

**MINUTES  
INTERIM BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

November 18, 1986

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the interim Business License Commission held on the above date in the Council Chambers, at 8611 Santa Monica Boulevard, was called to order by Commission Chair Hirsch at 7:17 P.M.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budd Kops.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Crane, Forbes, Hirsch,  
Smith, Sweeney

Commissioners Absent: None

C. Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License  
Coordinator; John McKinney, Sr.  
Code Enforcement Officer; Howard  
Zelevsky, Planning Manager;  
Michelle Bagneris, City Attorney;  
Deputy Early Lincoln, Los Angeles  
County Sheriff's License Detail

D. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the agenda as written.

E. Approval of Minutes

Action: To approve Minutes of October 21 with the following correction:

Under Item I.B., change "Sommers" to "Smith".

**II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

1. Budd Kops, 949 No. Larrabee Avenue.

Requested Commission to postpone hearing for Le Bel Age Hotel set for December 2, 1986; asked for expanded noticing requirements for hearings.

2. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia Avenue

Asked for postponement on hearing for Le Bel Age.

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III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Commissioners Hirsch and Smith indicated that they had made a site visit to Tap Movie Arcade and Club L.A. on November 6, 1986.
2. Asked staff to number pages consecutively in commission packet and to label Staff Report, "Staff Report". Requested additional detail where initials, signatures or written comments are used.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Staff mentioned that noticing has been prepared and distributed for December 2 hearings on Le Bel Age Hotel and The Body Shop. The noticing was completed early because Staff is leaving for vacation. Commission can decide whether to continue hearing on December 2.

Staff also reported that a Council Study Session will be held to discuss noticing requirements for the Planning Commission and changes in noticing requirements for the Business License Commission will probably not occur until after the Council Study Session.

Staff will comply with Commission Chair's requirement for clarification to commission packet.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Hearing BLC-86-006  
Dreams Unlimited, Inc. dba Tap Movie Arcade  
Renewal of Adult Picture Arcade and Adult Bookstore  
(continuation of hearing from October 21, 1986.)

1. Paul Self presented additional staff report.
2. Other Testimony:
  - a. John Dentinger, 869 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood.  
  
Spoke regarding police activities and vice squad activities in general.
  - b. Richard Settle, 1650 No. Ogden Drive, #3, Los Angeles.

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c. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia Avenue, West Hollywood.

3. Applicant Rebuttal:

a. Michael Mayock, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.  
Presented documents showing logging and inspection procedures for arcade. Said applicant opposes Sheriff's Department requirements for security guards and remodeling.

4. Chair closed public testimony.

Commission asked questions of Attorney Mayock, Deputy Lincoln of the Sheriff's Department and Attorney Bagneris. Staff members Self and McKinney informed the Commissioners that they had made an on-site inspection of facility on the morning of November 19 and reported that the entire booth area was not visible from the video cameras in the arcade. Deputy Lincoln presented photographs of the interior of the arcade and certified documents of all cases handled by the Beverly Hills Municipal Court.

Motion: To approve renewal of the Adult Picture Arcade and Adult Bookstore licenses for Dreams Unlimited, Inc. with all of the conditions recommended by the Sheriff's Department, excluding Item 4 of the Sheriff's conditions and with a 60-day compliance period for Item 9 of the Sheriff's conditions and with the conditions recommended by Staff with a 30-day compliance period for Staff's conditions.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Forbes)

Crane: No  
Forbes: Yes  
Hirsch: No  
Sweeney: Yes  
Smith: No                      Motion: Failed.

