

TO: CITY MANAGER

1995 AUGUST 22

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION #5/95
PROPOSED ENTERTAINMENT IN CLASS "B"
RESTAURANT
LA BLANCA CAFE AMERICAIN
4715 HASTINGS STREET

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for the subject liquor licence application

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council resolve to approve the request for an entertainment area within the La Blanca Cafe Americain restaurant, with the operating hours of 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturdays, subject to the rear doors and windows in the restaurant being kept closed during the entertainment.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report and Council's resolution be forwarded to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, 217 - 1899 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 5T1; and the applicant, Brian Simons, 4715 Hastings Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 2K8.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 1.1 On 1990 April 30, Council received a report advising that as part of a change in Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regulations, local government approval is a pre-condition for Branch consideration of entertainment in a licensed restaurant.

The report also stated in consideration of the past practice of reporting on all requests for local government approval or comments on liquor licence applications and the potential impact Class "B" licensed restaurants with significant entertainment features could have on adjacent neighbourhoods, this Department would, unless otherwise directed, report to Council on applications for entertainment in such restaurants.

2.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION:


- 2.1 The subject restaurant is located along a low scale strip commercial area of Hastings Street. An automobile dealership and another low scale commercial development is to the south across Hastings Street. Another automobile dealership is located to the east, while the site to the west is vacant. To the north across the lane there are single-family residential dwellings, which is the only adjacent land use which staff consider the proposed entertainment could have any potential impact on.
- 2.2 The subject application involves a request to establish a dance floor approximately 12 ft. by 12 ft., roughly in the middle of the restaurant, with a piano player occupying a portion of the floor. The proposed hours of entertainment would be from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday only.

As previously stated, the only potential impact would be to the north. However, considering the nature of the entertainment and if the rear exit door and one window into the restaurant are kept closed during the entertainment, any potential impacts are considered negligible. In addition to the above, there are a number of garages serving the dwellings to the north which provide a physical barrier to the restaurant.

- 2.3 The Planning and Building Department has solicited comments on this application from relevant City Departments, including the R.C.M.P. Burnaby Detachment. No City Departments have expressed any objections to the establishment of an entertainment area in this Class "B" licensed restaurant. The Chief Environmental Health Officer advises that that Department has no objection to the entertainment, provided that all doors and windows be kept closed when the music is being played.

3.0 CONCLUSION:

In light of the location of the entertainment area in relation to other land uses, the ambient noise of Hastings Street and the lack of objections to the application, the Planning and Building Department supports the subject application for entertainment in the Class "B" restaurant, subject to the rear doors and windows being kept closed during the entertainment.



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