



1 LAVERNE FLETCHER PRESIDING

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3 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

4 AARON GORDON

5 BRIAN SCOTT

6 ANJALI PATEL

7 RICHARD WENTWORTH

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

2 ROLL CALL HEARING

3 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Would the parties  
4 in the matter of Drafting Table please come  
5 forward. The parties in the matter of Drafting  
6 Table. This is Case #16-PRO-00035, Gordon  
7 Restaurant Group, LLC, trading as Drafting Table,  
8 1529 14th Street Northwest, license #ABRA-089190.  
9 This is a retailer class CR license renewal. The  
10 protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order  
11 and quiet, residential parking and vehicular and  
12 pedestrian safety and real property values. My  
13 name is Laverne Fletcher and I'm conducting the  
14 Roll Call Hearing as the Board's agent pursuant  
15 to D.C. Official Code 1601.2. Introductions  
16 beginning with the applicant, please. Your name  
17 ma'am?

18 UNKNOWN: The applicant is over here.

19 UNKNOWN: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, let me,  
21 okay. You're the protestant?

22 UNKNOWN: Should we switch seats?

1 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: You can stay where  
2 you are. I'm just going to have to remember that  
3 normally, you would be on that side but the  
4 applicant is on that side so --

5 OTHER: Why don't we switch?

6 UNKNOWN: Yeah, it will make it easier.

7 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: It does not matter  
8 to me if you want to switch. Either way is good.

9 MR. GORDON: I'm Aaron Gordon here.

10 MR. SCOTT: Brian Scott.

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Aaron would you  
12 please, did you say Aaron?

13 MR. GORDON: Aaron Gordon: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Would you please  
15 spell your name for the record?

16 MR. GORDON: A-A-R-O-N G-O-R-D-O-N.

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you very  
18 much. And that was Brian?

19 MR. SCOTT: Brian with an I, B-R-I-A-N,  
20 Scott.

21 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Two T's?

22 MR. SCOTT: Yep.

1 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And present on  
2 behalf of ANC 2F?

3 MS. PATEL: Anjalie Patel. A-N-J-A-L-I,  
4 last name Patel, P-A-T-E-L.

5 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay.

6 MR. WENTWORTH: Richard Wesley Wentworth,  
7 W-E-N-T-W-O-R-T-H.

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Are you both here  
9 on behalf of ANC 2F?

10 MS. PATEL: We are -- the protest -- ANC  
11 2F took the part of the protest on behalf of the  
12 Matrix.

13 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: On behalf of what?

14 MS. PATEL: On behalf of the Matrix  
15 Condominium and we are residents of the Matrix  
16 Condominium.

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: So, is anyone here  
18 on behalf of ANC 2F? Is there an ANC 2F  
19 commissioner present?

20 MR. SCOTT: No, John is not coming.

21 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 2F  
22 is the only -- excuse me, sir, if you're going to

1 speak you need to come forward and state your  
2 name in the microphone and are you --is there  
3 anyone present of ANC 2F in the matter of  
4 Drafting Table? Is there anyone present on  
5 behalf of ANC 2F? If so, please come forward.

6 MS. PATEL: Okay, yes, we do have our  
7 representative.

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Present on behalf  
9 of ANC 2F? You're representing the ANC this  
10 morning?

11 MR. DORSEY: ANC.

12 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Are you  
13 representing the ANC this morning?

14 MR. DORSEY: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay and your  
16 name, please?

17 MR. DORSEY: Maurice Dorsey.

18 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Would you spell  
19 the first name, please?

20 MR. DORSEY: Maurice, M-A-U-R-I-C-E.

21 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And what's the  
22 last name?

1 MR. DORSEY: Dorsey, D-O-R-S-E-Y.

2 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mr. Dorsey do you  
3 have a letter from the ANC designating you as its  
4 representative?

5 MS. PATEL: I don't think we, I think  
6 there must have been some communication gap  
7 somewhere because I don't think that anybody knew  
8 that that was needed as a commissioner.

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Well, when you  
10 file a protest you have to be present. We  
11 received a --

12 MR. SCOTT: Mr. Dorsey is not from 2F and  
13 John Fanning and Mr. Sylvester also said that  
14 they wouldn't be attending.

