

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Case #13-PRO-00068 :
Kusam International, Inc. :
t/a Stone Fish Restaurant & :
Lounge :
(formerly Balletto Dining :
Lounge) :
1050 17th Street, N.W. :
License #ABRA-014073 :
Retailer CR :
License Renewal :
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October 7, 2013

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Ms. La Verne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

10:06 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties
in the matter of Stone Fish Restaurant &
Lounge -- Stone Fish Restaurant & Lounge?

This is Case Number 13-PRO-00068,
Kusam International, Inc. trading as Stone
Fish Restaurant & Lounge and just for the
record, formerly known as Balletto Dining
Lounge, 1050 17th Street, N.W., License Number
ABRA-014073. This is a Retailer CR License
Renewal. The protest issues are adverse
impact on peace, order and quiet.

My name is La Verne Fletcher and
I'll be conducting the Roll Call Hearing as
the Board's Agent pursuant to D.C. Official
Code 1601.2.

Introductions beginning with the
Applicant.

MR. FONSECA: Michael Fonseca on
behalf of the Licensee. With me is its
President Rahul R-A-H-U-L Arora A-R-O-R-A.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. One
2 second.

3 Mr. Fonseca, your last name is
4 spelled F-O-N-S-E-C-A?

5 MR. FONSECA: Yes.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that right?
7 Okay.

8 MR. FONSECA: For the record, I
9 know the court reporters used to it.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. I'm
11 sure he is and for ANC 2B?

12 MS. NICHOLS: I'm Abigail Nichols,
13 the Commissioner for Single Member District
14 2B05. One of those designated as a
15 representative of the ANC in the petition of
16 protest.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
18 Nichols and would you spell your name for the
19 record please?

20 MS. NICHOLS: Abigail is A-B-I-G-
21 A-I-L and Nichols is N-I-C-H-O-L-S.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. ANC 2B

1 does have standing as a protestant. We need
2 to schedule a date for mediation, a status
3 hearing and a protest hearing and I'll give
4 you the date for the status and protest
5 hearing first.

6 The date for the status hearing
7 is November 13, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

8 MS. NICHOLS: November 13th.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Um-hum.

10 MS. NICHOLS: Nine-thirty?

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. Yes.

12 And the date for the protest hearing is
13 January 29, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

14 We need to schedule a date for
15 mediation to occur prior to November 13.

16 MR. FONSECA: Same as the last.

17 If we could have -- perhaps if it's even later
18 on October 31st or into the next week in
19 November.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

21 MS. NICHOLS: Which gives us time.
22 We haven't had a chance to talk informally.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Exactly. When
2 then I'll just move to the --

3 MR. FONSECA: November.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: -- first week in
5 -- actually, there are 31 days in October.

6 MS. NICHOLS: I'm going to be gone
7 the last week in October.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

9 MS. NICHOLS: I'll tell you my
10 schedule.

11 MR. FONSECA: Okay. Then --

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, then the
13 second week in November?

14 MS. NICHOLS: First or second week
15 in November is fine.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, then for
17 the -- you want to make it -- let's see. Is
18 election day a holiday? I was going to say
19 November 5. That's election day. What is --
20 I don't know if that's -- are we off on the --

21 MR. FONSECA: Yes, well, yes, D.C.
22 doesn't have an election.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, I don't know
2 what day that is. So, let's go with November
3 5. That's the Tuesday.

4 MS. NICHOLS: Okay.

5 MR. FONSECA: Okay.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: At 9:00, 10:00,
7 11:00? Do you have a preference Ms. Nichols?

8 MS. NICHOLS: Ten.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Make it 10:00?
10 So, 10:00 on November 5 for Stone Fish.

11 Ms. Nichols, did you put your
12 contact information on that sheet?

13 MS. NICHOLS: I did.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Okay.
15 See you then.

16 MS. NICHOLS: Thank you.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Roll Call Hearing
18 concluded. Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing
20 was concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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