



- B. **Hillary Selvin, Executive Director, WH Chamber of Commerce**, thanked Wade for facilitating the recent meeting between city residents and the Argyle Hotel. Mr. Davenport did a wonderful job in separating the important issues and addressing the concerns and both the Hotel and residents alike.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - None

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT - None

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**Commissioner Kazakos** mentioned that while watching the E Channel recently the program was taping from the Argyle Hotel and they stated, *Coming from the legendary Argyle in Los Angeles*. Commissioner Kazakos asked that the Hotel and all West Hollywood businesses give the City credit in instances such as this, for being in West Hollywood and not Los Angeles.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. *Review of April 2002 Business License Activity Report.*  
B. *Distribution of Newly Adopted Commission By-laws.*

Wade Davenport announced that the City Attorney has scheduled two training sessions to be held on the newly adopted commission by-laws. The dates set are:

Wednesday, June 26, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall or  
Saturday, July 13, 2002, 9:00 a.m., at Plummer Park, Room #6

- C. *Update on Miyagis Information Report.*

Mr. Davenport announced that Staff would be prepared to give a report on this item at the July meeting.

- D. *Update on the Status of the Argyle Hotel Community Meeting.*

Mr. Davenport announced that Staff would be prepared to give a report on this item at the July meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Argyle Hotel Neighborhood Meeting Follow-up.*

Wade Davenport gave the staff report announcing that a community meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Argyle Hotel. Approximately 30 residents attended the meeting as well as representatives from the Argyle Hotel.

The topics of discussion included:

- Music and patron noise coming from the pool area.
- Music and patron noise coming from the terrace area.
- Patron conduct in the pool and terrace areas.
- Employee noise coming from the loading dock and stairwell.
- Employees not promptly responding to residents' calls when disruptions occur.

At the meeting the Hotel staff addressed some of the concerns expressed and outlined areas of improvement they have pinpointed and how those areas of concern would be addressed.

Mr. Davenport reported that in spite of this meeting, residents directly behind the Hotel felt that they had concerns specific to their location and therefore an additional meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Hart Park in an effort to address these location specific concerns.

Staff recommended that the Commission direct them to hold report back at the August meeting at which time Staff would be able to report back to the Commission on the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and the effectiveness of any measures agreed upon by the two parties.

Commissioner Ponder noted his concern that this matter should be addressed as quickly as possible for the benefit of the residents.

Commissioner Thompson asked if the conditions in Resolution 2000-02 have been addressed.

Mr. Davenport responded that he met with representatives of the Hotel prior to the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and discussed current resident concerns and possible solutions to these concerns. He continued that as a result of this meeting, the Hotel was prepared with answers and possible solutions to residents concerns when they met on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Ponder asked if the conditions in the Resolution have been followed and enforced?

Staff responded that the Resolution remains to be in effect.

Commissioner Thompson stressed that some of the conditions in the Resolution are very clear and they are either being complied with or not and that there should be no leeway for those conditions that are clearly spelled out.

Mr. Davenport offered to prepare a brief summary and report back to the Commission at the July meeting on the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and the status of compliance by the Hotel with conditions in the Resolution.

**Action: To receive and file the staff report and to ask Staff to report back to the Commission at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

Motion: Thompson

Second: Zaden

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

IX. OLD BUSINESS
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A. *Business License Ordinance Draft Study Session Review.*

Mr. Davenport reviewed the recent study session held by the Commission and stated that important information was discussed at this meeting including the future role and purview of the Business License Commission will be and the City's view of this role. Mr. Davenport continued that the answers to these questions would be important in how the Commission views and addresses the ordinance rewrite.

Commissioner Sonnenburg asked about a possible joint session with the City Council to help in defining this role and whether or not staff has reviewed the role of the Business License Commissions in other cities?

Staff responded that other cities do not have licensing commissions similar to West Hollywood and is therefore unable to make this kind of comparison.

Commissioner Thompson interjected that he understood that the role of the Planning Commission was anything dealing with CUP's or was land use in nature and the Business License Commission's purview would include anything regulatory or compliance in nature.

Commissioner Guardarrama stated that it was his understanding that staff would do an analysis of the overlap between the Zoning Code and Business License Code.

Commissioner Thompson informed the Commission that in speaking with Mark Persico after the study session he stated that he would address the overlap with the City Attorney and ask for his direction on this matter.

Commissioner Thompson continued suggesting that a task force be set up from each of the two commissions as well as City Council that would review and formulate the roles of each commission.

Mr. Davenport agreed to look into the possibility of getting a task force together, possibly during July, to discuss this matter.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action: To adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.**

Motion: Zaden  
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Morgan  
Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF July 2, 2002.

CHAIRPERSON: *[Signature]*

ATTEST:  
BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER: *[Signature]*