15 MR. DORSEY: I'm not, I'm not, Drafting  
16 Table is not in my --

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, then, you're  
18 -- then Mr. Dorsey you're excused, you can now --  
19 you'll -- I'm sure you're here for another case.

20 MR. SCOTT: 2F ANC was not going to --  
21 was not going to be present at this.

22 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, and so then

1 ANC 2F is not present. Just so that you know,  
2 Ms. Patel and Mr. Wentworth, you did not file a  
3 protest, ANC 2F did. We don't have a protest  
4 from the two of you, although I understand what  
5 you're saying, that the ANC filed the protest  
6 based on your concerns. However, the ANC would  
7 have to be present.

8 So, the ANC 2F protest is dismissed, and  
9 Ms. Patel and Mr. Wentworth, you did not file a  
10 protest so you're not recognized as protestants  
11 at all.

12 MS. PATEL: Okay, can we get some clarity  
13 on the procedures moving forward?

14 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes, going forward  
15 if you want to file a protest you have to file it  
16 in writing. Submit the protest in writing.

17 MS. PATEL: We don't have to file it  
18 through the ANC, we can file it?

19 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: No, the ABC, the  
20 ANC does not issue liquor licenses, the ABC Board  
21 does so whenever you're going to file a protest  
22 it has to be filed with the ABC Board, not with

1 the ANC, and if Mr. Fanning were here then I  
2 would grant standing to the ANC and then the  
3 ANC could still represent your interests, but  
4 there is no one here on behalf of the Advisory  
5 Neighborhood Commission and so that protest is  
6 dismissed.

7           So, what -- and Ms. Patel and Mr.  
8 Wentworth, you will not hear any further  
9 communication from the agency, because we didn't  
10 receive a protest from you we don't recognize you  
11 as protestants, but the ANC will receive an order  
12 from the ABC Board dismissing their protest for  
13 failure to appear today. Once they receive that  
14 they will have ten days to seek reinstatement of  
15 their protest, explaining to the ABC Board why  
16 they were not here today. If the Board accepts  
17 that explanation and grants standing to the ANC  
18 then I will contact Drafting Table and we'll pick  
19 up where we left off, but for the purpose of the  
20 Roll Call Hearing today, ANC 2F is dismissed and  
21 there are no protestants at this time.

22           MR. GORDON: Thank you, we were in

1 communication with them and they said  
2 specifically they were dropping the protest and  
3 that's why they were not coming.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Well, then, if  
5 they do that, if they decide to withdraw the  
6 protest, we'll receive the withdrawal and the  
7 Board will approve that. If they don't withdraw  
8 the protest it's going to be dismissed anyway  
9 since they weren't here so either way there is  
10 not going to be a protest.

11 MR. GORDON: And for our liquor license,  
12 I'm sorry to keep you, I'm just curious. For our  
13 liquor license what does that mean exactly?

14 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: What that means is  
15 you're going to receive a copy of the Board order  
16 dismissing the ANC. The ANC will have ten days  
17 to seek reinstatement, so that ten-day period  
18 will have to pass. Once that passes and they  
19 don't seek reinstatement then you can proceed  
20 through the licensing division and let the  
21 licensing specialist know that there was no  
22 protest. They'll know from us, but you can then

1 proceed through the process where the license is  
2 issued. That's what happens next.

3 MR. GORDON: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mm hmm. Oh, and  
5 Mr. Gordon, did you put your contact information  
6 on the sheet?

7 MR. GORDON: I did, it's right here at the  
8 top.

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, thank you  
10 very much.

11 MR. SCOTT: We have to stay for another  
12 matter.

13 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Oh, which one?

14 MR. SCOTT: Red Light.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: That's the trade  
16 name?

17 MR. SCOTT: The trade name is Bar di Bari.

18 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: What's the trade  
19 name again?

20 MR. SCOTT: You might have Bar di Bari or  
21 Red Light. I'm not sure which is there.

22 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: I don't have that

1 on the calendar. So, there was no protest filed  
2 against that application.

