



City of Santa Barbara
Police Department

Memorandum

DATE: August 23, 2012

TO: Fire and Police Commission

FROM: Holly Perea, Police Technician

SUBJECT: Dance Permit Request – “Indochine” – 434 State Street

DISCUSSION:

On June 4, 2012, Eric Satterblom, General Manager for “Indochine” at 434 State Street, submitted an application for a dance permit for that premise on behalf of Mark Lawrence, managing member of 300 Club, LLC. The business has held a dance permit at that location under the same ownership since 2009. However, owners failed to renew the previous dance permit in accordance with deadlines established by the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, thereby necessitating the submission of a new dance permit application to continue dancing on the premise.

The applicants received all necessary approvals from Community Development for the dance permit, and both Mr. Satterblom and the business owner, Mark Lawrence, underwent Live Scan fingerprinting. The results of both scans meet municipal code requirements.

According to the application, dancing will take place daily between noon and 2 am every day of the week. The nightclub will use between 4 and 6 security guards during hours of dancing, depending upon occupancy. Security guards will be dressed in black branded shirts with the word “security” on the back and front of the shirts. The guards will communicate with one another verbally and with the use of flashlights. The premise is also equipped with 2 security cameras.

This application was originally scheduled to be brought before the Commission on July 26, 2012. In accordance with that date, on July 18, 2012, the Police Department received an affidavit signed by Eric Satterblom verifying that a notice of that meeting was posted on the exterior of the business at 434 State Street, and notices were mailed to local property owners in accordance with the terms and deadlines set forth in the Santa Barbara Municipal Code. However, because the Fire and Police Commission meeting on July 26, 2012 was canceled due to lack of quorum, the matter of the Indochine dance permit was continued until August 23, 2012. Therefore, on August 14, 2012, Eric Satterblom submitted an additional affidavit, confirming the mailing and posting of new notices detailing the updated meeting date and location.

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 both the current and previous owners. The previous dance permit included the following conditions:

- The rear door is to be closed and is to remain unlocked during business hours
- Dancing is prohibited on the outdoor patio
- Bands and amplified music are prohibited on the outdoor patio
- A minimum of 4 security guards required during hours of dancing
- Entertainment must not be audible beyond 50 ft from the premise
- All staff must have RBS training
- No patrons may loiter in the rear alleyway
- Patrons may not enter or exit the premise through the rear door
- Permit holder is responsible for maintaining an orderly queue of patrons awaiting entry into the premise.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended, that a dance permit be issued to Mark Lawrence, managing member of 300 Club LLC, for the business at 434 State Street, dba "Indochine," with the same conditions listed on the previous dance permit.