

MINUTES

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 11, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date at City Hall, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Commission Chairperson Forbes.

A. **Roll Call:**

Commission Members Present: Bonbright, Cacy, Forbes,
Seif, Sonnenburg

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Lisa Chilton, Business License
Officer
Jody Hidey, Staff Assistant

A. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cacy.

B. **Approval of Agenda:**

Action: To move Item B., Vice Chair Selection, to follow the public hearing and approve the agenda as amended.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Bonbright)
Motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes for May 16, 1995 and October 21, 1997.

Action: Minutes of May 16, 1995 approved by Forbes, Sonnenburg and Cacy with Seif abstaining; minutes of October 21, 1997

approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. BLC 97-1431

Application for a Gun Dealers Business License

Applicant: Lana aka Inna Belafastov
Location: 1136 N. La Brea Avenue

Recommendation: To approve Resolution No. BLC 97-001, "A Resolution of the Business License Commission denying gun dealers business license 1997-1431."

The applicant, Lana aka Inna Belafastov, was not present for the hearing.

Ms. Chilton presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The process of appeal due to the absence of the applicant.
- Continue the hearing and keep attempting to contact applicant.

Action: Chairperson Forbes opened and closed the public hearing.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Applicant has no lease.
- Applicant made false statements on application.
- Another gun shop already exists within 500 ft. of applicant's.
- Expiration of state license.

Action: To approve Resolution No. BLC 97-001 with the following additions for denial:
Item G: Expiration of state eligibility certificate
Item F: No lease

(Motion: Sonnenburg Second: Seif)
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Selection of Vice Chair

Action: Maxine Sonnenburg was unanimously selected as Vice Chair.

V. **COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT**

None.

IV. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

A. Commissioner Cacy brought up a conflict that the Eastside Redevelopment Committee (PAC) also meets on the first Tuesday of the month and asked if the Business License Commission could select a different Tuesday or different day commencing January 1998. Staff directed to come back to the Commission with some options.

B. Commissioner Sonnenburg inquired about the status of what was formerly Scandia on Sunset.

C. Requested staff to provide copies of the Municipal Code dealing with appeals/hearings and what body regulates these.

VI. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Ms. Chilton gave a summary of the Business License Commission's history.

B. Ms. Chilton reported that the collecting of summaries of sister cities Business License Commissions is still being processed. Requests have been made to Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Pasadena, Glendale, Long Beach.

C. Staff to fax business card artwork to each Commissioner for approval.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the regular meeting of the Business License Commission, to be held Tuesday **December 2, 1997** at 7:00 p.m. in the Rent Stabilization Hearing Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, California.

(Motion: Sonnenburg Second: Forbes)
Motion carried unanimously

BOARD CHAIR

STAFF LIAISON