3 MR. SCOTT: I didn't think so.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Would you spell it  
5 for me what you just said? Just spell it for me  
6 again.

7 MR. SCOTT: Oh, it would either be on the  
8 words Red and Light, two separate words, Red  
9 Light or it would be on BAR space D-I space B-A-  
10 R-I.

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yeah, I'm just  
12 making sure I don't have it. I don't -- I don't  
13 think.

14 MR. SCOTT: Yeah it was a totally  
15 separate issue, it had nothing to do with  
16 protests.

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yeah, that wasn't  
18 protested.

19 MR. SCOTT: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay.

21 MR. SCOTT: Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you for

1 coming. The Roll Call Hearing is concluded in  
2 the matter of Drafting Table.

3 [Off the record 11:00 a.m.]

4 [On the record 11:06 a.m.]

5 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mr. Dorsey, I'm  
6 going to ask you to come back to the table again,  
7 I'm going to reopen the case and undo the  
8 dismissal and grant standing to the ANC. Case  
9 #16-PRO-00036, in the matter of Drafting Table,  
10 is being reopened to acknowledge the presence of  
11 Maurice Dorsey, to recognize the appearance of  
12 Mr. Dorsey on behalf of ANC 2F. Earlier this  
13 morning there was some confusion about whether or  
14 not someone was present on behalf of ANC 2F. The  
15 confusion has been cleared up and Mr. Dorsey is  
16 in fact present on behalf of ANC 2F. He is  
17 representing John Fanning who is the chair of ANC  
18 2F.

19 MR. FANNING: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mr. Dorsey I'm  
21 going to give you -- you can jot these dates  
22 down. I'm going to give you some dates --

1 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: -- that are  
3 upcoming.

4 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: There is going to  
6 be a status hearing on July 13th.

7 MR. DORSEY: July?

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mm hmm July 13th.  
9 9:30.

10 MR. DORSEY: 9:30 a.m.?

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: 9:30 a.m.

12 MR. DORSEY: In this building?

13 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: In this room right  
14 here.

15 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And so that's the  
17 status hearing before the Board on July 13 at  
18 9:30 a.m. There's going to be a protest hearing  
19 before the Board in this room on August 10th.

20 MR. DORSEY: On July?

21 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: On August 10th.

22 MR. DORSEY: August 10th.

1 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: August 10, 2016 at  
2 1:30 p.m.

3 MR. DORSEY: 1:30.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: 1:30 and you're  
5 going to receive an e-mail notice of these things  
6 as well.

7 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: So, that's the  
9 reason you needed to put your contact  
10 information.

11 MR. DORSEY: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: We have your  
13 daytime number and e-mail address?

14 MR. DORSEY: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: So, you'll receive  
16 a hearing notice with this status date, a protest  
17 date and I'm going to give you a date for  
18 mediation.

19 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Let's see here.  
21 The mediation date that is next available is  
22 Friday, June 24 at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00.

1 MR. DORSEY: June?

2 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: June 24. That's a  
3 Friday. That's Friday, June 24. That's the next  
4 date that the mediation is available and I know  
5 that this may be tentative because you have to  
6 get back and talk to someone else. I'm going to  
7 put the date on the --

8 MR. DORSEY: Okay, what's the time?

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: 9:00, 10:00 or  
10 11:00.

11 MR. DORSEY: 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00? I get  
12 to select?

13 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes.

14 MR. DORSEY: I'm just going to say 9:30.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, 9:30. So, I  
16 have mediation set for 9:30 on Friday, June 24.

17 MR. DORSEY: And the protest date is  
18 August 10.

19 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes, the protest  
20 date is August 10.

21 MR. DORSEY: At 1:30.

22 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: At 1:30.

1 MR. DORSEY: The status hearing is July  
2 14th at 9:30.

3 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: July 13th.

4 MR. DORSEY: Oh 13th?

5 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mm hmm July 13 at  
6 9:30 a.m.

7 MR. DORSEY: And all of them in this  
8 room?

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yeah, yes. So,  
10 the status hearing and the protest hearing are in  
11 this room. The mediation is normally in this  
12 room. It's available most of the time. Every  
13 now and then we have to hold the mediation in a  
14 different room but you would just check in out  
15 front when you come anyway.

