



From: January 22, 2016

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police

Subject: **APPLICATION FOR AN OCCASIONAL EVENT PERMIT**
MIKO'S SPORTS LOUNGE – 710 WEST WILLOW STREET

Based on a comprehensive evaluation, the Police Department recommends DENIAL of the application for an Occasional Event Permit to take place February 5-7, 2016, and any future requests for a period of 60 days commencing February 1, 2016 and ending April 1, 2016, by Enaid's Way, Incorporated, dba Miko's Sports Lounge located at 710 West Willow Street.

Background

Miko's Sports Lounge is a bar/tavern located on the south side of Willow Street between Maine Avenue and Oregon Avenue. The business is a for-profit corporation, Enaid's Way, Incorporated, and has been open for business since December 2013. The corporation currently holds a Type 48 (On-Sale General Public Premise) Alcoholic Beverage Control license. On September 23, 2014, Enaid's Way, Incorporated applied for an Entertainment with Dancing Permit. The application was denied at the City Council hearing on March 17, 2015.

Crime Analysis

Detectives with the Long Beach Police Department reviewed the calls for service since Miko's Sports Lounge took ownership of 710 West Willow Street (December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015). Detectives found a total of 221 calls for service during this time period. The calls for service consisted of loud music, loud groups, miscellaneous disturbances, public intoxication, petty theft, disputes, fights, unwelcome subjects, and audible burglar alarms. Of the 221 calls for service, 114 calls were cleared by responding patrol officers as either unfounded, gone on arrival, or unable to locate. These calls were for loud music, groups, miscellaneous disturbance, fights, disputes, and public intoxication. The remaining 107 calls for service were cleared advised, will file later, bad order alarm, or assisted a citizen. These calls were for loud music, loud groups, disturbances, fights, disputes, unwelcome subjects, burglary alarms, and report calls.

Detectives also reviewed the incident reports filed for 710 West Willow Street and found a total of five. Four of the crime reports filed were for unreasonable noise between September 2015 and December 2015. Patrol Resource Officer Jose Flores filed these reports after viewing video surveillance capturing the unreasonable noise violations. All the violations were reported by the neighbors who have been documenting various violations originating from Miko's Sports Lounge.

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The fifth incident report was filed for an attempt murder that took place involving Miko's Sports Lounge patrons just outside the establishment on December 27, 2015. Two patrons were involved in a verbal altercation inside the establishment which carried over outside. Once outside, a shooting took place and an uninvolved victim standing nearby was shot in the head. Employees of Miko's Sports Lounge told detectives the suspect in the shooting was a regular customer of the bar.

Miko's Sports Lounge has applied for Occasional Event Permits (OEP) on a regular basis since July 11, 2014. They have been issued a total of 18 OEP's during the two years they have been open for business. Detectives reviewed calls for service during the evenings OEP's were issued and found a total of 12 calls for service during six different OEP's. The calls for service consisted of loud music and loud groups loitering outside the establishment. Those 12 calls were cleared by responding patrol officers as either advised, unfounded, gone on arrival, or unable to locate.

Patrol Division

West Division Patrol Commander Robert Smith was contacted for an opinion regarding the issuance of this permit. Commander Smith indicated that patrol officers have observed groups gathering in the front and rear of the location, as well as at their vehicles parked on the side streets. There have been numerous complaints for disturbing the peace, loud music from patron's vehicles while parked in the neighborhood, drinking in public, and urinating in public. Commander Smith said his officers are actively working this location as a COPS location due to the high volume of calls for service. Commander Smith said the approval of any future Occasional Event Permits would increase the number of patrons and the need for additional police resources to respond to the increased calls for service at the location. The rights of the business should be weighed against the quality of life and security of the surrounding neighborhood. Commander Smith is opposed to the issuance of future Occasional Event Permits for Enaid's Way, Incorporated, dba Miko's Sports Lounge at 710 West Willow Street.

Vice Investigations

Detectives went into Miko's Sports Lounge in an undercover capacity on Thursday, January 7, 2016. While inside there were approximately 25 patrons sitting at the bar, playing pool, listening to music playing from the jukebox and singing karaoke. Detectives could not hear the music from outside the establishment, but they recognized known gang members belonging to the Insane Crip Gang, as well as known drug dealers inside the bar. Miko's Sports Lounge does not have a valid entertainment permit, nor did they have an Occasional Event Permit for the evening of Thursday, January 7, 2016 allowing them to have karaoke inside the establishment. Detectives filed a report for the observed violation.

Detectives with Vice Investigations contacted agents with Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) regarding the nuisance related complaints at this location. ABC advised they

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have received numerous complaints from the surrounding neighbors for loud groups outside the bar, loud music, public intoxication and urination, and litter found scattered through the neighborhood from bar patrons. ABC advised based on the evidence the neighbors have provided, their office is in the process of compiling a disorderly house investigation against Miko's Sports Lounge at 710 West Willow Street.

Recommendations

Based upon Vice Section's investigations, West Division Patrol Commander's recommendation, and the crime analysis, the Long Beach Police Department has determined the safety and welfare of the general area has been impaired by the persistent nuisance activity surrounding the establishment. The peace and quiet of the neighborhood has also been disturbed on a continual basis. The Police Department recommends denial of the OEP application for February 5-7, 2016, and any future requests for a period of 60 days commencing February 1, 2016 and ending April 1, 2016 to take place at 710 West Willow Street.

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