

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
MEETING**

June 1, 1993

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A 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 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Sonnenburg.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Elliott

B. Roll Call: Present - Chairperson  
Sonnenburg

Comm. Ellis, Maggio,  
Elliott, Forbes

Absent - None

C. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Chair Sonnenburg moved approval of Agenda as drafted. There were no objections from BLC members, so the agenda stood approved by the BLC.

**II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

None.

**III. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Thomas Hamlett (CEO) gave a brief Nightclub report update to the BLC.

No night-time inspections have occurred during last 2-3 months due to lack of needed manpower presently available.

Indicated that Jericho's retail shop (located next to Basix/Santa Monica Blvd.) was no longer in business.

Informed BLC that new retail store known as Drakes was locating in the old Video Ga Ga location on Santa Monica. Tom stated that the owners have been made aware that there may be a need for their store to apply for a Conditional Use Permit with the Planning Dept. if the business will be operated as an "adult-oriented" business.

Rose Tattoo (Rose Garden/Cabaret) has closed its' business operations and new owners have opened under the name of Cafe Ibiza with Public Eating and Entertainment uses only. Owners have been informed that they would need to apply for a change of use permit and Dance business license with the Department of Community Development.

BLC members asked about definition of "adult-related" businesses per W.H. Municipal Code and Business License Ordinance.

Bill Meeker (staff liaison) responded to concerns of BLC members (re: adult-related business definitions).

Chair Sonnenburg asked for an update relating to the House of Blues and Fleetwood's.

Staff gave updates for both businesses.

Tom Hamlett indicated that a replacement Code Enforcement Officer would be added to Department in the near future.

#### IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Sonnenburg stated that the City's Commissions have been experiencing a downturn in activities across the board (per City Manager Paul Brotzman).

Problems facing City between Russian community and Gay community. Indicated there would be an active outreach program adopted and implemented to bring various groups together to improve communications and help alleviate on-going problems.

#### V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Maggio read a letter from the Mayor's office received from a disgruntled constituent (re: problems at Rage nightclub).

The BLC had discussions in response to the complaint letter and asked staff to pass along the information to the appropriate parties (e.g. Public Safety Commission and the Nightclub Council).

Comm. Maggio reminded the BLC of the upcoming election for the card club initiative.

BLC discussed matters relating to possible scenarios the City would need to respond to if initiative passed.

Comm. Maggio asked staff about issuance of new parking permits for BLC members (expiring June 30, 1993) and upcoming election of officers for BLC (July 1993).

Staff gave brief response to BLC questions/inquiries.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

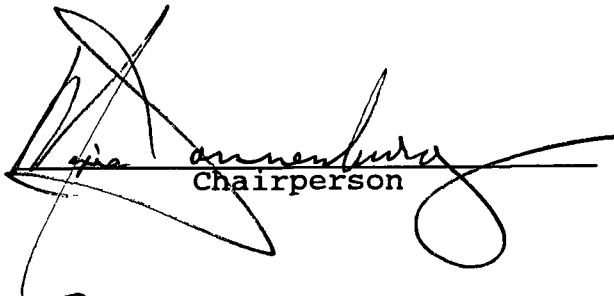
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 6, 1993.

Motion: Chair Sonnenburg  
Second: Comm. Elliott

Motion to adjourn passes with all ayes from the Business License Commission.

  
Chairperson

  
Staff Liaison