

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

September 18, 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 Efrat Cogan.

B. Oath of Office - New Commission Member

Corey Roskin administered the oath of office to the new Business License Commissioner, Maxine Sonnenberg.

C. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Elliott, Ellis, Forbes,
Maggio, Sonnenberg.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bill Meeker, Associate
Planner; Corey Roskin,
Code Enforcement Officer;
Craig Rhea, Staff
Assistant II; Efrat Cogan,
City Attorney.

D. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

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

E. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve the minutes of August 21,
1990, as prepared by staff.

(Motion: Elliott, Second: Maggio)
Motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, noted that when a new commissioner is sworn in, both the commissioner and the person administering the oath should be standing rather than sitting. She also mentioned that the Commission should direct staff to type the department under the name of all officials who sign reports included in the commission packets.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. ONE-YEAR REVIEW - Card/Game Card License - West Hollywood Club (the Cavendish Club), 9255 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin.

Public Testimony:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Jerry Gould, Los Angeles
Sheldon Kort, West Hollywood

Action: To receive and file the staff report for the one-year review of the Card/Game Card License for the West Hollywood Club, 9255 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.

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

VI. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis reported that she had spoken to Council member Abbe Land regarding the lack of continuity when the Business License Commission meets only once a month rather than twice a month. Land indicated that this situation will be reviewed by the Council in approximately six months.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis also spoke to Council member Land about the fact that the Business License Ordinance did not address the desire of the Commission to have the clubs come up for review

once a year. Council member Land indicated that it is not too late to insert that into the Ordinance.

- 3) Commissioner Sonnenberg asked questions about the business licensing fees included in the Business License Ordinance. The Commissioners requested that they be mailed copies of the proposed fee schedule. A majority of the Commission agreed that they would like the City Council to pull this issue from the agenda for the Council meeting of October 1, 1990, until the Commissioners have had a chance to review it. Staff will notify the Council of the Commission's desire.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) Commissioner Forbes talked about the dissemination of information from staff to the Commissioners. He would like to be notified when Council is dealing with an item pertinent to the Business License Commission. Bill Meeker said that he will discuss this with the Planning Manager, Anne Browning. Commissioner Forbes also noted that he thinks that the Commission should be made aware of any recommendation made by staff to Council regarding business licensing issues.
- 2) Commissioner Forbes reported that he had heard that Peanuts had won their appeal and will not be suspended, only fined.
- 3) Commissioner Elliott noted that he has observed a proliferation of pay telephones along Santa Monica Boulevard. Staff will look into ways of controlling this.
- 4) Commissioner Elliott also mentioned that he would like the Commissioners to be introduced to Gary Walsh, the new Code Enforcement Officer.

VIII ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Corey Roskin distributed pamphlets from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to each of the Commissioners. This pamphlet answers most of the Commissioners earlier questions regarding private parties, etc.
- 2) Corey Roskin noted that the first Tuesday in November falls on election day and therefore the Commission may want to reschedule their November meeting. Staff will check into the possibility of changing the meeting date to November 13, 1990.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

- 1) Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, reminded the Commissioners about the Brown Act and warned against serial quorums. She also shared some information about the Business License Ordinance and the licensing fees. She urged the Commission to send a liaison from their Commission to Council and to other commissions (especially the Public Safety Commission).
- 2) Sheldon Kort, West Hollywood, complimented Commissioner Sonnenberg for raising the issue of the business licensing fees. He asked whether the Commission had the power to fine businesses that are violating the conditions of their license and he asked about the status of Bar One's application. Bill Meeker responded to his queries.
- 3) Commissioner Ellis asked staff to check into when the Public Safety Commission meets.
- 4) Corey Roskin advised the Commissioners that the City Council will be discussing the Business Tax at the Council meeting on October 1, 1990.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ellis adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on October 2, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



COMMISSION CHAIR



STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION