

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

2 (9:41 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case
4 is another Protest Hearing (Status). It's
5 Case No. 14-PRO-00044, Big Chair Coffee &
6 Grill located at 2122 Martin Luther King, Jr.
7 Avenue, S.E., License No. 85903, in ANC-8A.

8 Would you identify yourself for
9 the record, please?

10 MS. CLARK: Yes. I'm Barbara
11 Clark, Chair of 8A. I'm taking the place of
12 Ms. Fuller. She is out of the country right
13 now.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Are
15 you the Chair of 8A or no?

16 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry?

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you the
18 Chair?

19 MS. CLARK: Yes, I am.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the
21 Chair. Okay. Great.

22 Do you have any knowledge where

1 the applicant might be? Whether the applicant
2 is on his way? Have you had any contact with
3 the applicant?

4 MS. CLARK: I have no idea.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I'm
6 going to call again, is anybody here on behalf
7 of Big Chair Coffee and Grill?

8 Okay. Ms. Clark, if you have a
9 few minutes, what we do sometimes because we
10 have so many cases called at 9:30, we give a
11 little bit of leeway for someone in the event
12 they are running late.

13 So I would pass over this case and
14 come back to it within --

15 MS. CLARK: Do you have any --

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- about 10
17 minutes or so?

18 MS. CLARK: 10 minutes, because I
19 have a doctor's appointment.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So
21 what -- if I don't call it sooner, you can
22 signal me and I'll catch it and I'll call you.

1 All right. Thank you.

2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
3 matter went off the record at 9:42 a.m. and
4 resumed at 9:47 a.m.)

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So I am going
6 to recall the case of the Big Chair Coffee &
7 Grill located at 2122 Martin Luther King, Jr.,
8 Avenue, S.E., License No. 85903, in ANC-8A.

9 Please, come forward. There is a
10 sign-in sheet for you and then if you could
11 introduce yourself on the record, please?

12 Okay. Could you introduce yourselves for the
13 record, please?

14 MR. YEMENU: My name is Bantamlak
15 Yemenu. I'm from Big Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you the
17 owner?

18 MR. YEMENU: I am the manager and
19 chief owner.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the
21 owner. Okay. What's your name?

22 MS. YEMENU: My name is Ayahubiza

1 Yemenu.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

3 MS. YEMENU: I'm the owner.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

5 MS. YEMENU: Technically.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And again?

7 MS. CLARK: And I'm Barbara Clark,
8 the Chair of 8A.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

10 So this is what is called a Status Hearing, so
11 I'm going to give you your Protest Hearing
12 date and some instructions. And also first
13 ask you if you have any issues you need to
14 bring to the Board's attention? Okay.

15 All right. So your actual hearing
16 date on this protest is August 13, 2014 at
17 4:30 p.m.

18 And I'm going to repeat, even if
19 you heard it in the previous case. You should
20 receive a mailing from Tesha Anderson in our
21 office of a Protest Information Form and an
22 Exhibit Form. And these forms need to be

1 filled out and submitted to the Board and
2 opposing parties within seven days of the
3 hearing.

4 And they are critical to the case.
5 Protest Hearing Form will ask you about who
6 your witnesses are. You need to identify them
7 fully by name, not just like a neighbor or
8 client or something. The other party and the
9 Board has to know who they are.

10 And your issues, by then, your
11 issues may have narrowed, you know, and they
12 are not going to be as broad as just peace,
13 order, quiet. We want to know what about
14 peace, order and quiet. You know, is it
15 noise, is it trash, whatever. So at that
16 point you are going to know what you are going
17 to want to be arguing at the hearing and we
18 want to know ahead of time.

19 You will get the forms. If you
20 have any questions on that, you can ask Tesha
21 Anderson. He number is 442-6492 or Martha
22 Jenkins is our Legal Counsel.

1 The Exhibit Form asks you to list
2 your exhibits and then attach them to the
3 Exhibit Form and also serve that on the Board
4 and the opposing party, any pictures or any
5 documents that you have and it's also good if
6 you number them, then everything is very
7 organized at the hearing, everybody is on
8 notice and you can prepare questions ahead of
9 time and it goes smoothly.

10 So that is what I have to say
11 about that.

12 I don't know if I have said it,
13 sometimes in the past if a Protest Information
14 Form hasn't been submitted, a case can be
15 dismissed. It's up to the discretion of the
16 Board, but that has happened, so there is no
17 reason for it to happen.

18 Okay. Do you have any questions?
19 All right. Any questions? Any questions from
20 now on, you can ask, you know, Ms. Anderson or
21 Ms. Jenkins. Okay.

22 MR. YEMENU: What -- we just see

1 what information we get from Ms. Anderson?

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

3 MR. YEMENU: And then I think we
4 can resolve our problems with Ms. Barbara.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

6 MR. YEMENU: I'm glad she came
7 here today.

8 MS. CLARK: Ms. Fuller is out of
9 the country.

10 MR. YEMENU: You will come --

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

12 MR. YEMENU: -- to our office and
13 then we will resolve it and bring it back
14 here.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you
16 may resolve it and not go to hearing.

17 MR. YEMENU: Yes.

18 MS. YEMENU: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. These
20 are instructions like if you go to hearing
21 what happens, but that's great if you can
22 resolve it yourself. That's great. Okay.

1 MS. YEMENU: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good luck.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Have a good

5 summer.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

7 MS. YEMENU: Thank you.

8 MR. YEMENU: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

10 (Whereupon, the Protest (Status)

11 Hearing in the above-entitled matter was

12 concluded at 9:52 a.m.)

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