

March 10, 2003

**Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Hermosa Beach Planning Commission**

**Regular Meeting of  
March 18, 2003**

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 00-1 (RESOLUTION NO. 00-24)  
ALLOWING THE CHANGE FROM ON-SALE BEER AND WINE TO ON-SALE  
GENERAL ALCOHOL FOR DANO'S BEACH GRILL, 1320 HERMOSA AVENUE

**Recommendation:**

Direct staff as deemed appropriate.

**Background:**

On January 27, 2003 Police Chief Lavin provided the attached correspondence requesting that the Planning Commission review the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP Resolution No. 00-24) for Dano's Beach Grill due to reoccurring disturbances and recent arrests at the restaurant. At the February 18, 2003 meeting, the Planning Commission directed staff to set the matter for public hearing, based on the requirements of Condition No. 6 that stipulates automatic review of the CUP if the Police Chief determines that there is a continuing police problem.

**Analysis:**

Based upon the evidence presented at this hearing, the Commission may monitor, modify or revoke the CUP. The Police Department's complaint relative to the CUP Conditions of Approval involves incidents at Dano's that violate Condition No. 4, which states that "the business shall provide adequate staffing, management and supervisory techniques to prevent loitering, unruliness, and boisterous activities of the patrons outside the business and in nearby public areas." According to the attached Police Incident Report, two separate fights broke out at Dano's on December 21 and 29, 2002 involving up to 60 people due to a lack of proper staff supervision which required mutual aid from the Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach Police Departments. There were three arrests made in connection with these incidents. The lack of adequate supervision was also attributed to at least one juvenile found drinking at the location. Given the on-going nature of the disturbances at Dano's, the police may authorize the presence of a police approved doorman and/or security personnel to eliminate the problem.

A new restaurant partnership group has purchased Dano's with the intent of opening a restaurant with on-sale general alcohol. According to the new owners, they plan on converting the business into an upscale restaurant offering Continental cuisine and discontinuing the dance club aspect of the existing use. The Planning Commission may want to require that the new owners to obtain a new CUP for their business or modify the existing CUP to require additional security and operating controls, such as restrictions on live entertainment or operating hours, to ensure there are no further problems at the location.

CONCUR:

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Attachments:  
1. Resolution 00-24  
2. Police Chief Correspondence & Incident Report  
3. Correspondence

Dano's review