

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

June 19, 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 7:15 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Roskin.

B. Roll Call:

The Roll Call was preceded by the swearing in of the two new Commissioners, Todd Elliott and Richard Maggio, by Code Enforcement Officer Corey Roskin.

Commissioners Present: Elliott, Ellis, Forbes, Maggio.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Anne Browning, Planning Manager; Corey Roskin, Code Enforcement Officer; Craig Rhea, Staff Assistant II; Efrat Cogan, Deputy City Attorney; Sergeant Powell, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

C. Approval of Agenda

**Action:** To approve agenda as prepared by staff.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To approve the minutes of May 15, 1990, as prepared by staff.

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

**Action:** To approve the minutes of June 5, 1990, as prepared by staff.

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Ellis was chosen as the Business License Commission's representative to the Executive Planning Committee. Scott Forbes was appointed as the alternate.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. BLC 90-006  
Christopher Street West  
7925 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood

Application for Outdoor Festival Business License for events at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, on June 23 and 24, 1990.

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin.

Applicant Testimony:

David Smith, West Hollywood

Other Testimony:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

**Action:** To approve BLC 90-006 granting Christopher Street West's application for an Outdoor Festival Business License for events at West Hollywood Park on June 23 and 24, 1990.

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

- B. BLC 90-004  
Sunset Restaurant Corporation  
dba Bar One  
9229 Sunset Boulevard  
West Hollywood

Application for a Dance License.

Corey Roskin advised the Commission that staff is still waiting for some information requested of the

applicant. Bar One has advised staff that they will have a professional draft a floor plan in time for the next Commission meeting on July 3, 1990.

Testimony Against:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Other Testimony:

Lester Hirsch, West Hollywood

**Action:** To continue the public hearing for BLC 90-004 (Bar One) to the Business License Commission meeting of July 3, 1990.

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

- C. BLC 90-005  
Coincidental Interests II, Inc.  
dba Rose Tattoo Restaurant and Cabaret  
665 N. Robertson Boulevard  
West Hollywood

Application for a Dance License.

Corey Roskin and Anne Browning addressed the Commission regarding the variance previously issued by Los Angeles County for the applicant with the unusual condition of a time limit and what the current options are.

Public Testimony:

John Curtis, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood  
Ginny Foat, West Hollywood

**Action:** To close the public hearing, table the application indefinitely and direct staff to renote the public at the time the case is reopened.

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

- D. Barry and Karen Mason  
dba Circus of Books  
8230 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood

Request to delete condition of Business License for Bookstore requiring a security guard on premises.

Staff report presented by Corey Roskin.

Sergeant Powell of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Efrat Cogan of the City Attorney's office also addressed the Commission.

Testimony Against:

Edward Riney, West Hollywood  
Tad Bright, West Hollywood  
John Altschul, West Hollywood (represented by Tad Bright)  
Norma Kemper, West Hollywood  
Jack Sroka, West Hollywood (letter read by another person)  
Leamon Adams, West Hollywood  
Tom Larkin, West Hollywood  
Lare Gomez, West Hollywood (letter read by Tom Larkin)  
Rachelle Smith, West Hollywood  
Tom Bower, West Hollywood  
Ron Goins, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood  
John Devine, West Hollywood  
Harriet Segal, West Hollywood

Other Testimony:

Lester Hirsch, West Hollywood

Applicant Testimony:

Karen & Barry Mason, Los Angeles

**Action:** To uphold City Council Resolution 639 and require the continuance of a security guard at Circus of Books, 8230 Santa Monica Boulevard, from 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

To reaffirm the other conditions of Resolution 639 and to add the following new conditions:

- to review the Business License in six (6) months;
- to require that Circus of Books hire a licensed and bonded security guard who will meet with the residents within ten (10) days of this directive;
- that staff be required to take measures to enforce the condition of the security guard by visiting the premises no less than once every 30 days during this six-month period;
- that the owners be required to turn the outside lights off each evening after 2:30 a.m.;
- that the owners be required to change

their sign to indicate the actual hours of operation.

(Note: The actual wording of these conditions will be contained in the Resolution to be written by the City Attorney's office and to be submitted to the Commission for approval at a later date.)

(Motion: Elliott, Second: Forbes)

Elliott: Aye  
Ellis: Aye  
Forbes: Aye  
Maggio: Aye

Motion carried.

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis asked staff about the application status of A Different Light Bookstore, 8853 Santa Monica Boulevard.
- 2) Commissioner Ellis reminded staff that the Commission wants the City Council to know of the Commission's desire to have night clubs brought up for annual renewals. Anne Browning advised the Commission that the Council will be discussing the provisions of the Business License Ordinance at the Council meeting of July 2, 1990.
- 3) Commissioner Ellis asked Commissioner Forbes to provide an update on the status of Peanuts Disco who revealed that they will have a 15-day suspension of their license.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 1) Commissioner Forbes read from an article in "Beverage Bulletin" that limiting hours of operation of liquor sales operations is a State issue rather than a City issue once the license has been issued.
- 2) Commissioner Forbes recommended that staff provide copies of the Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan to the new Commissioners so that all Commissioners can offer their input.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- 1) Anne Browning advised the Commission that Council has asked staff to cut \$500,000 from the City

Budget. Since there is talk of cutting a Code Enforcement Officer position that's presently open, the Commissioners may want to share their feeling with Council on this issue.

VIII ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Action:** To nominate Carole Ellis to serve as Chairperson of the Business License Commission.

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

**Action:** To nominate Scott Forbes to serve as Vice-chairperson of the Commission.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ellis adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on July 3, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



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COMMISSION CHAIR



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STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION