be ID'd at registration; they'll be
12 ID'd at entry. They will be ID'd.

13 MR. ALBERTI: So they're ID'd 2 days
14 ahead of time.

15 MR. CRAIG: ID'd 2 days ahead of time, 1
16 day ahead of time, the day of.

17 MR. ALBERTI: So how -- how do I know
18 that the day of, that's the person -- the person
19 who got ID'd at -- 2 days ago is the person who's
20 participating? How do I know it's the same
21 person?

22 MR. CRAIG: Well --

1 MR. ALBERTI: How -- how do I know I
2 haven't passed off my packet to somebody else?

3 MR. CRAIG: Our -- our particular -- our
4 particular concern, more so, is -- is that
5 they're of-age.

6 MR. ALBERTI: Oh. No, no, no, no, no.
7 Yes, my -- right. So, how do I know that I
8 haven't passed -- you -- that I haven't passed
9 off my packet to my 20-year-old cousin?

10 MR. CRAIG: Well, at every -- well, as
11 previously stated, at every single point of
12 entry, they will be ID'd. I don't care -- you
13 know, at -- at --

14 MR. ALBERTI: Okay.

15 MR. CRAIG: You know, I was --

16 MR. ALBERTI: All right. Just to my
17 fellow board members: That doesn't wash. But
18 we'll talk about that in the back.

19 MR. SHORT: Thank you, Mr. Alberti. Mr.
20 Chair?

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

22 MR. SHORT: If -- if I could suggest --

1 You're going to have some time to put, um, your
2 trash -- litter plan --

3 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

4 MR. SHORT: -- together. Also get your
5 security plan together. We'll have to look at
6 them both.

7 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

8 MR. SHORT: You can't answer all the
9 questions tonight, but anything that should be
10 answered -- You can -- you can check with MPD to
11 see what you need to do. Basically, pub crawls --
12 I've never heard this much issues about security
13 or about numbers, so you're -- you're one of the
14 very first under this new --

15 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

16 MR. SHORT: -- plan, and so the whipping
17 that you're taking -- and I consider it a
18 whipping -- is because the Board wants to make
19 sure that everybody knows that the pub crawls in
20 this city, we're not going to have any more
21 Halloweens.

22 MR. CRAIG: I -- absolutely.

1 MR. SHORT: We're not going to -- if we
2 can help it, we're not going to have any more. We
3 also have to deal with the issue of -- and -- and
4 this is the elephant in the room, nobody really
5 wants to mention it -- but we have a problem with
6 terrorism in a whole lot of things. So when we
7 get a big crowd of people together, if we don't
8 have proper security and we don't have the MPD's
9 total buy-in, a lot of troubling things could
10 happen to the city, and I don't want to be on
11 this board if someone asked me -- Just not here
12 to -- here to try to make anybody look like they
13 don't know what they're doing but to make them --
14 to educate them to the point, let's make
15 Washington, D.C., safe.

16 MR. CRAIG: Absolutely.

17 MR. SHORT: I don't think anybody's going
18 to vote against -- I don't think anybody's going
19 to vote against your pub crawl because I've never
20 seen a vote against one since I've been on this
21 board the last 2 years. But the bottom line is,
22 we want to make sure -- we want to make sure --

1 we want to make sure that you understand,
2 Halloween 2014 is not going to happen again on
3 our watch if we can help it.

4 MR. CRAIG: Absolutely.

5 MR. SHORT: So, Mr. Alberti and all of
6 the other members who were kind of hitting you
7 with these hard questions, trust me, I've never
8 seen it this ill before. But they want to make
9 sure -- and I'm -- I'm glad they're doing it in a
10 way, because I want to make sure, too, under our
11 watch, pub crawls are held decently, safely, and
12 respectfully to our community.