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Action: To approve renewal of the Adult Picture Arcade and Adult Bookstore licenses for Dreams Unlimited, Inc. with the following conditions with a 60-day compliance period for Item 9 of the Sheriff's Department conditions and a 30-day compliance period for Staff's conditions:

Sheriff's Conditions:

1. There shall be a licensed manager on the premises at all times.
2. The employment of managers shall not be permitted until such time as they have licenses approved by the investigating agencies and have in their possession a valid license, not a receipt.
3. Managers shall have valid identification with them at all times.
4. There shall be at least one uniformed security guard patrolling the interior of the location at all times to discourage any lewd acts on the premises.
5. Licensee shall not permit any lewd activity, as defined in Penal Code Section 647(A) and 647(B), in the location.
6. Licensee shall post a sign in each booth warning customers that they may not engage in lewd activities on the premises.
7. A viewer within a booth shall be fully clothed at all times.
8. The booths shall be occupied by only one (1) person at a time.
9. All booths, including the interior of each booth, shall be visible with the human eye immediately upon entry into the premises. Such visibility does not include the use of closed circuit cameras. If construction or remodeling is required licensee shall not operate said business until compliance is met.

Staff's Conditions:

1. That the applicant comply with the conditions stated in the Sheriff's Department investigative report for said business licenses.

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2. That the applicant comply with all provisions of the City's Sign Ordinance under Article IX, Chapter 9440 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Hirsch)

Crane: Aye  
Forbes: No  
Hirsch: Yes  
Smith: Yes  
Sweeney: No                      Motion: Carried.

- B. Hearing BLC-86-008  
Don Lee DeVore  
Request application for Bingo Manager license

1. Paul Self presented Staff report.
2. Action: To grant Bingo Manager business license to Mr. Don Lee DeVore to operate at Temple Bethel, 1317 No. Crescent Heights Blvd.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Smith)

Motion amended to require proof of bond and statements under Section 7.20.190. of the Business License Ordinance. Amendment accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Hearing BLC-86-009  
Louis Paciocco, dba Club L.A.  
8265 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Request application for Dance license

1. Paul Self gave Staff report. Howard Zelefsky testified that applicant has submitted incorrect floor plans to Community Development Department.
2. Applicant Testimony
  1. Stephen Lane, Director of Operations, 715 No. Huntley, West Hollywood.

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3. Testimony For: None
4. Testimony Opposed:
  - a. David Behr, 8127 Norton, West Hollywood.  
Objected to noticing requirements. Suggested rescheduling and re-noticing.
  - b. Paul Berberian, 8250 W. Norton Avenue, West Hollywood.  
Cited noise complaints.
  - c. Florence Delbarian, 8250 W. Norton Avenue, West Hollywood.  
Asked Commission to postpone hearing in order to give proper notice of hearing.
  - d. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, West Hollywood.  
Questioned parking requirements for establishment.
5. Applicant Rebuttal:
  - a. Stephen Lane:  
Cited County parking requirements and those spaces applicant intends to provide by valet parking.

Action: To continue public hearing with the following conditions:

- a. Applicant must satisfy all requirements of the County Building and Safety Department no later than Tuesday, December 2, 1986.
- b. Applicant must satisfy requirements of the County Fire Prevention Bureau no later than Tuesday, Decmeber 2, 1986.
- c. Applicant must not allow outdoor dining at the restaurant located at 8267 Santa Monica Blvd. until Minor C.U.P. 86-08 is approved by the City's Community Development Department.

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Motion amended to require that applicant must not allow any public dancing in establishment until compliance is met and proper Plot and Site plans have been submitted to City.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Crane)

Motion further amended to continue hearing to regularly scheduled hearing of December 16.  
Motion accepted by Smith.

Crane: Yes  
Forbes: No  
Hirsch: Yes  
Smith: Yes  
Sweeney: No

Motion: Carried

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

Discussed schedule for December 2, 1986 hearing. Staff informed Commission of scheduling problems in providing additional staff reports in lieu of staff reports already prepared.

Commissioner Forbes informed Commission that he will not be able to attend the December 2 meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

1. David Behr, 8127 W. Norton, West Hollywood, CA.

Questioned noticing requirements for business license hearings.

2. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, West Hollywood, CA.

Addressed Commission on decisions made by Commission.

3. Budd Kops, 969 No. Larrabee.

Addressed Commission on staffing needs for Commission.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn meeting to next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers.

Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Secretary, Business License Commission

  
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Chairperson, Business License Commission