

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Captain Thomas A. Johns, District Five Commander
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Subject: Third QUARTER District Five PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: CPOP Case Case #: SAR0600039 District: 5 Neighborhood: Clifton

Coordinating Personnel: Police Officer Shyane Schneider

Description of Problem: noise

Phase of SARA: Assessment

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): Karen Kron has repeatedly called police about the excessive noise from "The Corinthian Restaurant" that is keeping residence up at night. Karen Kron has been calling as a representative of her condo association at 3249 Jefferson Av (#1:Karen Kron,751-5636, kron_k@motherofmercy.org #2:Laurie Nichols, 221-4228/ 382-3484, noanchovies33@yahoo.com #3:David Gustusafin, 319-8291, gustavdh@uc.edu #4:Jenny Ellis, 312-6818, jennyellis@hotmail.com #5:Nick Lloyd, 751-0993/ 681-1863, nlloyd5@yahoo.com #6:Jennifer Searle, 614-620-1045, searlej@gmail.com). Ms. Kron states that this problem has been on-going for years. The noise keeps the residence up at night, causing stress and aggravation and reducing their quality of life. Some of the residence plan on moving or selling their condo and hope that the noise makes no impression on potential buyers.

Analysis (identify factual support): Analysis of service calls was conducted for the date of June 2005 to June 2006. During this time span, noise complaints (total of 5) was the most requested call for service. There were also multiple calls to Officer Dana Jones (COP Team Officer) from Ms. Kron about the noise problem. Since Officer Schneider's interaction in February 2006, there has not been one call of service for noise to the target location or complaint called in to the CPOP Team/Po Schneider.

Response (define action taken): Officer Schneider talked to both parties. The complainant explained how she has tried to interact with management at "The Corinthian" herself and that she had called police several times, with no resolution. Other condo residences also stated that they occasionally witnessed excessive noise from the restaurant. Officer Schneider spoke with business owners/managers who were aware of the complaints and stated that the regular arrival of police because of the Cotinthian has disrupted their business. Beat officers expressed their concerns for the situation and calls for service, also feeling as their "hands were tied."

Officer Schneider distributed copies of the CMC noise ordinances to beat officers, the condo members, and the representatives of the restaurant. The police procedure on enforcing the code was explained to both parties.

It was discovered that the noise (music/DJ) was emitting from a skylight in the roof of the restaurant, directing the noise to the complainants windows. Officer Schneider met with representatives of "The Corinthian Restaurant" as a response to the complaints. Angie Katsaounis, manager, 961-0013; Fay Form 17 Quarterly Problem Solving Report

Katsaounis, business owner, 961-0013; Ruth Jackson, building owner, 683-3954. As a result of the contact, these parties had a business meeting to discuss noise deterrent resolutions. An affordable industrial strength "plastic shrink wrap" was placed over the exterior of the skylight. This was placed as a sound barrier but also allowed sunlight through for the dance hall foliage.

Officer Schneider met with Karen Kron. Ms. Kron stated the noise is still excessive and a problem. Ms. Kron was unsatisfied with the response and was taking other avenues to resolve the problem, including legal action against the police and "The Corinthian Restaurant."

Officer Schneider met again with Fay Katsaounis on May 19, 2006 to discuss another alternative resolution. Mrs. Katsaounis (established business owner since 1983) stated she is personally at the location during all operating hours and will personally oversee any problems. She allows no one under 21 years old to enter, closes at 0230 hours on Friday and Saturday, has three security personnel checking id using wand metal detection scanning, and counting the number of people admitted. She also states the patrons are managable, usually 30 years old or older and associated with latin music.

After multiple contacts with the complainants and discussing resolution ideas, it is obvious and has been stated that the Condo Association and its members are not willing to participate in or financially assist with any resolution. The respresentatives of the association believe it is the total responsibility of "The Corinthian Restaurant" to resolve the issue. Condo representative, Karen Kron, does not agree with the CMC on noise or police policy and procedure on enforcing such code violations and foresees this as an unresolvable issue through the police department.

The Corinthian Restaurant has all the proper permits and zoning for the dance hall. The skylight is needed to support and feed the plants inside the building. The restaurant is financially unable to do any structural changes or extensive barrier additions.

Assessment (document measurement): In May, Officer Schneider followed up with Ms. Kron and Jenny Ellis at the condos. Both stated they did not have any complaints about the noise the past weekends and they were pleasantly surprised. Occupants stated that the noise and music volume is tolerable and quality of life has improved. Karen Kron in #1 has sold her condo and closed on it June 30, 2006. Jenny Ellis who owns #4 and #7 has her condos up for sell. Laurie Nichols in #2 has contacted a realtor and is preparing to sell her condo.

Officer Schneider has kept in contact with the condo members at 3249 Jefferson Avenue. Though the noise has not totally stopped, the residents state that the quality of life has improved and the current noise is tolerable. Crime statistics for the location show the calls for sevice for noise and disorder have been reduced to only 1 since May of 2006.

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Specific Feedback

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