

Joint Public Safety Committee and Planning Committee

Minutes of Thursday, January 2, 2013

Location: 5030 Santa Monica Blvd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:26 PM.

Safety Committee members in attendance: Planning Committee members in attendance:

Eric Moore
Doug Haines
J.D. Brown

Doug Haines
David Bell
Ed Hunt
Armen Makasjian

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Neighbors present: Cheron McAleele, Seta Panosian, Mike Clark, Andrea of GGPNC. Applicant representative present: Nikola Hlacy, Elizabeth Peterson Group. Applicant present: Louie Ryan for Little Temple Bar.

2. **Public Comment:** David Bell states that 5PM neighbor parties so loud that his walls are shaking. 1100 block of N. Westmoreland. SLO Davis says LADBS guide is that sound is not intrusive 150' from property line.

- 2a. **Police Update:** Officer present: SLO Lenning Davis, NE.

Officer Davis says murder at Russel and Talmage, person from Los Vegas shot. Car break-ins recurring problem. Davis states he is being reassigned to Silver Lake, will be replaced by Craig Orange. Effective Jan. 27, but same phone #.

David Bell complains that Rick Martinos, aka the Bird Man, has returned. Complains of an ice crème truck that parks every night at 7PM across from his apartment, spewing diesel exhaust and playing "Turkey in the Straw." Andrea mentions that CERT training will be next week. Cheron raises issue of LACC security not helping surrounding neighborhood.

- 2b. **CD13 Update:** No one present, as always.

3. **Approval of Safety minutes from previous meeting:** Cannot be approved; continued.

4. **Action items:**

- a. **Little Temple Bar/The Virgil. 4519 Santa Monica Blvd. ZA 2011-807-CUB-CUX-CV. ENV-2011-808-MND.** Discussion and possible action regarding an application for: 1) a Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with no required food sales (Type 48 ABC license) in conjunction with an existing 2,799 sq. ft. bar/lounge with hours of operation from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM daily; 2) an additional Conditional Use Permit to allow public dancing and live entertainment with a 455 sq. ft. dance floor; 3) a Zone Variance to allow the six (6) required parking spaces to located off-site through a lease in lieu of the required covenant; and 4) approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Owner Louie Ryan says owned and operated since Dec. 15, 2003. No violations since. Says owner of building owned the former venue, the Garage. CBS Outdoor Advertising owns adjacent property. Doug asks about efforts to expand onto CBS property; Ryan says in long-term, going in now for reapprovals. Doug asks about building and venue offered for sale; Ryan says only building, is interested in purchasing, but price too high. Doug asks about long-term conversion to Type 47 license rather than Type 48; Ryan says those efforts always fail. Doug says existing Type 47 restaurants are not failing in the area.

Officer Davis says spoke to Vice unit, which has no disagreements with venue. Ryan says shut place down for six weeks to "shake" out gangs. Renamed The Virgil to avoid stigma of former murder behind site. David asks that security walk neighborhood at 2AM to quiet patrons leaving. Ed Hunt asks for beautification of bare areas.

Doug asks that security plan be brought to Board when voting on item, and parking lease agreement.

Eric moves to approve CUP for continued sales, conditioned on seeing security plan and lease agreement. J.D. seconds. Unanimous. Planning cannot vote due to lack of quorum.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding active status of committee membership, and establishment of procedure for re-nomination of committee members. Report to be presented to full Board. J.D. steps down. David says Planning Committee is important to have rules, rest of committees not that critical.

Old Business: Aztec Rising never shows up as promised.

New Business: Ed Hunt says that a consultant has been hired for the Hollywood Cap Park EIR.

Adjourn: 8:53