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**INTERIM BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

January 6, 1987

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Interim Business License Commission held on the above date in the Assembly Room of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, 720 No. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA, was called to order by Commission Chair Hirsch at 7:14 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Mark Squeirs of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

B. Roll Call:

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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  
Item "V.D" changed to "V.C."

E. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of December 16, 1986 approved with the  
following correction:

On page 9, change "Councilmember Crane" to  
"Councilmember Albert".

**II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

None

**III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Hirsch noted that Club L.A., at 8265 Santa Monica Boulevard, continues to operate dancing despite their business license being denied. He asked what the enforcement procedures are for this activity. Staff replied that the case has been prepared for the City Prosecutor and scheduled for court hearing. Staff also explained the procedures for seeking a temporary injunction prior to the judge's ruling.

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### IV. STAFF REPORT

Staff reviewed the impact of the new legislation which took effect January 1, 1987 which amends the Brown Act and prohibits local legislative bodies from taking action on items not appearing on the written agenda.

Staff mentioned that the 2nd Council meeting in January will fall on the same day as the next regularly scheduled Business License Commission meeting, on January 20, because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Staff recommends that the Commission adjourn to the regularly scheduled meeting of January 20, but the meeting of the 20th would be adjourned for lack of quorum and adjourned to February 3.

Staff reports on nightclub legislation and business licensing will be presented to Council on January 20. A meeting with community representatives will be held on Thursday, January 8, in the West Wing Conference Room.

Staff reported that appeals have been filed by applicants for three of the hearings heard by the Commission. Appeals will be heard by the City Council.

### V. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Hearing BLC-86-011, 012  
Ashkenazy Enterprises, Inc. dba Le Bel Age Hotel  
1020 No. San Vicente Boulevard  
Application for Entertainment and Dance license  
(Continued from December 16, 1986.)

Staff report presented by Paul Self. Staff presented floor plans submitted by applicant showing public assembly areas of hotel.

Public Testimony opened at 7:40 p.m.

1. Applicant Testimony:

- a. Stephen Weaver, Counsel for Applicant,  
Sunset-Larrabee Co., 8063 Beverly Boulevard,  
Los Angeles.

Objected to additional conditions recommended to Commission.

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2. Testimony Against:
  - a. Budd Kops, 969 No. Larrabee, West Hollywood.  
Spoke in opposition. Submitted evidence of debris allegedly deposited in Mr. Kops' backyard.
  - b. Joyce Hundal, 9002 Rangely, West Hollywood.  
Spoke in opposition; cited many traffic problems concerning hotel.
3. Other Testimony: None.
4. Applicant Rebuttal:
  - a. Mr. Stephen Weaver.

Public Testimony was closed at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioners discussed hearing. Staff provided information on entertainment areas, number of parking spaces at hotel and occupancy load for public assembly areas of hotel.

Public hearing closed at 8:24 p.m.

**Action:** To approve applications for Dance and Entertainment business licenses for Ashkenazy Enterprises, Inc., dba Le Bel Age, with the following conditions:

- a. Applicant shall comply with all of the conditions stated in County Conditional Use Permit 1728-(3), issued by the County Regional Planning Commission on October 7, 1981.
- b. Applicant must not allow any dance or entertainment, live, mechanical, public address system or amplification, outside of the main building of the hotel, the roof of the hotel, or any other location except within the main building.

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- c. Applicant must only allow dance and entertainment to take place as an accessory use to the restaurant and ballroom facilities of the hotel.
- d. Applicant may not use any ballrooms or other facilities in the hotel as a nightclub, disco, theater, dance hall, cabaret or any other similar type of dance or entertainment facility regularly or periodically open to the public, or as a private club regularly or periodically open to members of the club.
- e. In order to ensure that the ballroom facilities remain an accessory use to the hotel and do not take on the character of a nightclub, the applicant shall adhere to the following:
  - (1) Evening use of the ballrooms is to be exclusively for private events. These events must be reserved in advance and be non-recurring (limited to no more than two events, per year, for any one organization or individual.)
  - (2) Organizations or individuals using the ballroom facilities must be established organizations sponsoring organizationally related events or individuals hosting wedding receptions, family reunions, anniversary celebrations or similar events.
  - (3) Entrance to these events shall be by advance invitation only and in no event shall the ballroom facilities be used for activities which allow, permit, encourage, or are open to members of the general public not specifically invited by name to the event, or which invite

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guests by general advertisement,  
word of mouth, or other similar,  
non-specific means.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Sweeney)

Roll Call: Crane: Aye  
Forbes: Abstain (was not  
present for first  
part of hearing.)  
Hirsch: Aye  
Smith: Aye  
Sweeney: Aye

Commissioner Sweeney stated, for the record, that  
she visited Le Bel Age on January 6, 1987.

(Meeting recessed for break; resumed at 9:00 p.m.)

- B. BLC-87-001  
Hollingsworth Books, Inc. dba Hollingsworth Books  
7773 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Application for Bookstore-General business license

Staff report presented by Paul Self.

Commissioner Hirsch stated for the record that he  
passed by premises.

Public Hearing opened at 9:04 p.m.

1. Applicant Testimony:

- a. John Hollingsworth, 2260 Laurel Canyon  
Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Public Testimony closed at 9:08 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 9:09 p.m.

**Action:** To approve application BLC-87-001 for  
Bookstore-General business license for  
Hollingsworth Books, Inc. dba Hollingsworth

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Books pending compliance with County Building  
and Safety requirements within thirty days  
from the date of hearing.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Crane)

- C. BLC-87-002  
Glenn C. Goldman dba Book Soup  
8818 Sunset Boulevard  
Application for Bookstore-General business license

Staff report presented by Paul Self.

Public Testimony opened at 9:11 p.m.

1. Applicant Testimony:

- a. Tim Morell, 2916 St. George Street, Los  
Angeles. Representing applicant.

Public Testimony closed at 9:14 p.m.

Commissioners noted that applicant provides parking.  
Commissioners Smith, Sweeney and Hirsch visited  
bookstore.

Public Hearing closed at 9:15 p.m.

**Action:** To approve Bookstore-General business license  
application for Glenn C. Goldman, dba Book  
Soup, 8818 Sunset Boulevard.

(Motion: Sweeney, Second: Crane)

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Commissioner Sweeney asked for all staff materials to  
be 3-hole punched.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** To adjourn to the regularly scheduled meeting of the interim Business License Commission on Tuesday, January 20, 1987.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

*Paul Kelly*

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Executive Assistant to the Business License Commission

*Lester Hurvich*

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Chairperson, Business License Commission