



City of Santa Barbara
Police Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 28, 2016
TO: Fire and Police Commission
FROM: Liz Scott, Police Technician
SUBJECT: Nightclub Dance Permit: "The Red Piano", 519 State St

DISCUSSION:

On April 11, 2016, Jason L Jones submitted an application for a nightclub dance permit to the Santa Barbara Police Department as owner of the prospective business at 519 State St, dba "The Red Piano."

Applicant received all necessary approvals from Community Development for the dance permit, and submitted the required security and noise mitigation plans. Notices were distributed to properties within 200 feet of the premise and also posted on the premise in accordance with Santa Barbara Municipal Code 5.20.060 requirements and deadlines. On the application, Mr. Jones is listed as the sole proprietor as well as the only General Manager and Security Manager for the business. Therefore, he is the only person required in the application process to obtain Live Scan fingerprints. The results of the live scan fingerprints did not provide cause to disqualify Mr. Jones, therefore, he successfully passed this requirement.

According to the application, security guards will be dressed in black, red, or white polo shirts and black slacks. The guards will communicate with one another directly or through hand signals and flashlights.

On June 15, 2016 Santa Barbara Police Department staff conducted a site visit. Colin Campbell was present representing Mr. Jones to host the walkthrough. The following information was gleaned during this visit:

- The premise has 10 speakers: 2 on the exterior and 8 on the interior. To mitigate noise concerns, the exterior speakers face solely onto State Street.
- The business has 12 security cameras: 3 on the premise exterior, and 9 on the premise interior. They have wired additional locations in order to add cameras if they decide they need them later.
- There is only one point of entrance into the business: through the front of the business. There is no public access to the business through the back door.
- According to the application, dancing is expected to take place between 6:00 pm and 2:00 am nightly.
- The owners plan to have the following minimum levels of security, in compliance with the conditions of the premise's ABC license:
 - 2 security guards on duty during dancing or entertainment when occupancy is between 1 and 175 patrons.
 - 3 security guards between 6:00 pm and 2:00 am when occupancy is between 176 and 230 patrons.

The owner of The Red Piano has operated two nightclubs prior to this one located in St Maarten, Netherlands Antilles. Granting this dance permit would not add to the total number of

dance permits in the downtown Entertainment District as this location has had a dance permit for many years under prior owners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Given the above information, the Santa Barbara Police Department recommends that a dance permit be issued to The Red Piano at 519 State Street with the following conditions:

1. Noise from the premise, including but not limited to recorded music, radio, television, and live entertainment, must not be audible beyond 50 feet of the premise in any direction.
2. A minimum of 2 security guards required when patron occupancy is between 1 and 175 patrons during dancing or entertainment.
3. A minimum of 3 uniformed security guards required when patron occupancy reaches a minimum of 176 patrons during dancing or entertainment.
4. Rear door(s) must be kept closed at all times during the operation of the premises and may not be used for public entry or exit except in the case of emergency and to permit deliveries. The door(s) must be constructed of solid material, not solely a screen or ventilated security door.
5. Staff must maintain an orderly line of patrons awaiting entry into the premise. The queue of patrons must not block passage of pedestrians on the walkway, nor may it extend into any nearby street.