

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

2 9:47 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on
4 our calendar is Case Number 19-PRO-00029,
5 Pizzeria Paradiso, License Number 109295.

6 MS. GATES: Good morning.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your name?

8 MS. GRESSER: Ruth Gresser.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

10 And you are the?

11 MS. GRESSER: Owner of Pizzeria
12 Paradiso.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

14 MS. GATES: Alma Gates, representing
15 Spring Valley Neighbors.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you, is this
17 a ANC or is it a group who's protesting the --

18 MS. GATES: Just protesting.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry.

20 MS. GATES: It's not the ANC.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you are the
22 -- so what's your organization?

1 MS. GATES: The Spring Valley
2 Neighbors. The ones who filed --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, this is a
4 group of five or more?

5 MS. GATES: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. That's
7 why, that's why --

8 MS. GATES: That's why we refer to
9 ourselves as the Group of 5 or More.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am. You
11 refer to yourself as the Group of 5.

12 I'm sorry, what was, I'm sorry, what
13 was your name again, ma'am?

14 MS. GATES: Pardon?

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was your
16 name again?

17 MS. GATES: Alma.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Alma. Ms.
19 Gates? Ms. what, Gates?

20 MS. GATES: Gates.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Gates. Yes,
22 Ms. Gates, you are, you represent the Group of 5

1 or More, so that's how we, we will refer to you
2 for you to present in a group of five or more.

3 All right. There is no issue with,
4 there is no issue with all five members of the
5 group was at the roll call here. Am I correct?

6 MS. GATES: We were represented, yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but I'm
8 saying but all five folks were there?

9 MS. GATES: I don't think five were
10 here.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Were you there?

12 MS. GATES: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'm not
14 trying to create issues that I am -- my board
15 members pointed out to me that the designated
16 representative --

17 (Pause.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
19 There are no issues.

20 MS. GATES: Excuse me.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am?

22 MS. GATES: At the protest hearing,

1 yes, more than five were here.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: At the roll call
3 hearing that you had. But that one is the first
4 hearing that you had is the roll call hearing.
5 And that's when the Board --

6 MS. GATES: Yes. That's when we were
7 all here.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. And the
9 Board agent granted the group of, I guess it was
10 27, but it's the group of five or more. And you
11 were granted standing to move forward to protest
12 the matter. And it says that Thomas Smith is the
13 designated representative. But you're just here
14 today representing the group, which is fine.

15 MS. GATES: Mr. Smith has a medical
16 board meeting today.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
18 That's fine.

19 All right. This matter is scheduled
20 for a protest hearing on August the 7th at 4:30.
21 Has either side participated in a protest hearing
22 before? I'm not familiar with the group, so.

1 Do you need me to read the
2 instructions or are you comfortable with the
3 instructions?

4 MS. GRESSER: I don't need to.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I
6 didn't hear what you said.

7 MS. GRESSER: I don't need you to read
8 the instructions.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

10 MS. GATES: I'm fine.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As I said
12 before, this matter is scheduled for a protest
13 hearing on August 7th at 4:30. And seven days
14 before the hearing each side is supposed to
15 disclose their documents or witnesses to each
16 side. And it's mandatory that you do that.

17 If you have any problems in
18 understanding how the process goes, if you need
19 any type of assistance, please contact Ms. April
20 Randall, our Assistant General Counsel. Her
21 phone number is 202-442-4353.

22 My goal has always been if the sides

1 decide to do a settlement agreement, the Board
2 will sign off on it. If you can't agree and if
3 you come to the, if you come to the protest
4 hearing, and if you want the Board to memorialize
5 an agreement, I will do that.

6 And my position has always been this
7 is your neighborhood. You live in the
8 neighborhood. And so if you can come to an
9 agreement, that's fine. If you can't come to an
10 agreement, the Board will make a decision.

11 I don't have a problem making a
12 decision, but I think sometimes if you make your
13 own decision then both of you are happy. If the
14 Board makes the decision, someone is going to be
15 unhappy.

16 But we will be here to assist and
17 associate whichever one it is. But if we have to
18 have a protest hearing on August 7th at 4:30, then
19 we will. And we will make a decision that I
20 believe that hopefully both sides will, will be
21 satisfied with if it goes that far.

22 So, if you continue to talk, talking,

1 if you can't agree we'll see you August 7th at
2 4:30.

3 Have a great day.

4 MS. GRESSER: Thank you.

5 MS. GATES: Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, at 9:53 a.m., the above-
7 entitled matter was concluded.)
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