13 MR. CRAIG: Appreciate it.

14 MR. SHORT: We want the trash up within
15 12 hours, we want security that we can depend on
16 with -- as Mr. Alberti was saying, spell it out.
17 How many? Just not a -- it could -- if they're
18 standing at the same door with the security from
19 the club, there's not a lot they can do. We want
20 people -- we want to keep the crowds moving. We
21 want to -- we want to make sure they have
22 uniforms on or something to identify them as

1 staff, so when the MPD sees them, they can work
2 with them. So those are the kinds of things you
3 need to spell out, and I would suggest -- and I
4 hope Mr. Alberti and the rest of the Board take
5 this -- you bring us a plan --

6 MR. CRAIG: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. SHORT: -- that's got a lot more
8 detail. But you can't sit there today sweating,
9 trying to tell us something that you're going to
10 do and explain to us about this registration
11 situation and how you're going to prevent under-
12 age persons from getting the bands. Put that in
13 the security plan and bring that back with --

14 MR. CRAIG: The litter --

15 MR. SHORT: -- you -- with the -- yes.

16 MR. CRAIG: Absolutely.

17 MR. SHORT: And also get something signed
18 off with MPD.

19 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

20 MR. SHORT: And if you have to, with the
21 food trucks, go to DDOT and go to DCRA.

22 MR. CRAIG: Will do.

1 MR. CRAIG: And then work out with the
2 police department --

3 MR. ALBERTI: What do you think your pre-
4 registration plan --

5 MR. SHORT: Okay. Mr. Alberti, don't want
6 to cut you off -- Mr. Alberti, don't want to cut
7 you off. Please, let me finish.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right, I'll, uh -
9 - it's --

10 MR. SHORT: Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: It's quarter to six,
12 so it's getting late --

13 MR. CRAIG: I apologize.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: and I mean, we still
15 --

16 [Simultaneous speaking]

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- have another --

18 [Simultaneous speaking]

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: We still have another
20 hearing, and I'm glad that the participant is
21 back there, so they should be very much prepared
22 --

1 MALE SPEAKER: Yes, taking it all in.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- to -- for the next
3 -- for the next hearing.

4 MALE SPEAKER: Well, they're still
5 smiling.

6 MS. MILLER: I have -- I have two quick
7 questions.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Okay. Ms.
9 Miller, um, and then I'm going to cut it off.
10 It's a quarter to six, and we were supposed to
11 have had -- the next hearing was supposed to have
12 started at 4:00. So you have the last question. I
13 hope that's new -- it's new territory.

14 MS. MILLER: They -- they're pretty
15 quick. One is, um, you know, we talked about, uh,
16 I heard from, uh, people out there about how
17 noisy or rough the crowd is, or whatever, is a
18 factor in the pub crawls, so I want to know who -
19 - to whom you target this pub crawl?

20 MR. CRAIG: Um, I'm going to say, if I
21 have to give an age range to it, um, 21-to-38
22 range. That's particularly what we, um -- we're

1 not advertising that we did, what we targeted.

2 MS. MILLER: Is that what you heard the
3 last time?

4 MR. CRAIG: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. MILLER: Okay. And then, my final
6 question is, if -- if your pub crawl were to be
7 limited by the Board to the hundreds instead of
8 the thousands, would you still, um, want to
9 proceed with it?

10 MR. CRAIG: Um --

11 MS. MILLER: Or you'd have to think about
12 it?

13 MR. CRAIG: I will say this: Um, I know
14 this is a sensitive time for pub crawls. Um, I
15 know that, you know, there's, you know, still
16 active discussion around what numbers should be.
17 Um, is it what I would want to do? No. Is it
18 something I may can work with? Maybe. Um, you
19 know, but, you know, I would -- you know, I --
20 looking at the -- the hundreds, um, the
21 incentive, um, on our side, the promoter's side,
22 you know, is -- is dramatically cut, um, to -- to

1 produce these events. You know, the other costs
2 that go into it, you know, you know. First couple
3 hundred, you know, tickets sold are, uh,
4 typically covering costs to produce the event.
5 Um, after that is where your profit comes in.

6 MS. MILLER: How much are you charging?

7 MR. CRAIG: Um, we're doing \$15, \$20,
8 \$25.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. That's the
10 last.

11 MS. MILLER: Okay. Thank you very much.

12 [Off-mic speaking]

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: That was the last
14 question. We'll take it under advisement --

15 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- but we -- but we
17 will make a decision, um, tonight, although I was
18 -- All right. Um -- All right. Thank you.

19 [Whereupon the matter concluded at
20 5:45 p.m.]