

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

April 21, 1987

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the "New" City Council Chambers, 8615 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, was called to order at 6:19 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Forbes.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Crane, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer; Deputy Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail; Jan Pluim, L.A. County Counsel; Michelle Beal Bagneris, Asst. City Attorney

C. Approval of Agenda

Action : To continue Items C, D, E, and F to May 5, 1987.

(Motion: Crane Second: Forbes)
Motion carried unanimously.

Action : To approve agenda as amended.

(Motion: Smith Second: Forbes)
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

Action : To approve minutes of April 7, 1987 as written.

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(Motion: Smith Second: Crane)
Motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:
Commissioner Hirsch congratulated those Commissioners who were re-appointed to the Commission.

IV. STAFF REPORT
Staff noted that the City Council had approved a series of recommendations from staff, amending procedures for Appeal and Accusation hearings and noticing requirements for Commission hearings.
Staff also mentioned the Commission Study Session on nightclub regulation set for April 28. Staff suggested that the Commission hold the Study Session in the "New" Council Chambers.
Staff noted that Commissioners Crane, Hirsch and Smith were re-appointed to the Commission as permanent members at the Council meeting of April 20.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-86-009
Louis Paciocco dba "Club L.A."
Application for Dance business license

Staff report presented by Self.

Public Testimony:

Those speaking in opposition to the approval of the license:

1. David Behr, West Hollywood.
2. Florence Delbarian, West Hollywood.
3. Paul Berberian, West Hollywood (written statement).

Mr. Behr presented photographs to the Commission of the establishment.

Action : To approve the application for a Dance business license to Mr. Louis Paciocco dba "Club L.A." to conduct dance at 8265 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, with the following conditions:

a. Applicant must provide free, validated parking at

2. RE: Count III

a. Sergeant Dick Edmundson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Testified on activities of Sheriff's Department investigation of August 2, 1985.

County Counsel introduced Exhibit 23, a written report of a Sheriff's Department investigation on August 2, 1985, at the Respondent's establishment, for the record.

b. Deputy Charles Beals, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Exhibit 23 presented to witness.

c. Deputy Paul George, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The Attorney for the Respondent noted for the record that the County Counsel and Deputy George met to confer outside of the Council Chambers during the hearing.

The County Counsel noted for the record that Suspect Green, indicated in Count III pled guilty to a violation of Section 315 of the State Penal Code (Keeping/Residing in A House of Ill Fame), and signed a statement admitting the factual basis to her part in the Sheriff's report introduced as Exhibit 23. Deputy George noted that the County Counsel has a copy of the certified docket and a certified statement from Ms. Green.

The Attorney for the Respondent requested that Deputy George be instructed to search for any reports regarding the Respondent's establishment which would have any bearing on the Respondent's case, under the authority of Brady vs. Maryland .

The Attorney for the Respondent expanded his requested to include any and all reports pertaining to the Respondent's establishment, dating back to August, 1984.

The City Attorney indicated she would take the request under consideration.

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Commissioner Smith requested from the Sheriff's Department statistics on the number of telephone complaints received and copies of Cafe Incident Cards for nightclubs in the City. Commissioner Smith also requested an update on the Chamber of Commerce's nightclub hotline.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Action : To adjourn the meeting to a Study Session of the Business License Commission on Tuesday, April 28, 1987, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Smith)
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.



Paul Self, Executive Assistant, Business License Commission



Lester Hirsch, Chair, Business License Commission