

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

April 3, 1990

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers in the Werle Building, 626 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budd Kops.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Hirsch

Staff Present: Bill Meeker, Associate Planner; Craig Rhea, Staff Assistant II.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve the minutes of March 6, 1990 as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

Budd Kops of West Hollywood was present to voice his complaints regarding the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit for the Oscar Party held on March 26 at Le Mondrian Hotel. Amplified music was permitted on the outdoor patio, contrary to the conditions imposed by the Business License Commission, and the party continued past midnight. Mr. Kops questioned the Planning Manager's authority to issue a Temporary Use Permit when the Code grants the authority to the Community Development Director. He also encouraged all Temporary Use Permit requests to be taken before any Commission having jurisdiction prior to issuance. He asked the

Business License Commission to follow up on this with the City Manager.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Resolution Number BL 90-01
St. James's Club California, Inc.
8358 Sunset Boulevard
West Hollywood

Commissioner Smith requested that Section 3 (b) of the Resolution be reworded to more clearly represent the Commission's intent with regard to non-amplified music.

Action: None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. BLC 90-004
9229 Sunset Corporation
dba Bar One
9229 Sunset Boulevard
West Hollywood

Application for a Dance Business License.

Action: To continue the public hearing for BLC 90-004 until May 1, 1990.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider requesting policy direction from the City Council regarding conducting public hearings prior to the renewal of Business Licenses for Gazzarri's, Whisky A Go Go, The Roxy, The Central and The Rainbow, based upon alleged complaints contained within a petition signed by 98 West Hollywood residents.

Residents speaking FOR:

Harriet Segal, West Hollywood
James Litz, West Hollywood

Action: Request the City Council to provide policy direction regarding conducting public hearings prior to the renewal of Business Licenses for Gazzarri's, Whisky

A Go Go, The Roxy, The Central and The Rainbow, based upon alleged complaints contained within a petition signed by 98 West Hollywood residents.

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

- B. Consider the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal years 1990-91 through 1994-95, as submitted by the Department of Public Works.

The Commission directed staff to have a representative from the Department of Public Works present at the Commission meeting scheduled for April 17, 1990.

VI. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis would like to have a representative from the Sheriff's Department present when the application for the Rose Tattoo comes before the Commission.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis asked staff to relay to the City Council the Commission's desire to have a new Commissioner appointed by Helen Albert's successor on the Council as soon as possible.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) Commissioner Forbes would like staff to send a report to the City Council to consider adoption of more stringent parking requirements and other restrictions when an intensification of use occurs, such as a change from entertainment to entertainment with dance.
- 2) Commissioner Smith attended the Neighborhood Meeting for Palette and is not pleased with what is going on there: the stage has been enlarged, shows are being performed, and they are requesting the elimination of two parking meters to be replaced with valet parking.

Commissioner Ellis would like to know when the City Council will issue a report on Palette.
- 3) Commissioner Forbes would like a letter sent to the City Council requesting that it be required that special events be approved by the Business License Commission; also, requests for special events

should be submitted to the Commission in a timely manner.

- 4) Commissioner Smith related that she had spoken at the Council meeting in which Business License Ordinances were discussed. She advised the Council of some of the issues the Business License Commission had dealt with recently: problems with noticing in the Post, televising Commission meetings on the city cable channel, revocations and the hearing examiner, and registration of home businesses. Commissioner Ellis mentioned the City of Los Angeles' taxicab ordinance, and Commissioner Forbes noted that it would be a good idea to study the entire Los Angeles ordinance.
- 5) Commissioner Forbes mentioned that he had read in the Alcoholic Beverage Report that "Peanuts" was turned down on their appeal for serving a minor.

VIII ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Bill Meeker advised the Commissioners that the Commission must make specific findings as a part of a license approval in order to warrant conditions of approval precluding the booking of multiple bands in one evening.
- 2) Bill Meeker indicated that there is nothing in the Code regarding klieg lights. However, Public Works would have to issue an encroachment permit if a klieg light were placed in a public right of way, and as Commissioner Smith had pointed out previously, there could be a violation of the City's Noise Ordinance in some instances.
- 3) Bill Meeker advised that the Alcoholic and Beverage Control Board can impose strict conditions on the hours of operation of on-sale and off-sale liquor establishments if they make findings that warrant the attachment of those limitations.

Commissioner Smith would like to have this information in writing.

- 4) Bill Meeker noted that there is still \$1,216.81 available in the budget for the current fiscal year for "Conferences and Meetings."

The Commissioners would like staff to check if that money can be used for the Business License Commission retreat.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Action: To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on April 17, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



COMMISSION CHAIR



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION