

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

February 22, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission was held on the above date in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairperson Sonnenburg.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ellis.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Elliott, Ellis, Forbes, Maggio, Sonnenburg

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Bill Meeker, Associate Planner; Gay Forbes, Director of Community Development; Christi Hogin, City Attorney; Bob Meyer, Senior Code Enforcement Officer; Craig Rhea, Administrative Staff Assistant.

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To approve the agenda as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, spoke about the procedure for tonight's public hearing and her surprise at the licensee's right of cross examination.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 1, 1994

Action: To approve the Minutes of February 1,

1994 as prepared by staff.

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

B. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. BLC 94-01, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING A PUBLIC BILLIARD ROOM BUSINESS LICENSE FOR AN EIGHTEEN (18) TABLE BILLIARD PARLOR/RESTAURANT, AS REQUESTED BY METROPOLITAN ENTERTAINMENT, INC. (CLINTON AIREY/JOSEPH BOWMAN), FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7901 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (SECOND FLOOR), WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."

Action: To adopt Resolution No. BLC 94-01 approving a Public Billiard Room Business License for property located at 7901 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Public Hearing to Consider Revocation, Suspension, Conditioning or Modification of Dance and Entertainment Business Licenses issued to Alhar Enterprises, Inc. for the Operation of "Club 7969"**

Initiated By: City of West Hollywood
Location: 7969 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California

The City Attorney, Christi Hogin, asked questions of the Commissioners and determined that the Business License was not biased regarding this case.

The staff report was presented by Bill Meeker.

Public Testimony:

Jonathan Golden, Los Angeles - Representative for Alhar Enterprises; submitted the following exhibits:

- Exhibit 12 - Notice of Public Hearing
- Exhibit 13 - Video Tape of City Council meeting
- Exhibit 14a - Proposal of work by Dubon's Construction for construction of 10 soundproof boxes on roof of "Club 7969"
- Exhibit 14b - Photographs of vestibule and rooftop soundproof boxes
- Exhibit 15a - Report from Neil Shaw of Menlo Scientific Acoustics

Testimony in Support of "Club 7969":

Stephen Goldberg, Los Angeles (7969 Vice President)
Mike Radcliffe, West Hollywood
Sara Heyjari, West Hollywood
Robert Corrado, Sherman Oaks
Anthony Cunningham, Los Angeles
Emmanuel Castillo, Hollywood
Phyllis Feld, Los Angeles
Norman Bloss, West Hollywood
Peter Kallen, West Hollywood
Murray Kane, Glendale
Charlie Mercer, West Hollywood
Anthony Soto, West Hollywood
Hope Urban, Hollywood
Ethel Shapiro, West Hollywood
Tony Melia, West Hollywood
Mel Monsher, Los Angeles
Neil Shaw, El Segundo (Menlo Scientific Acoustics)
Nichcala Crayton, Los Angeles
Thomas Crail, West Hollywood

Testimony in Support of Conditioning the Business License of Alhar Enterprises:

Harry Williams, West Hollywood
Donna Saur, West Hollywood
Scott Burritt, West Hollywood
Florence Delbarian, West Hollywood
Britt Saans, West Hollywood
Connie Kunz, West Hollywood
Tony Turano, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
John Nieto, West Hollywood
Mikel Gerle, West Hollywood

Rebuttal: None

The Commissioners asked questions of the following people who had given testimony:

Neil Shaw
Phyllis Feld
Stephen Goldberg
John Nieto

Action: To close the public hearing.

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

The City Attorney, Christi Hogin, recommended that the Commission accept the exhibits presented by Jonathan Golden, except for Exhibit 13 (the video tape).

Action: To approve the City Attorney's recommendation regarding acceptance of

the exhibits presented by Jonathan Golden, except for Exhibit 13.

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

The Commission proceeded to discuss the case.

Action: To continue deliberations until the next Commission meeting of Tuesday, March 1, 1994, at 7 p.m. in the Werle Building.

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

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

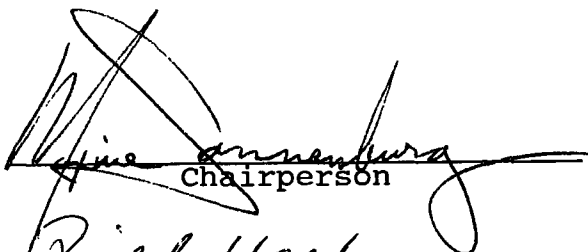
None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next meeting of the Business License Commission on Tuesday, March 1, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Werle Building, 626 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.


Chairperson


Staff Liaison