# LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION POLICE PERMIT REVIEW PANEL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005

The Police Permit Review Panel of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at 2:50 p.m., in Room 146, Parker Center. On calling the roll, the following members responded: Ms. Anita Castellanos, Mr. Michael R. Sohigian, Mr. Milton Swan, Jr., Mr. Gene Kim, Ms. Edith Ramirez, and Mr. Steve Zand. Ms. Vivian Forbes was absent. Chairperson Mr. Steve Zand presided.

PRESENT: Saul Romo, Deputy Director, Board of Police Commissioners

Christy Sherrod, Panel Secretary
Julie Raffish, Deputy City Attorney
Officer Troy Abordo, Sergeant-at-Arms

Jill Bogle, Hearing Reporter

#### 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Anita Castellanos, the Minutes for the regular meeting of May 18, 2005, by a unanimous vote, were approved, and the reading dispensed with, subject to signing by the Presiding Officer and the Panel Secretary.

#### 2. BOARD ACTION ON PERMITS PURSUANT TO LAMC 103.29

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Edith Ramirez, the Panel, by a unanimous vote, approved the Commission Investigation Division calendars of May 25, 2005 and June 1, 2005.

# 3. BOARD ACTION ON APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO LAMC 102.05(b), 102.16, and 103.32

A. Discussion and consideration of the recommendation of Commission Investigation Division regarding the Massage Therapist Police Permit(s) of Tait Buchen, located at 4535 Colfax Avenue #202, North Hollywood.

Mr. Tait Buchen addressed the Panel *In Pro Per*. Mr. Booker Ridgeway presented the Department's position.

Mr. Tait Buchen opted to withdraw his application for a Massage Therapist Police Permit(s) and no further action was taken.

B. Discussion and consideration of the recommendation of Commission Investigation Division regarding the Massage Therapist Off-Premises Police Permit(s) of Stella Kim, located at 1812 Alvarado Street #2, Los Angeles.

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Anita Castellanos, the Panel, by a unanimous vote, revoked the Massage Therapist Off-Premises Police Permit(s).

### 4. BOARD ACTION ON PERMITS PURSUANT TO LAMC 103.35

Continued from May 18, 2005

Discussion and consideration of the Hearing Examiner's report regarding the Café Entertainment/Shows and Dance Hall Police Permit(s) of Stars Planet, Inc., DBA: Silver Reign, located at 11908 Mississippi Avenue, Los Angeles.

Mr. Joshua Kaplan, Attorney for the Permittee addressed the Panel. Mr. Booker Ridgeway presented the Department's position.

The following members of the public addressed the Panel members expressing opposition to permittee:

Thomas Donovan, Vickie Casas, Cristi Walden, Melissa Kenady, Debbie Dyner, Phillip Tate, and Rich Cahalan.

On a motion by Anita Castellanos, seconded by Gene Kim, the Panel, by a unanimous vote, adopted the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner's report and supplemental letter of clarification of burden of proof and revoked the Café Entertainment/Shows and Dance Hall Police Permit(s).

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public addressed the panel at this time.

At this time the Panel agreed to reconsider its decision of May 18, 2005, to grant with conditions the Café Entertainment/Shows, Dance Hall, and Pool Room Police Permit(s) of Maria Corona, DBA: El Prado Café, located at 3138 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Los Angeles. This decision was made based on the request made by Councilmember Antonio Villaraigosa, Council District 14, in his letter addressed to the Panel dated, May 31, 2005. This item will be placed on the July 6, 2005 agenda.

Ms. Anita Castellanos recused herself from this decision.

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## 6. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

# 7. <u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u>

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Permit Review Panel will be Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Gene Kim, the Panel, by a unanimous vote, adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

ATTEST:
Chairperson, Steve Zand
Panel Secretary, Christy Sherrod
Date