

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

AUGUST 4, 1987

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers of West Hollywood City Hall, 8615 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:14 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Howard Gottlieb.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer; Dep. Carol Willis, Los Angeles County Sheriff's License Detail

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as written.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Ellis)
Motion Carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. July 21, 1987

Action: To approve minutes of July 21, 1987 with the following corrections:

1. Item I.D.: Change date from "June 21" to "July 7"

(Motion: Smith Second: Ellis)

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

1. Budd Kops, West Hollywood
Addressed Commission on occupancy load requirements for business license applications which may not involve an intensification of use.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-87-015
RHA, Inc.
dba The Four Star
Application for Dance business license

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(Continued from July 21, 1987.)

Staff report presented by Self.

Commissioners Hirsch and Smith indicated that they had visited the business establishment.

Public Testimony

1. Testimony of Applicant:
 - a. Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood, Counsel for Applicant.
2. Testimony For:
 - a. Joseph Saleh, West Hollywood
 - b. Tony Fox, West Hollywood
 - c. Millie Paul, West Hollywood
 - d. Doug Weston, West Hollywood
 - e. Stephen Michaels, West Hollywood
 - f. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
 - g. Roberta Droukas, West Hollywood
3. Testimony Against:
 - a. Deputy Carol Willis, Los Angeles County Sheriff's License Detail
4. Other Testimony
 - a. Budd Kops, West Hollywood
5. Applicant Rebuttal:
 - a. Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood.

Public Testimony Closed at 7:56 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 8:02 p.m.

Action: To approve the application for a Dance business license.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Ellis)
Motion Carried Unanimously.

--Meeting Recessed at 8:09 pm--
--Meeting Resumed at 8:34 pm--

B. BLC-87-008

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Alhar Enterprises, Inc.
dba Peanuts Disco
Application for renewal of Entertainment-Adult license
(Continued from June 16, 1987)

Staff report presented by Self and Seargeant Anda of
the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

Public Hearing Opened at 8:53 pm.

1. Testimony of Applicant:
 - a. Joshua Feld, Beverly Hills, Owner/Operator
 - b. Arlen Andelson, Counsel for the Licnsee

2. Testimony For:
 - a. Stephen Michaels, West Hollywood
 - b. Skip Buccola, No. Hollywood
 - c. Sammy Laksman, West Hollywood
 - d. Herbert Steidle, West Hollywood
 - e. Evan Freed, West Los Angeles
 - f. Doug Weston, West Hollywood (written testimony
noted for the record)
 - g. Millie Paul, West Hollywood
 - h. Tony Fox, West Hollywood
 - i. Joseph Saleh, West Hollywood
 - j. Roberta Droukas, West Hollywood

3. Testimony Against:
 - a. James Litz, West Hollywood
 - b. Betty Baird, Van Nuys, Coordinator, Parents
Concerned about Teen Discos

4. Other Testimony:
 - a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
 - b. Howard Gottlieb, West Hollywood

5. Applicant Rebuttal:
 - a. Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood
 - b. Josh Feld, West Hollywood

Public Testimony Closed at 9:55 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 10:00 p.m.

Action: To approve the renewal of the Adult Entertainment
business license with the following conditions:

1. The licensee shall not allow persons under 21 years of
age into the establishment unless the applicant
complies with ABC Type 47 license regulations.

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2. The licensee shall not allow patrons to re-enter the establishment without repaying the required door charge each time they re-enter, as required by Section 7.30.490 of the West Hollywood Business License Ordinance.
3. The licensee shall distribute "safe sex" literature; that is, literature which provides information on sexual practices which avoid the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, as a condition of the renewal of their adult entertainment license.
4. The licensee shall not allow minors under the age of 18 years of age into the establishment when the adult entertainment is taking place in the business establishment.
5. The licensee must require that all patrons be required to show valid picture identification to verify that they are of legal age to enter and/or be served alcoholic beverages before entering the establishment.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Ellis)

Roll Call:

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: Aye
Smith: Aye
Hirsch: Aye

Motion Carried unanimously.

--Meeting recessed at 10:08 pm--
--Meeting resumed at 10:24 pm--

- C. BLC-87-014
Franklin Richard Levy/Coast To Coast Productions
dba Coast Playhouse
Application for Theater-General business license

Staff report presented by Self.

1. Applicant Testimony:
 - a. Franklin Levy, Glendale
2. Testimony For: None

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3. Testimony Against: None

4. Other Testimony:
a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Public Testimony Closed at 10:35 pm
Public Hearing Closed at 10:38 pm.

Action: To approve the application for a
Theater-General
business license.

(Motion: Smith Second: Forbes)
Motion Carried unanimously.

D. BLC-87-019
Wachs Corporation
dba Madeo Restaurant
Application for Entertainment-General business license
Staff report presented by Self.

Action: To continue hearing to the regular meeting of
September 15.

(Motion: Smith Second: Ellis)
Motion Carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Street Closures

Staff report presented by Self.

Presentations made by Barbara Burns, Special Events
Coordinator and Curtis Brown Jr., Recreation Services
Administrator.

Action: To create a subcommittee to prepare a memo to the
Public Facilities Board regarding the concerns of the Business
License Commission over street closures for special events in the
City.

Commissioners Smith and Hirsch agreed to serve on the
subcommittee.

Public Testimony:

1. Budd Kops, Chair, Public Relations for West
Hollywood Street Fair

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2. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood.

B. Liquor License Permits

Action: To continue item to next regular meeting of the Business License Commission.

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

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Hirsch asked for staff to analyze the Los Angeles Teen Disco Ordinance.

Action: To refer the Los Angeles Teen Disco Ordinance to the Business License Ordinance Task Force for review and consideration.

(Motion: Smith Second: Ellis)

Roll Call:

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: No
Smith: Aye
Hirsch: Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Hirsch also stated he was concerned with the intensification of public assembly uses in the City.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner Forbes inquired about staff work on nightclub definitions and progress on this issue.

Action: To have staff prepare a report on nightclub definitions and place on the agenda for the regular Commission meeting of August 18th.

(Motion: Ellis Second: Smith)

Roll Call:

Ellis: Aye
Forbes: No
Smith: Aye
Hirsch: Aye

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Motion Carried.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reminded the Commission that their Conflict of Interest Paperwork needed to be turned into the City Clerk's office.

VIII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Commented on noticing for changes in Commission meeting time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of August 18, 1987, at 7:00 pm.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Smith)
Motion Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 pm.

Lester Forbes

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Paul Kelly

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT