

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

September 7, 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 7:16 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: To approve

Motion: Elliott Second: Forbes

Motion carries.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 2, 1993

Motion: Maggio Second: Elliott

Motion carries.

2. June 1, 1993

Motion: Ellis Second: Forbes

Motion carries.

IV. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- A. Request of the Community Development Director to Schedule a Public Hearing for October 5, 1993 to Consider Revocation, Suspension, Further Conditioning or Modification of Business Licenses for "Peanuts", 7969 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A staff report was presented by Bill Meeker with additional comments read into the record in response to Mr. Joshua Feld's letter (dated September 7, 1993).

Gay Forbes responded to Chair's concerns in regards to options available to BLC in regards to Peanuts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Golden, Los Angeles (applicant's attorney) - spoke on behalf of his client (Mr. Josh Feld).

Joshua Feld, Los Angeles spoke on behalf of his club (Peanuts). He stated there have been no complaints against him club since the last public hearing held before the BLC (1991 - month?). He asked that he be allowed to meet with City officials to mediate any problems that may be occurring at nightclub.

Mike Gerle, West Hollywood - asked Commission to conduct a revocation hearing for Peanuts.

Peter Kallen, West Hollywood - spoke on behalf of Mr. Feld and his nightclub (Peanuts).

Connie Kunz, West Hollywood - asked Commission to conduct a revocation hearing for Peanuts.

A comprehensive discussion followed amongst BLC, staff and City Attorney's representative (Christi Hogan).

The main issues of concern mentioned by the BLC involved the legality of holding a public hearing, noise complaints and appropriate documentation on the part of the City and its staff to warrant a public hearing for Peanuts (aka 7969 Santa Monica Blvd.)

Motion: To send matter back to staff, have staff meet with Mr. Feld, develop a noise management plan, conduct an independent acoustical test, meet with neighborhood group (Center City Alliance) and bring a report back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 1993.

Motion: Sonnenburg Second: Ellis

Vote: Ayes - Sonnenburg, Ellis,
Forbes, Maggio

Noes - Elliott

Motion carries.

B. Nightclub Report.

Bill Meeker indicated a new addition had been added to the Code Enforcement Division (Angelo Shannon). Responded to questions regarding occupancy ratings for nightclubs.

The Commissioners asked questions of staff in regards to improving existing Business License Ordinance (i.e. making recommendations for changes, etc.).

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Sonnenburg stated that the City's management team had located a site for a new City Hall which will include the addition of an on-site parking structure.

Mentioned post office project as being stalled, may not come to fruition due to problems with ongoing negotiations.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Comm. Ellis - asked about an attack that took place at The Rage, requested a status update from staff.

Comm. Maggio - echoed Comm. Ellis' comments.

Comm. Elliott - asked about status of Drakes (former Video Ga Ga site). Indicated that ads have appeared in local papers stating that the business now carries new "adult-themed" materials. Requested staff to look into the matter.

Brought up issue regarding parking problems occurring at Babylon (corner of El Tovar and Robertson Bl.).

Comm. Forbes - asked Code Enforcement to increase night-time enforcement activities in relation to Cafe Ibiza (formerly The Rose Tattoo).

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of Chairperson:
Nominations - Sonnenburg

Vote - All ayes from BLC

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Nominations - Maggio

Vote - All ayes from BLC

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

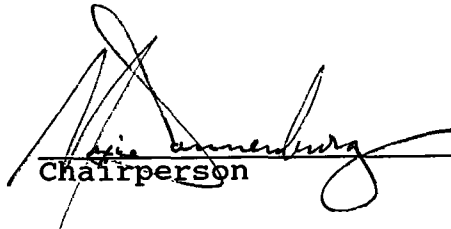
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourne to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission will be held on October 5, 1993.

Motion: Maggio Second: Forbes

Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.


Chairperson


Staff Liaison