

ALSO PRESENT:

MATTHEW MURPHY, Applicant

BRITTANY RYAN, Applicant

NICK BERNEL, Applicant

KARLA LEWIS, ANC 5E

RODNEY POWELL, Group of 11

JEAN WATKINS

KATHIE SHAHAN

SELMA DILLARD

FELICIA LYNCH

ROSCOE HAMMONDS

CHERYL ROBINSON

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

2 10:19 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 the matter of The Pub and the People, The Pub and
5 the People please come forward. This is Case No.
6 19-PRO-00095, Cornerstone Bar Group LLC, 1648
7 North Capitol Street, Northwest, License No.
8 ABRA-094089.

9 This is a Retailer Class CT
10 substantial change -- don't move the -- thank
11 you. This is a substantial change. It's
12 expansion to the basement, adding 24 seats,
13 increasing occupancy on first floor from 84 to
14 98, total occupancy increase from 84 to 144.

15 The protest issues are adverse impact
16 on peace, order and quiet and real property
17 values. My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
18 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent.
19 Introductions, beginning with the Applicant,
20 please.

21 MR. MURPHY: My name is Matthew
22 Murphy. I'm one of the owners of Cornerstone Bar

1 Group.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Murphy.

3 Is that M-A-T-T?

4 MR. MURPHY: Yes.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Your name, ma'am?

6 MS. RYAN: I'm Brittany Ryan,
7 B-R-I-T-T-A-N-Y R-Y-A-N. I'm also one of the
8 partners of Cornerstone Bar Group.

9 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, Brittany,
10 what did you say? Your first name is B-R-I-T-T

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12 MS. RYAN: A-N-Y.

13 MS. FLETCHER: A-N-Y. Mm-hm.

14 MS. RYAN: Ryan, R-Y-A-N.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

16 MS. RYAN: I'm also one of the
17 partners.

18 MR. BERNEL: I'm Nick Bernel, spelled
19 B-E-R-N-E-L, and I'm also one of the owners.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry; what's the
21 first name again?

22 MR. BERNEL: Nick.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Nick. Nick, what's
2 the last name?

3 MR. BERNEL: Bernel, B-E-R-N-E-L.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Present on
5 behalf of ANC 5E.

6 MS. LEWIS: Yes, I'm Karla Lewis, ANC
7 5E06.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Lewis, would you
9 spell your name for the record, please?

10 MS. LEWIS: Karla, K-A-R-L-A, Lewis,
11 L-E-W-I-S.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
13 behalf of the group of 11?

14 MR. POWELL: Yes.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Your name, sir?

16 MR. POWELL: Good morning. I'm Rodney
17 Powell.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell that
19 for the record, please, Mr. Powell?

20 MR. POWELL: Powell, P, like Peter,
21 O-W-E-L-L.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone else present

1 from your group today?

2 MR. POWELL: Yes, we have five.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, if you would just
4 stand right between Mr. Powell and Ms. Lewis and
5 state your name into the microphone and spell it
6 for the record.

7 MS. WATKINS: Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, you're welcome.

9 MS. WATKINS: It's Jean, J-E-A-N,
10 Watkins, W-A-T-K-I-N-S.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

12 MS. SHAHAN: Kathie Shahan,

13 K-A-T-H-I-E S-H-A-H-A-N.

14 MS. FLETCHER: S-H-A-H-A-N?

15 MS. SHAHAN: Yes.

16 MS. FLETCHER: S-A-H --

17 MS. SHAHAN: S-H-A.

18 MS. FLETCHER: S-H-A.

19 MS. SHAHAN: H-A-N.

20 MS. FLETCHER: H-A-N.

21 MS. SHAHAN: Right.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

1 MS. DILLARD: Selma, S-E-L-M-A,
2 Dillard, D-I-L-L-A-R-D.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Selma, did you say the
4 last name was Dillard or Villard?

5 MS. DILLARD: Dillard, D.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Like dog?

7 MS. DILLARD: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
9 much.

10 MS. LYNCH: Felicia Lynch.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Can you state that one
12 more time?

13 MS. LYNCH: Felicia Lynch.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Is that F-E-L-I-C-I-A?

15 MS. LYNCH: (Simultaneous Speaking.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: How do you spell the
17 last name?

18 MS. LYNCH: L-Y-N-C-H.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

20 MR. HAMMONDS: Roscoe Hammonds,

21 R-O-S-C-O-E H-A-M-M --

22 MS. FLETCHER: Can you speak into the

1 microphone, please? It's on this table right
2 here, thank you.

3 MR. HAMMONDS: Roscoe Hammonds,
4 H-A-M-M-O-N-D-S.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, and the
6 first name is R-O-S-C-O-E.

7 MR. HAMMONDS: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

9 MS. ROBINSON: Cheryl Robinson, with
10 a C-H-E-R-Y-L, Robinson.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Everybody
12 present signed the protest letter.

13 MR. POWELL: Yes.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. I counted
15 seven people present today.

16 MR. POWELL: Yes, that's correct.

17 MS. FLETCHER: What that means is that
18 your group of 11 is granted full standing as a
19 protestant. The Board needs to see at least five
20 faces in order to be granted full standing, and
21 you have seven people present today, so your
22 group is granted standing.

1 Mr. Powell, at the upcoming status
2 hearing, only you need to appear because we've
3 already seen the requisite number of people. Mr.
4 Powell, you're also representing --

5 MR. POWELL: Sukh Mutneja.

6 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to spell that
7 for the record.

8 MR. POWELL: Okay, as you should.

9 MS. FLETCHER: I've got the spelling
10 right here. Is that a male or a female?

11 MR. POWELL: Male.

12 MS. FLETCHER: His name is spelled
13 S-U-K-H-M-O-H-I-N-D, like dog, E-R. His last
14 name looks like Mutneja. I'll spell it. It's
15 spelled M-U-T-N-E-J-A. I have a question for
16 you, Mr. Powell. Mr. Mutneja has filed a protest
17 as an abutting property owner.

18 MR. POWELL: Yes, that is correct.

19 MS. FLETCHER: His property actually
20 abuts the establishment.

21 MR. POWELL: Yes.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Do you know if they

1 share a common wall?

2 MR. POWELL: They do.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Murphy, do you know
4 if they share a common wall, meaning that they
5 touch on some level?

6 MR. MURPHY: There's a party wall,
7 yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: That means that Mr.
9 Mutneja is granted standing as a protestor. He
10 needs to be present at the upcoming status
11 hearing, so that we see him in person.
12 Otherwise, his protest will be dismissed. So
13 actually, today, we're granting him conditional
14 standing. He needs to show up at the upcoming
15 status hearing.

16 MR. POWELL: I'll let him know.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions so far?
18 We need to set a date for a status hearing, a
19 protest hearing, and a mediation. I'm going to
20 give you the dates of the status and protest
21 hearing first. The status hearing is scheduled
22 for September 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. That's

1 September 25, at 9:30 a.m. The protest hearing
2 is set for November 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

3 MR. POWELL: The first one was the
4 status, you said?

5 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, the first one is
6 the status hearing. The September 25th date is
7 the status hearing. That's at 9:30. The second
8 date, November 6th, is the protest hearing.

9 MR. POWELL: Mr. Mutneja needs to
10 confirm his --

11 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mutneja needs to be
12 present on September 25 in order to maintain his
13 standing. He's been granted conditional standing
14 today, but he has to appear on September 25 in
15 order for the Board to grant him full standing or
16 his protest will be dismissed at the status
17 hearing.

18 MS. LEWIS: Is the protest hearing
19 date, is it possible to amend that date?

20 MS. FLETCHER: You would need to send
21 a request to Martha Jenkins, our general counsel.
22 Martha is spelled M-A-R-T-H-A, Jenkins,

1 J-E-N-K-I-N-S. Martha Jenkins is our general
2 counsel. Ms. Lewis, do you know her email
3 address?

4 MS. LEWIS: I do.

5 MS. FLETCHER: That's
6 martha.jenkins@dc.gov. You would need to copy --
7 let me ask you something. Mr. Murphy, you're
8 representing the establishment?

9 MR. MURPHY: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You would need to copy
11 Mr. --

12 MS. LEWIS: First, let me ask is that
13 date okay with everyone?

14 MS. RYAN: We prefer earlier.

15 MR. MURPHY: I think we would prefer
16 earlier, but I don't believe --

17 MS. LEWIS: Yes, me, too, that's what
18 I'm aiming for.

19 PARTICIPANT: Yes, as early as
20 possible, if that works for you.

21 MR. POWELL: I think an earlier date
22 would be better for me.

1 MS. FLETCHER: You mean earliest date
2 for the protest hearing?

3 MS. LEWIS: Yes.

4 MS. FLETCHER: That's the earliest.
5 That actually is the earliest date.

6 MS. LEWIS: I was hoping that -- I
7 heard October 3rd and 30th, so I was hoping that
8 it would --

9 PARTICIPANT: Me, too. That's okay.

10 MS. FLETCHER: That's actually the
11 earliest. We need to set a date for the
12 mediation. The next available day for mediation
13 is Tuesday, September 17, at 9:00, 10:00, 10:30,
14 11:00, basically any time on that day, up until
15 2:00 in the afternoon.

16 MR. POWELL: That day does not work
17 for me.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, I'll keep moving.
19 How about --

20 MR. POWELL: Should mediation be
21 before or after the status?

22 MS. FLETCHER: It's going to be

1 before. It can be after if it has to be, if
2 you're not available before, because your status
3 hearing is coming up pretty fast for the
4 mediation calendar. It's okay with the Board if
5 the mediation happens after the status hearing,
6 but you would still need to appear for the status
7 hearing and tell the Board that the mediation is
8 upcoming. That would be okay. The next
9 available day for mediation is Thursday,
10 September 19.

11 MR. POWELL: How about the 20th?

12 MS. FLETCHER: The 20th is not good.
13 Fridays are actually the only day that are not
14 good days.

15 MR. POWELL: What time were you
16 proposing on the 19th?

17 MS. FLETCHER: On the 19th?

18 MR. POWELL: Yes.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Any time in the
20 morning, up until 2:00 in the afternoon. We can
21 also do it on the 18th. That's a Wednesday.

22 MS. LEWIS: The 18th works out better

1 for me.

2 MS. FLETCHER: It's okay with you, Mr.
3 Murphy, whatever?

4 (Simultaneous Speaking.)

5 MS. FLETCHER: The 18th is better?

6 MR. POWELL: 19th.

7 MS. FLETCHER: The 19th is better? If
8 you want to do it on the 19th, you can pick any
9 time between 9:00 and 2:00.

10 MR. POWELL: Probably 10:00 a.m.

11 MR. MURPHY: Which date is this, now?

12 PARTICIPANT: The 19th.

13 PARTICIPANT: 10:00 it's going to be.

14 MR. MURPHY: If we could do it closer
15 to lunch.

16 MS. FLETCHER: 11:30?

17 MR. MURPHY: That would be perfect.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Lewis, 11:30, does
19 that work?

20 MS. LEWIS: 11:30 is fine, September
21 19th.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Mediation is set

1 for 11:30 on September 19. Just check in out
2 front. The mediation's probably going to take
3 place in here, but if you check in out front,
4 I'll come out. If it's not going to be here,
5 then I'll take you someplace else. Any
6 questions? Okay, the roll call hearing is
7 concluded, and thank you for coming.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
9 went off the record at 10:33 a.m.)

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