Thursday, January 13, 2011

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 71

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an appeal by Mr. Gene Sanchez regarding the decision to approve an Outdoor Music Venue permit for Lustre Pearl, located at 97 Rainey Street.

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On August 19, 2010, the Planning and Development Review Department approved an Outdoor Music Venue permit for a venue known as Lustre Pearl at 97 Rainey Street.

Mr. Gene Sanchez has appealed approval of the permit based on the following:

- 1. proximity of the stage to his home;
- 2. traffic problems on Rainey Street; and,
- 3. public health risk due to the inability of emergency service vehicles to reach individuals on Rainey Street.

Chapter 9-2-25(B) and 9-2-27 of the City Code provides that an interested party may appeal a decision if they are:

- 1. the applicant;
- 2. the notice owner of a single-family use located within 600 feet of the proposed outdoor music venue;
- 3. the notice owner of a multi-family use located adjacent to the venue (for new permits only).

Staff recommends denial of this appeal due to the following:

- 1. the venue is located in the downtown CBD zoning district;
- 2. hours during the week were adjusted to Sunday-Wednesday 10:00 p.m.; Thursday 11:00 p.m. and midnight Friday and Saturday;
- 3. the Venue will construct a bandstand stage that will be oriented north and away from residences;
- 4. the speakers will be mounted low and at a downward angle; and,
- 5. traffic is not part of the review process for an outdoor music venue permit.