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2 10:39 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Our
4 next case is a Fact-Finding Hearing for Seven
5 Seas Restaurant, License No. 654.

6 Will the parties, please, approach and
7 identify themselves for the record, please?

8 INTERPRETER HUIE: My name is Sharon
9 Huie. I'm the interpreter.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Either side, it
11 doesn't matter, whatever.

12 Can you raise your right hand, please,
13 ma'am? No, no, you. All right. Raise your
14 right hand, please.

15 Do you solemnly affirm that you will
16 faithfully and accurately interpret the
17 proceedings in this matter from English into
18 Cantonese and from Cantonese into English to the
19 best of your ability?

20 INTERPRETER HUIE: Yes, I do.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Have a
22 seat, please. Good morning. Could the applicant

1 identify herself for the record, please?

2 MS. PO FUNG: My name is Liu Tsui Po
3 Fung, Seven Seas Restaurant.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5 Good morning. Have a seat. There is a sign-in
6 sheet. Have her sign-in, please.

7 All right. I guess the first question
8 I want to ask, does the business have a basic
9 business license?

10 MS. PO FUNG: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you provide
12 us a copy?

13 MS. PO FUNG: (No audible answer.)

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Hold on. So when is this restaurant able to
16 open?

17 MS. PO FUNG: Here for you to activate
18 this license, plus the ABC License, then we will
19 start the business.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?
21 Activate what license? I'm sorry.

22 MS. PO FUNG: Yeah, to activate this

1 ABRA License, because I understand that has been
2 taken away from me right now, so I just wanted to
3 apologize for that, because I missed the payment
4 because I wasn't aware of the letter or the phone
5 call.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't
7 think -- I know that the reason why the license
8 was canceled was because it did not appear to our
9 Investigator -- all right.

10 We were asked to take the license out
11 of safekeeping, because you wanted to open on
12 February 14th.

13 MS. PO FUNG: I think there is some
14 miscommunication there. All right. Okay. So
15 Ms. Campbell, Kelly Campbell called Mr. Romero,
16 who is the manager of Seven Seas Restaurant, and
17 informed him about the payment/fee. And yet, Mr.
18 Romero did not tell me about the message.

19 And so and until I received the
20 cancellation of the -- okay, so I did not even
21 know about the cancellation of -- the letter for
22 the cancellation.

1 So I came here and then I talked to
2 Ms. Kelly and then that was when she gave me this
3 letter, which I did not receive.

4 So I want to apologize that I missed
5 that payment.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. But
7 let me ask a question. Does she have a C of O, a
8 Certificate of Occupancy for the business?

9 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, she does.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, were you--
11 was -- are you waiting for someone to come to
12 inspect the property for you to open up or why --
13 did DCRA come and do a final inspection?

14 MS. PO FUNG: Yes. Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?

16 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, we already have all
17 that inspection.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can I see that,
19 please? I'm going to give you all your stuff
20 back. Okay. So why did you not pay the
21 safekeeping fees?

22 MS. PO FUNG: So it was because of the

1 miscommunication, because when Ms. Kelly told Mr.
2 Romero, my manager --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

4 MS. PO FUNG: -- all that and he did
5 not inform me. And until I got the cancellation,
6 then I contacted Ms. Kelly and that's when she
7 handed me this letter, but I did not receive this
8 letter earlier either.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So did you
10 attempt to pay, to tell her that okay, fine, I
11 can pay the fee?

12 MS. PO FUNG: I did offer to her, but
13 she said that I have to appear before the Board.
14 So after the Board meeting, then they would
15 inform me whether I could pay it or not.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Go
17 ahead. I'm sorry. Go ahead, finish, I didn't
18 hear.

19 INTERPRETER HUIE: Oh, okay.

20 MS. PO FUNG: So yeah, she told me
21 that I need to go through the Board's decision
22 before I could pay it.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if the Board
2 was to reconsider its decision, when could the
3 rest -- when would the restaurant open?

4 MS. PO FUNG: As soon as possible.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: What's that mean?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if, say for
7 example, the Board said today that we will give
8 you your license back, when can she open? When
9 will she be able to open?

10 MS. PO FUNG: So we will do -- you
11 know, we will want to open it up as soon as
12 possible. I'm hoping by the end of March, but
13 then sometimes, you know, there may be some kind
14 of obstacle, but that I could not be sure, but I
15 am really hoping by the end of March.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what would--
17 it's now -- that's like a month. So what needs
18 to be done? Why should she need until the end of
19 March? Why not Monday? Why another month?

20 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, because we still
21 have to install the TV cable and also all the
22 Internet cables, because right now the person

1 next door did not allow us to do that. So we
2 have to think of ways to do that and also we
3 still have to hire the best cook that we could.
4 And so it might take a little time there.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Can I ask a question?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
7 Alberti.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: So maybe someone can
9 show you. Martha, can you show her the picture
10 that we have of the front of the establishment?

11 MS. JENKINS: Sure.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: So my question is
13 will this restaurant have the same name, Seven
14 Seas?

15 MS. PO FUNG: Yes.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. I am a
17 little -- I find it -- well, there is no signage
18 here. I mean, you are poised to open and there
19 is absolutely no signage here. Why is that?

20 MS. PO FUNG: There is -- because you
21 only need one day for that, the signs.

22 MEMBER ALBERTI: You only need one

1 day? So has she -- okay, fine. Can you --

2 MS. PO FUNG: We already have the sign
3 on the top there. The white part there.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: There is no message
5 on that sign.

6 MS. PO FUNG: But those will be
7 carried very quick. We already have it ready for
8 that one.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So do you have
10 a contract or a proposal for that signage?

11 MS. PO FUNG: I know that it can be
12 done very quickly. It will not affect, you know,
13 the time of our opening.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: Does she have a
15 company that she knows she will engage to do
16 that?

17 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, the name is called
18 Sign of Tomorrow.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Sign of Tomorrow.
20 Okay. And is the kitchen ready for operation?

21 MS. PO FUNG: Yes. Yes, it has
22 already passed all the inspections.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Pardon?

2 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, it has already
3 passed all the inspections.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: It has passed the
5 health inspection?

6 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, from the Health
7 Department, yes.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: I have no further
9 questions right now.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
11 questions? Mr. Brashears, do you want to add
12 anything to these proceedings?

13 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: Yes, sir, I
14 can. Do I need to --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can just
16 come up, please. Please, identify yourself for
17 the record, please.

18 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: ABRA
19 Supervisory Investigator Mark Brashears.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you
21 familiar? Is there anything to add towards this
22 establishment?

1 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: Well, I
2 understand there might have been some confusion
3 about the BBL. Basically, upon reviewing my memo
4 and just checking PIVS a few moments ago, on the
5 date that I initially or Investigator Puente
6 initially did the PIVS check, it was January 30th.

7 I visited the establishment on January
8 30th and when I checked PIVS again on the 5th of
9 January when I authored the memo, there was
10 nothing showing up in PIVS. Well, now, the
11 permit shows up and it is dated 1 February. So
12 it does show an active BBL for the establishment.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

14 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: But wasn't
15 reflected in the database at the time of the
16 memo.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I saw that.
18 What she provided us a document, it has a
19 February date. So that's why in reviewing your
20 memo, that was why I had asked her -- that was
21 the first question I had asked her about the
22 basic business license. So we stand corrected.

1 It's just that your -- the time you went to visit
2 the place, there was no basic -- there was no
3 active basic business license at that location.

4 All right. All right. Anything else
5 you want to state, ma'am?

6 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, I just want you to
7 accept my apology for missing the payment.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if we were
9 to do it, when would you be -- if we, if the
10 Board was to decide to grant you the -- for the
11 license to remain in safekeeping through March
12 30th of 2019, when would you make the payment with
13 -- if there is an -- when would you be able to
14 make those payments?

15 MS. PO FUNG: How much would the late
16 payment fee be?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know,
18 but I'm just saying I don't know if there is a
19 late fee, but what I'm trying to say is that when
20 would you be able -- I know it shouldn't be that
21 much more, but when would you be able to make the
22 payment? At least the payment for -- well,

1 because it is late, there will be late fees. But
2 I don't know what the payment is to keep the
3 license in safekeeping.

4 However, when would she be able to pay
5 it?

6 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, as soon as I know
7 how much the fine, the payment will be, I will be
8 going to the bank to make that payment.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
10 right. Any other questions by any other Board
11 Members? All right.

12 All right. What I'm going to do is
13 that we are going to go around back and --

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: We can take this
15 under consideration and let her know.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, all right.
17 All right. We will -- any final comments you
18 want to make?

19 MS. PO FUNG: If I get this approved,
20 I'll be very happy to open up the restaurant and
21 finish other minor work and open up the
22 restaurant as soon as I can.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
2 right. The Board will take this matter under
3 advisement and we will let you know. All right.
4 Thank you.

5 INTERPRETER HUIE: So are we done?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we are
7 done.

8 INTERPRETER HUIE: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So we will let
10 her know. We will discuss it and we will let her
11 know what the decision is.

12 INTERPRETER HUIE: Okay.

13 MS. PO FUNG: Do you know when? How
14 long it will be?

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She will get a
16 decision before the week is out.

17 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, will you be able to
18 mail the letter to me about the decision?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have your
20 correct address? What is your --

21 MS. PO FUNG: It's a P.O. box. It
22 will be P.O. Box 56176.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can -- ask her
2 to --

3 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Can she go to --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ask her to
5 write it and write her address and give it to the
6 Agency, so we will make sure that we have --

7 INTERPRETER HUIE: Sure, yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- her correct
9 address. So tell her to give us, give the
10 Agency. Can you help her and write it on
11 something?

12 INTERPRETER HUIE: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And before she
14 leaves here?

15 INTERPRETER HUIE: Sure.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
17 Okay. We do have your -- did you receive
18 something in the mail from us to be here today?

19 MS. PO FUNG: Yes.

20 INTERPRETER HUIE: Yes, she did
21 receive this, yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that is her

1 address?

2 INTERPRETER HUIE: Yes, that's her
3 address, yes, um-hum.

4 MS. PO FUNG: Yes, that's it, P.O.
5 box.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

7 INTERPRETER HUIE: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

9 Thank you.

10 INTERPRETER HUIE: Okay. Thanks.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

12 MS. PO FUNG: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

14 Then thank you. Bye-bye. We are off the record.

15 (Whereupon, the Fact-Finding Hearing
16 was concluded at 11:05 a.m.)

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