16 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And there's my  
18 card on the table.

19 MR. DORSEY: Yes. Laverne Fletcher.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: I'm the Board's  
21 mediator. That's right, so when you come for  
22 mediation I'll be the, I'll be here.

1 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And I will contact  
3 the applicant and let the applicant know that you  
4 were granted standing after they left because as  
5 far as they know you didn't show.

6 MR. DORSEY: Yes, yes, yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes that was Mr.  
8 Gordon and Mr. Scott. I'll contact them and let  
9 them know that the ANC was granted standing.

10 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: And we'll put this  
12 case back on track.

13 MR. DORSEY: Okay, and then I'll get an  
14 e-mail of this.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes, you're going  
16 to get an e-mail saying what the mediation date  
17 is, status hearing, protest hearing, and the  
18 letter explains a little bit about what happens  
19 at each proceeding. You'll also receive a copy  
20 of something called a protest information form.  
21 That's a form that needs to be submitted seven  
22 days before the protest hearing if there's going

1 to be one. The mediation is to try to settle the  
2 issues so that can happen. There's a settlement  
3 agreement. If the Board approves it there won't  
4 be a protest hearing so you wouldn't need to  
5 submit that form seven days before a protest  
6 hearing.

7 MR. DORSEY: Okay. All right. Well,  
8 thank you for clarifying that.

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: You're very  
10 welcome. I'm glad -- I'm glad you stayed behind  
11 and I stayed behind.

12 MR. DORSEY: Well, yeah, I'm new to the  
13 process so I need a little forgiveness.

14 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: There's no problem  
15 at all, I'm glad we cleared it up. So now the  
16 ANC will not get a Board order dismissing their  
17 protest because you were here.

18 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Any other  
20 questions or anything?

21 MR. DORSEY: No, I have your card, and  
22 I'll look for your e-mail and I have recorded the

1 dates.

2 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MR. DORSEY: And, will once we'll handle  
4 the Pearl Dive.

5 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: I don't have Pearl  
6 Dive on the calendar. I'm going to check just to  
7 make sure. It shouldn't be on the calendar.

8 MR. DORSEY: Willis, do you want to  
9 come up here?

10 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: I'm going to check  
11 my -- you can have a seat right there. I'll be  
12 back in one minute, I just want to check  
13 something in the back, I'll be right back. There  
14 was not a protest filed in the matter of Pearl  
15 Dive, so there's no hearing for that. If Mr.  
16 Fanning has a record to show that he filed the  
17 protest he can let us know and we would make sure  
18 to schedule a Roll Call Hearing.

19 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: But that case  
21 wasn't on the calendar today and what that means  
22 is there was no protest filed against that

1 application. And like I said if Mr. Fanning did  
2 file a protest against the application he can let  
3 us know.

4 MR. DORSEY: Yeah, we went to the new  
5 ANC.

6 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: We didn't get the  
7 actual protest letter --

8 MR. DORSEY: We meet tomorrow.

9 MR. WILLIS: I don't know, I don't go to  
10 all the meetings.

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yeah, we don't, we  
12 don't know if the protest was actually filed. I  
13 mean I know it sounds like there was a resolution  
14 to do it but we don't have anything to show that  
15 it was actually filed. Let me make sure, one  
16 other place. I'm going to make sure that the  
17 protest letter that Mr. Fanning did file did not  
18 include both. No one gave me a case for both,  
19 just for one. Let me check, there's one other  
20 thing I can check. The protest letter to the ANC  
21 is only protesting the Drafting Table.

22 MR. WILLIS: Okay, so I've got notes from

1 the ANC offer meeting but it doesn't -- it says  
2 they're protesting it.

3 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Right.

4 MR. WILLIS: But unless they filed  
5 something it doesn't matter. We'll talk with  
6 them for wasting my time.

7 MR. DORSEY: Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Ok, well thank you  
9 for staying.

10 MR. DORSEY: Now you're going to pick  
11 these up or can we?

12 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: They can stay  
13 right there, yep, I'll get them.

14  
15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was  
16 concluded.)

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