

**MINUTES  
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

April 17, 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 7:45 p.m. by Commission Chair Carole Ellis.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Bergson.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Hirsch

Staff Present: Bill Meeker, Associate Planner; Craig Rhea, Staff Assistant II; Chuck Bergson, Director of Public Works.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

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

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To approve the minutes of April 3, 1990, as prepared by staff.

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

**II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:**

None.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. Resolution Number BL 90-01  
St. James's Club California, Inc.  
8358 Sunset Boulevard  
West Hollywood

**Action:** To adopt Resolution Number BL 90-01, "Approving the Dance/Entertainment Business License 89-023 on application of St. James's Club California, Inc. to hold dances and entertainment at the St. James's Club, 8358 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood," with change to section 3 (b), deleting the word "proposed" from the last sentence.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Consider the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 1990-91 through 1994-95, as submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Chuck Bergson, the Director of Public Works, addressed the Commission on this matter. The Commission appointed Commissioner Forbes as a subcommittee which will work with the staff of the Public Works Department to determine which projects should receive priority consideration. The Commission mentioned that traffic and parking are issues of major concern. Mr. Bergson noted that City streetscape improvement plans would be important to business and commercial interests as well.

- B. Update regarding the Shanti Foundation's request for a Bingo License in Plummer Park (considered by the Business License Commission on February 6, 1990).

Bill Meeker advised the Commission that the Shanti Foundation had withdrawn their request. Written confirmation of the withdrawal will be requested and acknowledgement of the withdrawal will appear on an upcoming agenda.

VII. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT:

- 1) Commissioner Ellis noted that she had asked newly elected Councilperson Babette Lang to appoint a new Commissioner to the Business License Commission as soon as possible. She encouraged the Commissioners to think of individuals to recommend to Councilperson Lang for appointment.

VIII ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- 1) Commissioner Smith mentioned that the City Council will review the findings of the Sunset Strip Task Force and may recommend that each club in the City be called up for review of its entertainment license prior to the expiration of the license.
- 2) Commissioner Smith noted that there have been reports that dancing is taking place at Bar One, even though they only have an entertainment license. She would like a Code Enforcement Officer to verify these reports and, if they are true, she would like staff to ascertain if that is a basis for denying their application for an entertainment/dance license.
- 3) The Commission directed Staff to find out from Mark Winogron how they can make findings for the denial of a dance license when intensification from an entertainment license occurs.
- 4) The Commission directed Staff to send copies of the Sunset Boulevard Task Force report along with a copy of the Police report to each Commissioner.
- 5) Commissioner Smith provided a brief update on the condition of Commissioner Hirsch. Indications are that he will be returning home this week.

IX. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- 1) Bill Meeker advised the Commissioners that Palette has not yet been scheduled for City Council consideration at this point.
- 2) Bill Meeker advised the Commission that he is preparing a memorandum which will be sent to the City Council prior to their meeting of May 7, 1990, regarding the Commission's recommendations on the five clubs on Sunset Boulevard .
- 3) Per the request of the Business License Commission, Bill Meeker indicated that he would direct the question of intensification of use which occurs when an establishment goes from an Entertainment

License to an Entertainment/Dance License to the City Council rather than the Planning Commission.

- 4) Bill Meeker advised the Commissioners that there were no seminars available pertaining directly to business licensing. It was decided that Bill would research any seminars available in May and June.
- 5) Commissioner Forbes encouraged all Commissioners to attend a Los Angeles County Business License Commission meeting.
- 6) Bill Meeker advised the Commissioners that West Hollywood will take over all business licensing functions from the County by the end of May.
- 7) The Commission asked Bill Meeker to check into business licensing for businesses that operate out of post office boxes. Bill will research whether the location of a business for licensing purposes is determined by the address of the post office box or by the actual physical location of the business.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

**Action:** To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on May 1, 1990, to be held in the Werle Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



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COMMISSION CHAIR



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STAFF LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION