

MINUTES
INTERIM BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

December 2, 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 7:15 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Crane.

B. Roll Call:
Commissioners Present: Crane, Hirsch, Smith, Sweeney
Commissioners Absent: Forbes

C. Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Coordinator,
John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement
Officer, Deputy Early Lincoln, Los
Angeles County Sheriff's License Detail

D. Approval of Agenda: Item V.C. removed. Agenda approved as revised.

E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of meeting of November 18, 1986 approved with the following corrections:

1. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.
2. "Cynthia Avenue" should be "Cynthia Street".

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia Street, West Hollywood. Asked why Item V.C. was removed from agenda.

III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Commissioner Hirsch commended staff for numbering pages in commission packet. Asked for staff reports in packet to be labeled "staff reports".
2. Commissioner Hirsch said he visited Le Bel Age Hotel on November 29, 1986. Commissioner Smith said she visited the hotel also.

IV. STAFF REPORT

1. Paul Self presented status report on activity at Cafe L.A. and Club L.A., 8265-67 Santa Monica Blvds. Dancing continues at club and further steps are being taken by staff to gain compliance.

2. Staff said the Council has set a Study Session for January to discuss the issue of public noticing requirements with the Planning Commission.
3. Suggestion to Commission that time limit for speakers be established and collective time a speaker may be granted by others in audience "giving their time" to the speaker needs to be determined.
4. Announcement of joint Study Session between the City's Business License Commission and the Transportation Commission to discuss taxicab licensing and services, tentatively set for January 28, 1987.
5. Second Anniversary Cityhood Party on Thursday, December 4, 5:00pm. - 7:00pm, to honor City's Commissions and Boards.
6. Staff will have notebooks for Commissioners for next Commission meeting.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-86-010

8250 Sunset Boulevard, Inc. dba The Body Shop
8250 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood
Renewal of Adult Entertainment business license

1. Staff report given by Paul Self.
2. Public Testimony:

Applicant:

- a. Blake Torney, 8250 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Asked for exemption from Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Testimony For: None

Testimony Against:

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia Street, West Hollywood.

Recommended that license not be issued until sign flasher mechanism is deactivated.

Other Testimony: None

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Applicant Rebuttal: None

3. Chair Closed Public Testimony and Public Hearing. Commission discussed time sign ordinance went into effect and compliance period for applicant.

Action: To grant renewal of Adult Entertainment license to 8250 Sunset Boulevard, Inc., dba The Body Shop with the condition that compliance with the City's Sign Ordinance be made by the applicant before activation of the license.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Crane)

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. BLC-86-011,012
Ashkenazy Enterprises, Inc. dba Le Bel Age Hotel
Application for Entertainment and Dance licenses

1. Staff Report given by Paul Self.
2. Public Testimony

Applicant Testimony:

- a. Stephen Weaver, Attorney, 8063 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles.

Indicated that applicant will comply with staff's request for floor plans showing assembly areas by December 8.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against:

- a. Doug Gelvin, 949 No. Larrabee, #206, West Hollywood, CA 90069.
- b. Dennis Marks, 949 No. Larrabee, #308, West Hollywood, CA 90069.
- c. Budd Kops, 969 No. Larrabee, West Hollywood, CA 90069
- d. Bill Lawrence, 1010 No. Larrabee, West Hollywood, CA 90069.
- e. Jacqueline Sanchez, 1012-1/2 No. Larrabee, West Hollywood, CA 90069
- f. Ron Houck, 1000 No. Larrabee St., #C, West Hollywood, CA 90069

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The following is a list of concerns voiced during the public comment phase of the public hearing:

- o Employee parking on Larrabee Street and on property located at 949 No. Larrabee.
- o Parties on roof and balcony causing excessive noise
- o Guests throwing objects off balconies and onto adjacent property and adjacent property swimming pool
- o Nuisance to street and neighborhood; noise problems on weekends
- o Management of hotel unresponsive to complaints from neighbors
- o Violation of County C.U.P.
- o Citations and violations issued to applicant for noise and other problems at hotel.

Commission closed public testimony.

Staff asked Commission if any of the Commissioners received any information pertaining to the Hearing prior to start of the meeting, excluding the Staff packet and information presented to the Commission at the start of the meeting. Commissioner Hirsch said he had received a packet of information prior to the hearing. Staff said they would have to obtain legal advice to determine if receiving such information prior to the hearing might unfairly prejudice individual commissioners.

The Commission questioned the applicant on the nature and number of complaints regarding entertainment on the outdoor patio. The applicant said that Mr. Severyn Ashkenazy is general manager and Ms. Marilee Dodge is the Assistant to Mr. Ashkenazy.

Ms. Dodge said she has not received any noise complaints at Le Bel Age from either customers or neighbors. Ms. Dodge said applicant is considering enclosing Brasserie restaurant patio. Ms. Dodge said she has no knowledge of amplified music or rooftop dancing or entertainment at Le Bel Age.

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Commission closed hearing.

John McKinney distributed to the Commission copies of a letter from Michael Jenkins, the City Attorney, regarding a complaint filed by Mr. Budd Kops.

Commissioner Sweeney said she had received information at the end of the meeting on November 18.

Action: To continue hearing BLC-86-011 and hearing BLC-86-012 to next regularly scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission on December 16, 1986 pending staff consultation with the City Attorney on information given to selected Commissioners prior to the hearing.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Smith)

Motion amended to request Deputy Lincoln to supply as much information as possible regarding complaints received on Le Bel Age hotel, from his department. Amended motion accepted.

Deputy Lincoln commented to the Commission that no formal complaints have been filed against Le Bel Age hotel at present. Also said that verbal complaints are not logged at the Sheriff's station, but recorded on tape if they are made by phone. Said the recordings are kept for a period of two years. Reviewing tapes to track complaints on hotel would take considerable effort. Lincoln said he will review Cafe Incident Cards on file for the establishment.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. C. Applicant withdrew application. Item pulled.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Commission discussed the possibility of a joint study session with the City Council to discuss public hearing noticing requirements.

Action: To request a joint Study Session with the City Council to discuss public hearing noticing requirements.

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(Motion: Crane, Second: Smith)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Commission asked Staff to investigate compliance with decisions made by the Commission. Commission would like written report with on status of enforcement.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia Street, West Hollywood.

Addressed Commission on time limits for speakers.

2. Budd Kops, 969 No. Larrabee.

3. Dennis Marx, 949 No. Larrabee.

Addressed Commission on time limits.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

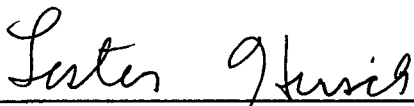
Action: To adjourn meeting at 9:17 p.m.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Crane)

Motion carried unanimously.



Secretary, Business License Commission



Chair, Business License Commission