



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 @ 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Zaden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Kazakos led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Sibyl Zaden, Vice-chair Erik Barker, Gary Reichard, Jim Kazakos, Neill Murchison, Pat Rogers and Robert Kalonian.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Oscar Delgado, Director of Public Works, Jeffrey Aubel, Commercial Code Compliance Manager; and Bruce Robertson, Acting Business License Officer.

Others Present: Lauren Feldman, City Attorney's Office

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A. Approve the agenda of September 22nd, 2009.

ACTION: Commissioner Rogers moved approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reichard and carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A. Approve the minutes of February 3rd, 2009.

ACTION: Commissioner Reichard moved approval of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kazakos and carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on a recent public hearing before the Planning Commission regarding an application for extended hours by Eleven.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Appeal of Entertainment Promoter license denial of Bridgette Adkins's application to promote at The Palms Bar, 8572 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069:

The Business License Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal of Bridgette Adkins's to operate as an Entertainment Promoter at the Palms Bar, 8572 Santa Monica Blvd., in the City of West Hollywood.

Bruce Robertson presented the staff report.

A brief chronology of events was presented outlining the appellant's, submittal of an Entertainment Promoter application on September 22, 2008. The application was accepted and forwarded to the LACSD (Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department) for review and a subsequent recommendation based on the applicant's background. The Sheriff returned a recommendation for denial based on WHMC Section 5.08.080(b)(2); *The applicant has knowingly made any false, misleading or fraudulent statement of material fact in the application....*

Based on the LACSD recommendation, Ms. Adkins's application was denied and subsequently appealed to the Business License Commission. Upon notification of denial, staff had multiple communications with Ms. Adkins's regarding the misinformation on her application. Ms. Adkins's asserted that her failure to disclose an arrest in 1995 was simply a lack of judgment, and highlighted that she has had no other incidents in the past 13 years.

As is the City's regular procedure, the Palms owner, John Laccetti was also notified of Ms. Adkins's denial. In spite of this information, Mr. Laccetti was resolute in his decision to retain Ms. Adkins's as an employee as she had been a valuable employee for over nine years.

Finally, as a result of this denial and appeal, city staff has worked with the City Attorney to revise the Personal Information Form which is a required with all Regulatory applications. The City Attorney felt that the current form was vague and could be misinterpreted by applicants when answering important questions about their personal background.

Public Testimony

A. Bridgette Adkins's, Van Nuys, CA , Ms. Adkins's began by admitting that she erroneously omitted information on her application and pleaded with the Commission to be understanding. Ms. Adkins's stated that she had been diagnosed with cancer, a few years ago, and that since that time she had trouble remembering and became easily confused. She apologized for her failure to disclose her 1995 conviction and asked to Commission to overturn staff's denial.

- B. Zvaneydie Adkins's, North Hollywood, CA. Zyaneydie, the appellant's daughter spoke of her mother's difficulty since her cancer diagnosis and asked the Commission to uphold the appeal of her mother.
- C. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on Ms. Adkins's unfortunate circumstance and stated that the Commission did not have an easy task before them.

ACTION: A motion to uphold the appeal of Bridgette Adkins's and approve Resolution BL 06-001 was made by Commissioner Reichard and seconded by Commissioner Murchison.

Roll Call:

Murchison	Yea
Reichard	Yea
Kalonian	Yea
Rogers	Yea
Vice-chair Barker	Yea
Chair Zaden	Yea

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The Business License Commission will adjourn to the next required meeting of this body, and to be held in West Hollywood Park Auditorium at 7:00 PM., 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

Sibyl Zaden
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Ben S. Roff Acting
BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER