



Venice Neighborhood Council



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LUPC STAFF REPORT

TO: Venice Neighborhood Council
FROM: Michael Jensen - Land Use and Planning Committee
DATE: June 16, 2018
RE: 2025 S. Pacific Avenue (Canal Club) - Case No. ZA-2018-828-CUB-CUX

LUPC Hearing Date: June 7, 2018
VNC Hearing Date: June 19, 2018

Project Description

Applicant requests support for an application to add live entertainment and public dancing to the existing Conditional Use Permit for a 4,110 square foot restaurant and bar. Existing hours of operation are 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. No changes are requested to hours of operation.

Community Outreach

Danny and James, owners of Canal Club, hosted a community outreach meeting May 29, 2018. Notices for the meeting were sent to occupants and owners within 500 feet. LUPC member Michael Jensen attended the outreach meeting with eight neighbors.

Three neighbors raised concerns about noise that may leave the premises as a result of amplified music for dancing. Those concerns were based on noise complaints from James Beach, across the street. A neighbor with a residence down the street complained of urination by drunk customers after they leave. Two attendees supported adding live entertainment and dancing.

LUPC Hearing

Danny presented the application before the June 7 LUPC hearing. To address the concerns of neighbors, Danny described the efforts to mitigate noise from the premises by sound-proofing the walls and windows and hanging speakers rather than placing them on the floor to prevent sound vibrations on the floor. Canal Club and James Beach employ numerous security guards between the two locations to ensure customers do not disturb the neighbors when leaving either restaurant.

Many community members spoke in support of the project.

Recommended Findings

LUPC finds that applicant's requested for live entertainment and public dancing complies with the Venice Specific Plan.

Recommended Motion

LUPC recommends that the VNC Board approve the project as presented.