

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

February 6, 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 7:14 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Lehman.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch
Smith

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Anne Browning, Planning
Manager; Bill Meeker,
Associate Planner; Tom
Hamlett, Code Enforcement
Officer; Corey Roskin,
Code Enforcement Officer;
Ralph Winter, Code
Enforcement Officer; Craig
Rhea, Staff Assistant II.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by staff
with the following change:

To hear public hearing item III.C
before the other hearing items.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve the minutes of January 16,
1990, as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, was concerned about the failure of the public hearing notices to appear in the Post.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- C. BLC 89-023
St. James's Club California, Inc.
8358 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood
Application for Entertainment/Dance business license.

Staff report presented by Tom Hamlett.

Applicant Testimony

Mark Lehman, Applicant Representative, W.H.
Michael Lancaster, Sepulveda

Testimony For: None
Testimony Against: None

Other Testimony

Mark Vandervelden, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Action: To continue the public hearing for St. James's Club California, Inc. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on February 20, 1990.

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

- A. BLC 90-002
Westside Restaurant Ventures
dba Imperial Gardens
8225 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood
Application for Entertainment with Dance and Dance business licenses.

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin.

Applicant Testimony

Mark Lehman, Applicant Representative, W. H.
Elie Samaha, West Hollywood

Testimony For

Christopher Bonbright, West Hollywood

Testimony Against: None

Other Testimony

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Action: To approve the Entertainment with Dance and Dance business licenses for Westside Restaurant Ventures, dba Imperial Gardens, with the following conditions:

- 1) That dance activities only be allowed on the third floor of the facility.
- 2) That no dance or entertainment activities be allowed on the second floor of the facility.
- 3) That entertainment be limited to 3 persons on the first floor and 4 persons on the third floor of the facility.
- 4) That all parking will be valet parking.
- 5) That the Business Licence Commission will review the Entertainment with Dance and Dance licenses in six months.

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

- B. BLC 90-003
Los Angeles Shanti Foundation/Mark King
6855 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 408
West Hollywood
Application for Bingo/Bingo Manager business license. Use is to occur at Plummer Park/Fiesta Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin.

Applicant Testimony

Mark Vandervelden, West Hollywood
Mark King, West Hollywood

Testimony For: None

Testimony Against: None

Other Testimony

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Action: To approve the Bingo business license for the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation/ Mark King according to Resolution Number BL 90-04 with the following condition:

- 1) That the Business License Commission will review the Bingo license in six months.

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

- D. BLC 89-025
Pacific Fare, Inc.
dba J. Sloan's Bar and Grill
8623 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood

Application for a renewal of an annual Dance business license.

Staff report presented by Ralph Winter.

Applicant Testimony

Rand Ferris, Los Angeles

Testimony For

Lucy Kohn, West Hollywood
Earl M. Zech, West Hollywood

Testimony Against

Effie Reave, West Hollywood

Other Testimony

G. Bruce Traub, West Hollywood
Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood
Mark Leonard, West Hollywood
Stephen Martin, West Hollywood
Gloria Vassy, West Hollywood
Damian London, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Action: To approve renewal of the annual Dance business license for Pacific Fare, Inc., dba J. Sloan's Bar and Grill, with the following conditions:

- 1) No delivery parking on Huntley Drive. All deliveries to J. Sloan's are to be made at the loading zone on Melrose Avenue.
- 2) Trash will not be emptied before 10:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- 3) The front door of J. Sloan's will display a "No Parking on Huntley Drive" sign. In addition, a similar sign will be displayed inside the bar. During hours of operation when a doorman is present, patrons will be informed before entering that parking on Huntley Drive is illegal and that their cars may be cited by traffic control.
- 4) Each morning a manager or other employee will pick up bottles and other trash along Huntley Drive past Sherwood Drive between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- 5) Music will be slowed down after 1:00 a.m. to allow patrons time to quiet down prior to leaving the bar.
- 6) Sloan's will maintain an active liaison with the Sheriff's Department concerning parking enforcement and drive-bys.
- 7) Sloan's doormen will walk the streets on Tuesday through Saturday nights from 10:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. for the purpose of controlling patron noise along the street.
- 8) Patrons leaving the bar will be asked to keep the noise down. Patrons who refuse to comply will not be allowed to return to the bar.
- 9) Sloan's will inform its patrons of the availability of parking at the Pacific Design Center.
- 10) Sloan's will maintain a complaint log and will notify affected residents of the outcome of all complaints.
- 11) Sloan's will keep the front door closed from 6:00 p.m. until closing, except when patrons are entering or leaving, and will keep the side door on Huntley Drive closed at all times. This condition shall apply every day of the week.
- 12) Outdoor food preparation is not permitted.

- 13) Staff will review Sloan's performance with respect to these conditions in six (6) months and report back to the Business License Commission.

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

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis inquired about the status of Palette Restaurant.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis expressed her concerns with the failure of the Post to publish the public hearing notices. She suggested possibly using the Hollywood Independent and requested Staff to investigate alternatives.
- 3) Commissioner Smith expressed concern that the public hearing dates were no longer noticed on the West Hollywood cable television station.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) Commissioner Smith was concerned about Oki Dog because she saw people dining there.
- 2) Commissioner Smith asked when the Sunset Strip Task Force report would be out.
- 3) Commissioner Hirsch inquired about the fining procedure when the handbill ordinance is violated.
- 4) Commissioner Smith asked Staff to address a letter to Paul Brotzman regarding noticing.
- 5) Commissioner Forbes mentioned that he understood that three (3) more liquor licenses had been suspended, including one for the Thrifty's on the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. He will get more information on this.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Anne Browning introduced two new staff members: Bill Meeker, Associate Planner, and Craig Rhea, Staff Assistant II.
- 2) Anne Browning suggested that the Commissioners and Staff should consider having a retreat.

- 3) Anne Browning mentioned that Nancy Greenstein will be conducting a brown-out training for Commissioners on February 26, 1990, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, requested that more than one (1) Business License Commission book be available to the public during the meetings and that the 3-ring notebook currently being used be replaced. She also wanted to remind the Commission that they used to function with the services of Deputy Early Lincoln of the ABC.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission of February 20, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.



COMMISSION CHAIR



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION