

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson

DONALD BROOKS, Member

NICK ALBERTI, Member

HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member

MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

JAMES SHORT, Member

HERMAN JONES, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Margolis

Investigator Corrales

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9:40 a.m.

CHAIR MILLER: All right, the next case on our calendar is a Fact Finding Hearing for Halloween Bar Crawl.

MR. MARGOLIS: Good morning.

CHAIR MILLER: Good morning.

MR. MARGOLIS: My name is Michael Margolis.

CHAIR MILLER: Okay, are you with a specific company?

MR. MARGOLIS: I am with barcrawls.com.

CHAIR MILLER: Barcrawls.com, right, okay, and Investigator?

INVESTIGATOR CORRALES: Investigator Ileana Corrales with ABRA.

CHAIR MILLER: Okay, this should be pretty quick, but can you just -- why don't -- I think sometimes it just works if you give a quick overview of this --

MR. MARGOLIS: Sure.

1 CHAIR MILLER: -- bar crawl that
2 you're going to have.

3 MR. MARGOLIS: It's going to be
4 located in Dupont Circle. It will be
5 October 31st, starting at 5:00 p.m. and the
6 second day is November 1st, starting at
7 noon.

8 Participants are going to be
9 about 300 total between both days. We're
10 going to have between -- I would say we're
11 going to have about seven bars participating
12 with us.

13 The crawl -- as a customer does
14 not include any alcohol beverages, it
15 includes discounted liquor and discounted
16 food, and no additional entry charge into
17 any of the bars.

18 We're going to be focused around
19 Sign of the Whale, which is where the
20 customers much register, and they must
21 register between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. on the
22 31st, and noon and 7:00 p.m. on the first.

1 CHAIR MILLER: How late does it
2 go on the 31st?

3 MR. MARGOLIS: Bars will be
4 participating until close.

5 CHAIR MILLER: Until the bars
6 close?

7 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

8 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

9 MR. MARGOLIS: But since the
10 customers must register during early hours,
11 no one really makes it that far.

12 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, and they get
13 certain specials?

14 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes, they get
15 drink specials and food specials for just
16 our customers. Usually it's about one-
17 dollar off everything, depending on what it
18 is.

19 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, and have you
20 done one of these before, a Halloween one,
21 anyway?

22 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

1 CHAIR MILLER: Yes, you did?

2 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, last year?

4 MR. MARGOLIS: That is correct.

5 CHAIR MILLER: Same area?

6 MR. MARGOLIS: Same area, mostly
7 the same establishments. We plan on --
8 we're projecting to have about 50 more
9 people than last year, but otherwise, almost
10 all the same as last year.

11 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, and did you
12 have any problems last year?

13 MR. MARGOLIS: Not to my
14 knowledge, no.

15 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, what's your
16 security?

17 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes use BlueLine
18 Security. We've used them for every event
19 we've done here.

20 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, what is it
21 going to be? I mean, are you going to have
22 some at registration?

1 MR. MARGOLIS: So, we provided
2 one officer at registration, and then we
3 also have a -- we speak to each of our
4 venues, where the security is aware of the
5 crawl. Each venue is responsible for ID'ing
6 every patron that enters.

7 So, they don't get one wrist-
8 bands that gets them into all the bars.
9 They're ID'ed individually at each bar, and
10 also, if someone is too intoxicated, the bar
11 is encouraged not to let them in.

12 CHAIR MILLER: Do they get -- do
13 you have a registration though, where they
14 get ID'ed originally as well?

15 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes, so, they get
16 ID'ed at registration.

17 CHAIR MILLER: They get a wrist-
18 band.

19 MR. MARGOLIS: Outside of the
20 Whale.

21 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

22 MR. MARGOLIS: And then each

1 additional establishment, they get ID'ed
2 again.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, and they get
4 a wrist-band?

5 MR. MARGOLIS: That is correct.

6 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

7 MR. MARGOLIS: Bright green.

8 CHAIR MILLER: Bright green,
9 okay, and are the venues confirmed, that
10 you've listed in the application, or what?

11 MR. MARGOLIS: Most of them are
12 confirmed. I know -- I believe it's Mighty
13 Pint that's now closed.

14 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

15 MR. MARGOLIS: But other than
16 that, they are confirmed.

17 CHAIR MILLER: And did you check
18 with ABRA to make sure they were all
19 eligible to participate?

20 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

21 CHAIR MILLER: Great, okay.

22 Other Board questions?

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Margolis,
2 are you the Applicant? This is not a trick
3 question.

4 MR. MARGOLIS: Is my name on the
5 application?

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: No, we have --

7 MR. MARGOLIS: Edwardo Romano --

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

9 MR. MARGOLIS: -- on the
10 application?

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

12 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes, he is the
13 regional manager and I am the director
14 national.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay, okay,
16 because I recognized you and I didn't
17 recognize this name.

18 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: He was here --

20 MR. MARGOLIS: Him and I were
21 here in February, for the Saint Patrick's
22 Day hearing.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay, he was
2 here?

3 MR. MARGOLIS: He was here with
4 me, yes.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

6 MR. MARGOLIS: That is correct.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: I'll remember
8 this for the future.

9 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: So, maybe we can
11 avoid these hearings.

12 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes, thank you.

13 CHAIR MILLER: Other questions?

14 (No audible response)

15 CHAIR MILLER: How many bar
16 crawls have you don't in D.C.?

17 MR. MARGOLIS: A lot.

18 CHAIR MILLER: A lot?

19 MR. MARGOLIS: Eight or nine.

20 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

21 MR. MARGOLIS: Something like
22 that.

1 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, and over how
2 many years?

3 MR. MARGOLIS: About five years,
4 four or five years.

5 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, all right,
6 and they've all run smoothly?

7 MR. MARGOLIS: Yes.

8 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, good. All
9 right, are there any other questions?

10 (No audible response)

11 CHAIR MILLER: Investigator, do
12 you have some questions?

13 INVESTIGATOR CORRALES: I
14 actually don't have any questions, but I do
15 want to put on the record that I reviewed
16 the settlement agreements of the
17 establishments that are going to be
18 participating, and only two of them have a
19 settlement agreement and with no
20 restrictions to participate in the bar
21 crawl.

22 CHAIR MILLER: Great, okay. Any

1 other questions? Do you have any questions?

2 MR. MARGOLIS: No, thank you.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, this is a
4 quick one.

5 MR. MARGOLIS: Good.

6 CHAIR MILLER: Yes. I move that
7 we approve this bar crawl application. Do I
8 have a second?

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Second.

10 CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Alberti
11 seconded the motion. All those in favor,
12 say aye.

13 (Chorus of aye)

14 CHAIR MILLER: All those opposed?

15 (No audible response)

16 CHAIR MILLER: All those
17 abstaining?

18 (No audible response)

19 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, the motion
20 passes 6-0-0. So, this application is
21 approved.

22 We'll just sign off here and give

1 this back to you.

2 MR. MARGOLIS: Thank you.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, thank you
4 very much.

5 MR. MARGOLIS: Have a good day.

6 CHAIR MILLER: You too. This is
7 probably our record for a club crawl.

8 MR. MARGOLIS: We don't want to
9 cause problems.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
11 matter went off the record at 9:47 a.m.)

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