

MINUTES
INTERIM BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

December 16, 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 7:08 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Forbes.
- B. Roll Call:
Commissioners Present: Crane, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Sweeney
- C. Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer,
John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement
Officer, Deputy Early Lincoln, Los
Angeles County Sheriff's License Detail
- D. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as corrected with
additional information on Item V.D.
- E. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Minutes of December 2, 1986 approved with the
following correction:
On page 5, item VI.1., change "joint Study
Session with the City Council" to "joint Study
Session with the Planning Commission and the City
Council".

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- 1. Budd Kops, 969 No. Larrabee, West Hollywood.
Addressed Commission concerning parking requirements as
condition for approval of business license by Commission.

III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Hirsch noted with appreciation Staff's response to December 2 directive to improve the accessibility of packet material.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported that January 6 Commission meeting will have to be relocated to accommodate Civic Center workshop being held in Council Chambers on that date. Suggested Assembly Room of West Hollywood Sheriff's station.

Staff reported that the joint Study Session with the City Council and the Planning Commission on noticing requirements for public hearings has been postponed until February.

Joint Study Session with Transportation Commission on nightclubs has been scheduled for January 28. Staff follow-up to nightclub legislation requirements will be ready for the City Council by the second meeting in January.

Staff also presented report on enforcement of conditions set by the Commission for approval of various business licenses.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. BLC-86-009

Louis Paciocco, dba Club L.A.
8265 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood
Application for Dance license
(Continuation of hearing from November 18, 1986.)

1. Staff report given by Paul Self. Staff noted that hearing was continued without closing public testimony and that applicant had failed to comply with conditions set by Commission at November 18 hearing.
2. Public Testimony.
Testimony of Applicant:
 - a. Stephen Lane, 1155 N. La Cienega, West Hollywood.

Mr. Lane claimed it is impossible for applicant to comply with requirements for license because of denial of Minor Conditional Use Permit on November 26. City has required applicant to comply with plans that were already on file with City dating back to 1965 and 1969. Says he is 55 parking spaces short. Cannot meet Fire Dept. requirements because of C.U.P. Said Planning Division is requiring 87 parking spaces and 20-year lease for required parking spaces which applicant is unable to obtain.

Testimony For: None

Testimony Against:

- a. David Baer, 8127 W. Norton, West Hollywood.

Claims club is intending to expand. Brought samples of handbills which were posted advertising club events. Requested that occupancy load be

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stated on conditions for license.

Other Testimony:

a. Paul Berberian, 8250 W. Norton, West Hollywood.

Said his tenants are complaining of noise from club and parking problems.

b. Florence Delbarian, 8250 W. Norton, West Hollywood.

Complained of parking and noise problems and foot traffic problem.

Applicant Rebuttal:

a. Stephen Lane.

Said his establishment is one of the few in the area which provides parking. Said he has front and rear doormen who handle exiting. Said he has taken care of problems with advertising.

Public Testimony was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Commission discussion concerned number of years club has been operating, occupancy load and the fact that the applicant has continued to operate despite conditions set by Commission for approval of license.

Commission closed hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Action: To deny Dance license application to Mr. Louis Paciocco, dba Club L.A., 8265 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

(Motion: Crane, Second: Smith)

Motion amended by Commissioner Smith and accepted by Commissioner Crane to indicate the grounds for approval of the license before the application can be approved, as indicated in the Staff report:

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1. Applicant must satisfy all requirements of the County Building and Safety Department.
2. Applicant must satisfy requirements of the County Fire Prevention Bureau.
3. Applicant must not allow outdoor dining at public eating establishment located at 8267 Santa Monica Blvd.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. BLC-86-011, BLC-86-012
Ashkenazy Enterprises, Inc. dba Le Bel Age Hotel
(Continued from December 2, 1986.)

1. Staff Report presented by Paul Self. Staff reported that letters were received from Mr. Budd Kops and the attorney for the applicant., Mr. Stephen Weaver. Said the reason for the continuation of the hearing was to obtain legal advice regarding distribution of materials to the Commission prior to the hearing. Staff reported that he had discussed matter with City Attorney's office who said all materials given to commissioners must be distributed to all commissioners. Said all Commissioners received all the material which was distributed, prior to continuation of the hearing. Explained procedures for re-opening public hearing.

Action: To continue hearing until next regularly scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission and to re-open the hearing for public testimony.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Crane)

Motion carried unanimously.

C. BLC-86-014
David Talla, dba Sports Connection
8612 Santa Monica Boulevard
Application for health club license

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1. Staff report presented by Paul Self. Provided recommendations to staff from Sheriff's License Detail and Health Dept.

2. Public Testimony:

Applicant Testimony:

- a. Chris Curry, 2671 Federal Avenue, Santa Monica. Representing applicant.

Testimony Against: None.

Other Testimony: None.

Closed public testimony at 8:14 p.m.

Closed hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Commissioner Forbes said he visited facility on December 15. Commissioner Hirsch said license should state that it is for health club members only.

Action: To approve health club license for David Talla, dba Sports Connection with the following conditions:

1. Use is restricted to health club members only;
2. Applicant must meet the conditions outlined in Resolution NO. PC86-13 of the City's Planning Commission.
3. Applicant must correct health code violations in time period specified in health dept. investigative report.

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

- C. BLC-86-015, BLC-86-016.
Stanley Grod dba Massage Masters
Helen Stonehill
Applications for Adult Massage Parlor licenses.

1. Staff report presented by Paul Self. Staff reported that letter had been received from L.A. County Sheriff's License Detail explaining that since massage facilities are essentially accessory

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uses to health club, Adult Massage Parlor licenses should be reclassified as "Massage Parlor-General" license.

Deputy Lincoln presented photos showing Sports Connection facilities and massage parlor area facilities. Gave background information on Mr. Grod and requirements for licensing massage technician and massage parlor licenses.

2. Public Testimony:

Testimony of Applicant:

a. Stanley Grod, 19204 Welby Way, Reseda.

Presented copies of Massage Technician licenses of each of his employees.

b. Helen Stonehill, 642 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood.

Said she has been operating massage facility for past several years.

Public Testimony and Public Hearing closed at 8:46 p.m.

Action: To approve Massage Parlor-General licenses for Mr. Stanley Grod and Ms. Helen Stonehill, 8612 Santa Monica Blvd.

(Motion: Forbes, Second: Smith)

Motion amended by Commissioner Crane and accepted by Commissioner Forbes to require verification of currency of Massage Technician licenses for employees of establishment and to include the following conditions recommended by Staff:

1. Massage parlor must be open to health club members only;
2. Applicant must not display any outdoor advertising in connection with business.

Motion carried unanimously.

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VI. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Action: To adjourn the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 6, 1987 at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, Assembly Room, 720 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hirsch noted attendance of Mayor Schulte and Councilmember Crane.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Executive Assistant to the Business License Commission

Lester Hirsch

Chairperson, Business License Commission