

**LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION  
POLICE PERMIT REVIEW PANEL  
MINUTES OF  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

The Police Permit Review Panel of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 146, Parker Center. On calling the roll, the following members responded: Mr. Ara Bedrosian, Ms. Anita Castellanos, Mr. Gene Kim, and Mr. Steve Zand. Chairperson Mr. Steve Zand presided.

PRESENT: Saul Romo, Deputy Director, Board of Police Commissioners  
Julie Raffish, Deputy City Attorney  
Rhonda Ketay, Commission Executive Assistant I  
Officer Troy Abordo, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Jill Bogle, Hearing Reporter

The Panel convened and took Item No.8 out of order.

**8. CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

Continued from October 19, 2005

Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation. Discussion and possible Board action relative to case entitled, “Stars Planet, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Case No. BS097510. Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The Panel discussed the above matter with Greg Orland, Deputy City Attorney.

At this point in the proceedings, Panel members Victor Narro, Michael Sohigian, and Milton Swan appeared and joined in the discussion.

The Panel, with a unanimous vote, gave direction to the City Attorney’s Office.

**1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Anita Castellanos, the Minutes for the regular meeting of October 19, 2005 and the special meeting of October 19, 2005, by 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 Anita Castellanos, seconded by Gene Kim, the Panel, by unanimous vote, approved the Commission Investigation Division calendars of November 9, 2005 and November 16, 2005

**3. RECONSIDERATION FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Anita Castellanos, the Panel, by unanimous vote, reconsidered its decision on Item Number 100, Pool Room Single permit for Victory Entertainment Inc., DBA: VIP Showgirls from the Calendar of November 2, 2005, and continued Item 100, pending further investigation.

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Ara Bedrosian, the Panel, by unanimous vote, continued consideration of Item Number 100, Pool Room Single permit, pending further investigation.

**4. BOARD ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION  
PURSUANT TO LAMC 21.22**

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Victor Narro, the Panel, by unanimous vote, approved the following applicants for Business Tax Exemption:

- A. Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7284.1(b) provides that a city may not impose any business tax measured by gross receipts on any nonprofit organization which is exempted from taxation by (1) Revenue & Taxation Code Section 23701d or (2) Section 501.
  - 1. Fraternal Order of Eagles Glendale Eagle Rock Aerie 2188
  - 2. Wave Services Inc. (L.A.)
  - 3. Wave Services Inc. (Studio City)
  - 4. Great Beginnings for Black Babies
  - 5. IRE – METTA Foundation
  - 6. New Change Youth Foundation
  - 7. Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
  - 8. Ziggurat Theatre Company
  - 9. Los Angeles Community Design Center (2500 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street, L.A.)
  - 10. Los Angeles Community Design Center (1032 Beacon Avenue, L.A.)
  - 11. Los Angeles Community Design Center (255 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, L.A.)

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Milton Swan, the Panel, by unanimous vote, approved the following applicants for Business Tax Exemption:

- B. Business taxes associated with side shows/carnivals (LAMC Section 21.75) and retail sales (LAMC Section 21.167)

1. Loving Your Disabled Child
2. Our Lady of Grace
3. Our Lady of Peace
4. St. Catherine of Siena School
5. St. Patrick Parish
6. Sylmar Recreation Center
7. St. Sebastian School

**5. BOARD ACTION ON PERMITS PURSUANT TO LAMC 103.35(f)(h)**

Discussion and consideration of the Hearing Examiner's report regarding the Massage Therapist Off Premises Police Permit of Shuxia Yang, Permit # 101899, located in Monterey Park.

Permittee was not present. Mr. Booker Ridgeway presented the Department's position.

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Gene Kim, the Panel, by unanimous vote, adopted the Hearing Examiner's Report and revoked the Massage Therapist Off Premises Police Permit of Shuxia Yang.

**6. BOARD ACTION ON PERMITS PURSUANT TO LAMC 103.205.1(c)(1)(a)**

Discussion and consideration of the Hearing Examiner's report regarding the Massage Therapist Off Premises Police Permit of Vorathep Sitthitham, Permit # 2053646, located in Los Angeles.

Permittee was not present. Mr. Booker Ridgeway presented the Department's position.

On a motion by Anita Castellanos, seconded by Michael Sohigian, the Panel, by unanimous vote, adopted the Hearing Examiner's Report and denied the Massage Therapist Off Premises Police Permit of Vorathep Sitthitham.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Police Permit Review Panel will be Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Michael Sohigian, seconded by Milton Swan, the Panel, by unanimous vote, adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chairperson, Steve Zand

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Panel Secretary, Rhonda Ketay

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Date